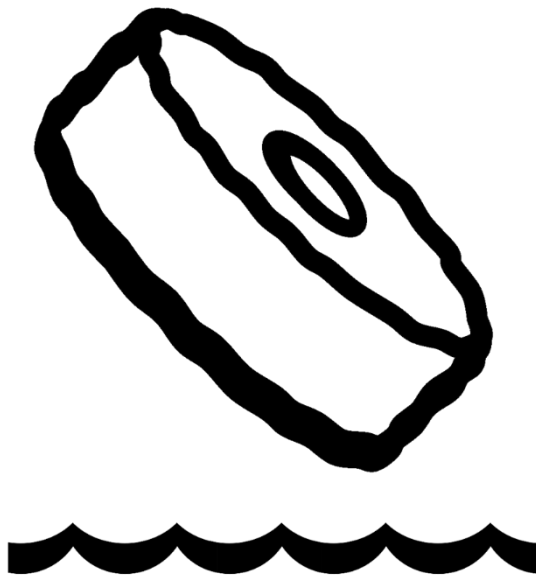


Fifteenth Sunday

After Pentecost



September 6, 2026

A Prayer Upon Entering

*Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.
As I cross this threshold, I enter as if the ground itself were paved with gold,
for the place whereon I stand is holy ground.
Calm my spirit, quiet my rushing thoughts, and still my heart.
Help me to lay aside the noise and burdens of the world, for you are here.
May this space be a sanctuary of peace,
and may my heart be a living temple of your Holy Spirit.
Let no shout or rush disturb this sacred hour,
but let reverence, awe and love fill me as I approach your presence.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Traditional prayer on the doors of English churches)

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, we invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form in the bulletin or at the Welcome Desk to let us know you were worshipping with us today. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor, an usher, or placed in the offering.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Busy Bags for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available at the ushers table in the entry-way, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue!

Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available at either worship service, after the Gospel reading for children ages 3 through third grade During Little Lambs Children's Ministry children and their leader go to the Nursery to enjoy age appropriate Biblically-oriented activities during the Sermon, creed and prayers. They return during the offering to join us for Holy communion! This gives little ones a Bible break during the service, while allowing parents to focus on the sermon!

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at www.grace43081.org and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at www.thenalc.org!

PRELUDE

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" - *arr. Robert A. Hobby*

"Meditation on Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" - *arr. Franklin D. Ashdown*

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ENTRANCE HYMN

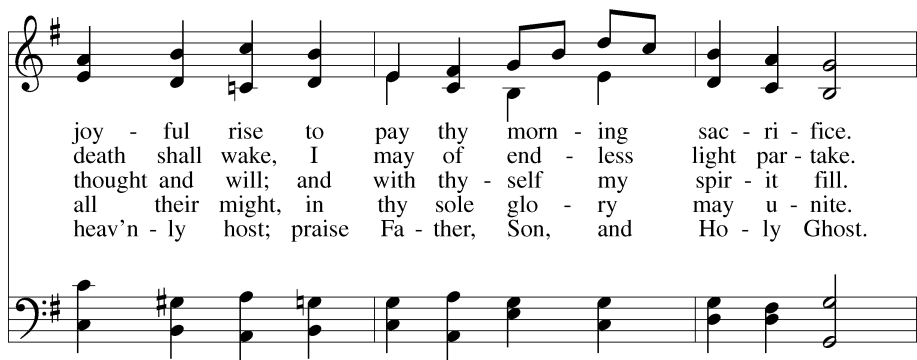
“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

□ Lord, have mercy. □ Lord, have mer - cy.

□ Christ, have mercy. □ Christ, have mer - cy.

□ Lord, have mer - cy. □ Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Men verse I, Women verse II)*

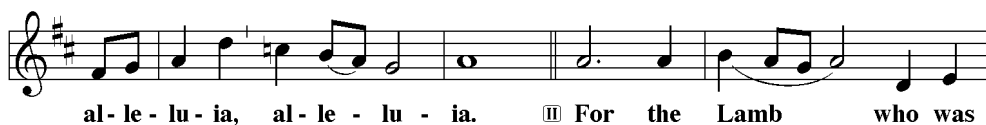
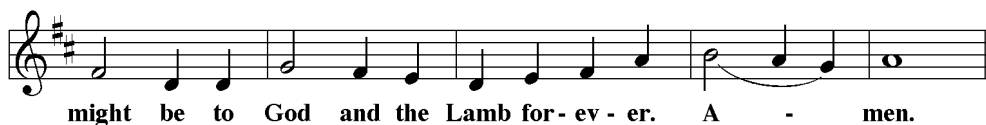
□ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

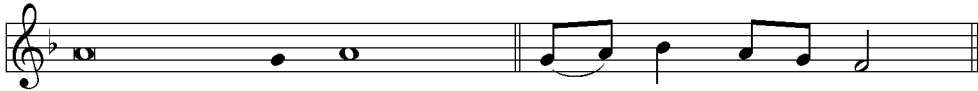
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

□ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son promises to be with us, wherever two or three are gathered in His name. Humble us and prepare us to receive Him, that we will not perish, but live forever in your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

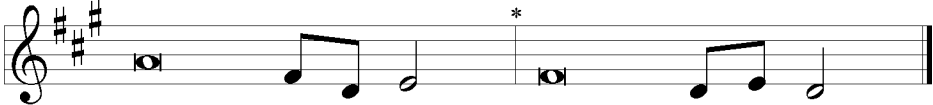
Psalm 32:1-8

Refrain



All the faith-ful will make their prayers to you in time of trou-ble.

Psalm Tone



- L ¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!
- C ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- L ³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.
- C ⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. Refrain**
- L ⁵Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
- C ⁶**I said, “I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD.”
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.**
- L ⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6: 68*)



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



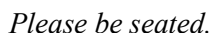
¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others

¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON: "Trouble in the Family"

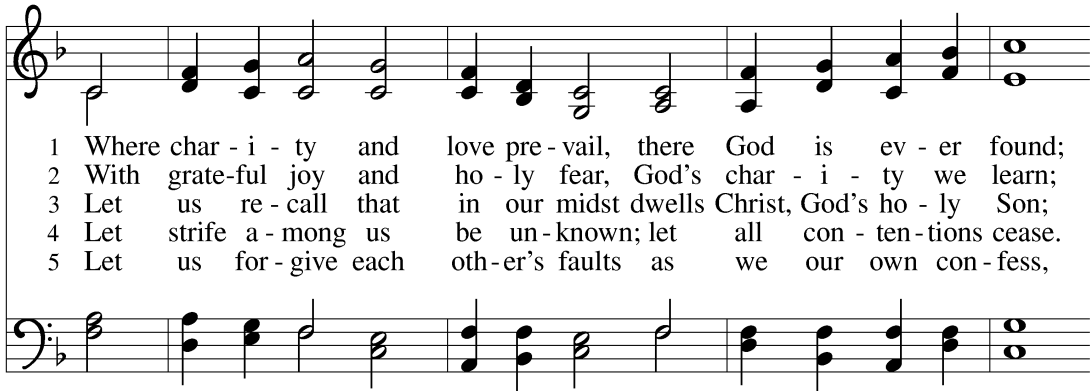
The Rev. Will Hartfelder

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

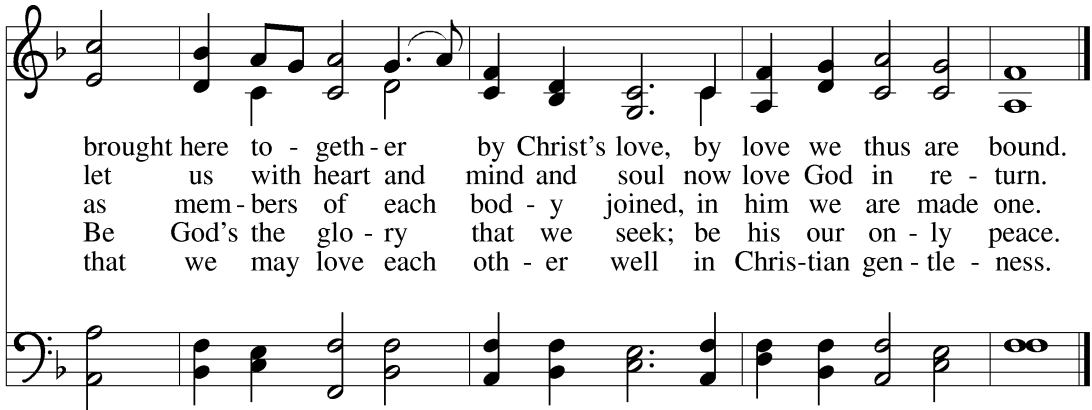
Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Remember in our prayers... Martha Crist, Jan Perry, Cynthia Bertelsen, Terry Riesen, Eddie Hardick, Jan Boughton, Lon Landis, David Doll, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross, and the family of Jim Bartholomew

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (*Matthew 5: 22-24; John 20: 19*)

C And also with you.

***You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.***

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Andrea Bush - Violin, Linda Hoch - Piano

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - arr. Ruth Coleman

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

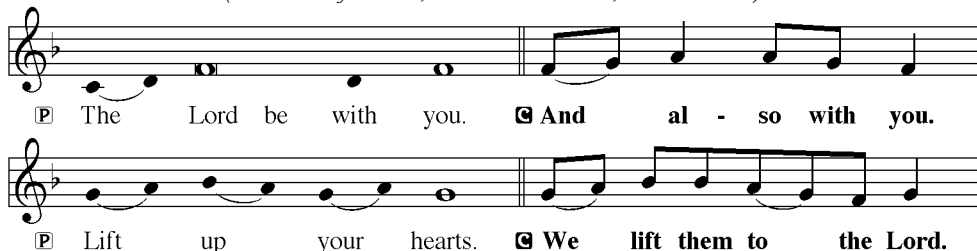
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

THE SANCTUS *(Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)*



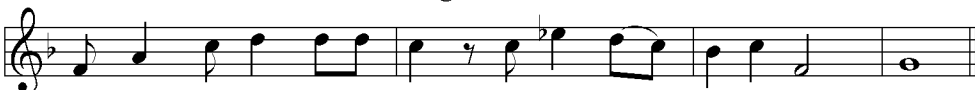
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and Death, his glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us,

servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we who share in the Body and Blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

C All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6: 9-13)*

C Our Father,

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

C Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb! (Revelation 19:9)

LAMB OF GOD *(John 1: 29)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that become our Lord's Body and Blood, are welcome to commune. Children or adults who do not commune are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing!

The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray.

Please place empty individual glasses in the basket provided to either side of the altar area.

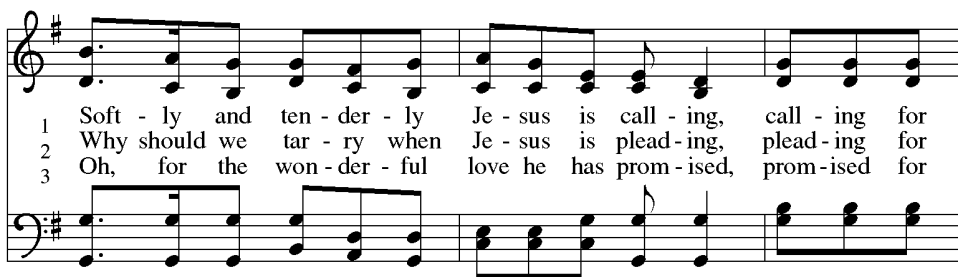
Gluten-free hosts are available for those who require them. Indicate your preference to the minister administering the hosts.

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion: O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

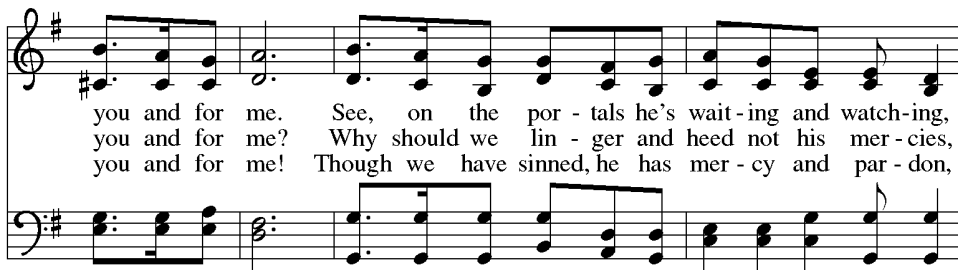
Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion: Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

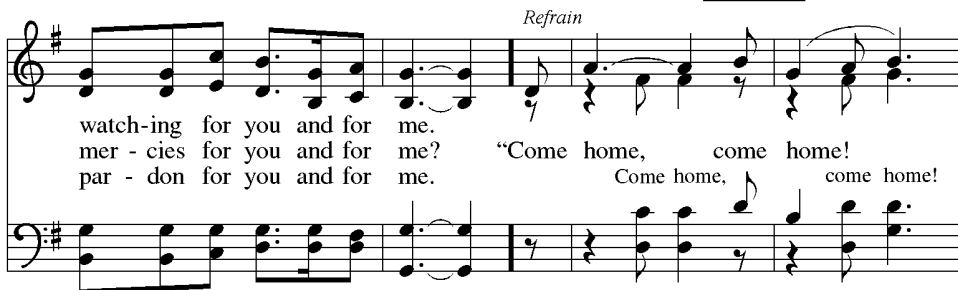
“Softly and Tenderly”



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Wonderful Words of Life" - *arr. Wilbur Held*

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING OF OUR CARE TEAM

P Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your Word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6: 24-26)*



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you

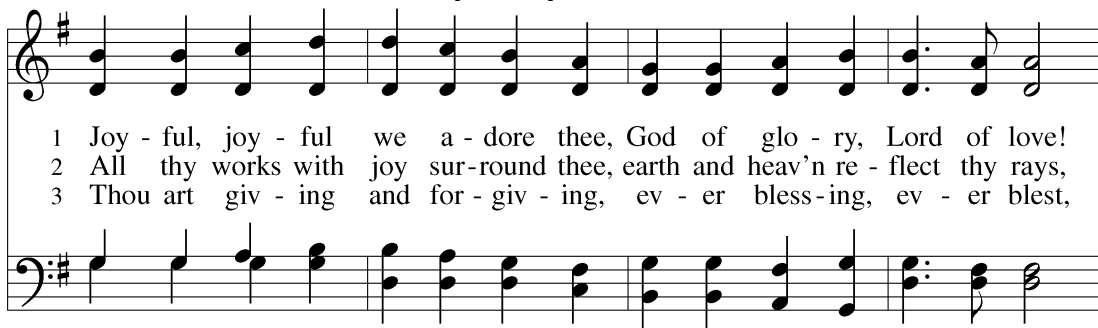
And be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ... give you peace.

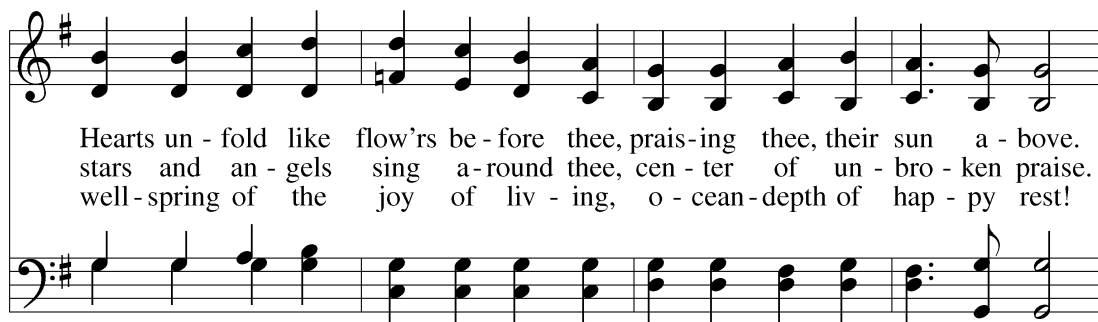
In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit ✠

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" - arr. Edward Broughton

Offering: An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

Flowers are given by...

Lisa Kuhar in celebration of daughter-in-law Carrie Kuhar's birthday.

David and Donna Hahm in honor of daughter Martha who went to heaven Sept. 2, 1996.

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form and place it in the offering or hand it to an usher to let us know you were worshipping with us today.



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Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Jim Caldwell and it will be emailed to you.

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost, August 23: 8:15: 58; 11:00: 77; total: 135

MUSIC NOTES

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” – arr. Robert A. Hobby

This Latin antiphon of unknown authorship is believed to date from the Carolingian era, or possibly earlier. In the pre-Vatican II rite it is the last and indispensable to be sung during the washing of feet in the Maundy Thursday communion service.

“Meditation on *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*” – arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Bishop Thomas Ken (1637-1710) issued a *Manual of Prayers* for the students at Winchester College in 1674, with instructions to “be sure to sing the Morning and Evening Hymn in your chamber devoutly.” This text appeared as the “Morning Hymn” in the 1695 edition. Note that the final stanza is our common “Doxology.”

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” – arr. Ruth Coleman

The text for this hymn, based on Psalms 103 and 150, is one of about 60 hymns written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) during his short life. Neander is widely regarded as the best poet of the Reformed Church in Germany, and this is his best-known hymn, published in his *Glaub- und Liebesübung* (1680). The present translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) appeared in her *Chorale Book for England* (1863). The tune LOBE DEN HERREN (“Praise the Lord”) is an adaptation of a melody which appeared in *Stralsund Gesangbuch* (1665) and is thought to be an old secular air. Neander chose it for his words in their first printing.

“Wonderful Words of Life” – arr. Wilbur Held

This song was written by Philip Bliss at the request of the publisher, Fleming H. Revell, for the first issue of *Words of Life* (1874), a Sunday School paper. Two years later it was introduced in an evangelistic campaign which George Stebbins and Dr. George Pentecost were conducting in New Haven, Connecticut.

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” – arr. Edward Broughton

According to the author’s son, this text was written in 1907 while Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) was visiting Williams College in Massachusetts as a guest preacher. Evidently inspired by the beautiful Berkshire Mountains, he presented the manuscript to the college president (Garfield) one morning at the breakfast table, suggesting that it be sung to Beethoven’s “Hymn to Joy.” It was included in van Dyke’s *Poems*, 3rd ed., 1911, and in *The Hymnal* (Presbyterian) that same year.

You Are a Hiding Place

Find the 44 **bold** words from Psalm 32:1-7 (ESV).

T H A L E S U R R O U N D E J
I R W V V T R O U B L E L A Z
E V A G R O F F E R L L A R Y
C I T N E L I S P I R I T H A
E Y E I S A C A V P G C A I W
D V R D E G D E L W O N K C A
E A S I R A R A D U D E H I S
I E A H P A C E N E L V N T T
R H T G N E R T S Q Y I H A E
D P A C J E S S W S Q G S E D
S R E U V U E I E U I R U R Q
D A H O M L G N I N A O R G S
J Y C M B K O T S S E F N O C
N E E W K B Y R S T U O H S X
H R E A C H Z C D Y L C V R A

Blessed is the one whose **transgression** is **forgiven**, whose **sin** is **covered**. Blessed is the man against whom the **LORD** counts no **iniquity**, and in whose **spirit** there is no **deceit**. For when I kept **silent**, my **bones** wasted away through my **groaning** **all day long**. For day and **night** your **hand** was **heavy** upon me; my **strength** was **dried up** as by the **heat of summer**. *Selah* I **acknowledged** my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will **confess** my **transgressions** to the **LORD**," and you **forgave** the iniquity of my sin. *Selah* Therefore let everyone who is **godly offer prayer** to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the **rush of great waters**, they shall not **reach** him. You are a **hiding place** for me; you **preserve** me from **trouble**; you **surround** me with **shouts of deliverance**. *Selah*

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Serving Today

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BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Pfanz
COMMUNION	8:15 Lisa Kuhar, Ted Ray, Vanessa Stewart
ASSISTANTS	11:00 Tami Stone, Tom Seamon, Vicki Morrison

CARE TEAM: Susan Miller, Janet Breen, Tami Stone, Coleen Wooster, Vanessa Stewart, Cindy Odum, Christine Troutman, Sue Monroe, Margery Zimmermann, Paul Whitacre, Peggy Jones, Marge Cepek, Donna Dettmann, Charlotte Schaller, Bill Kulju

ACOLYTE	8:15 Miguel Arreguin
	11:00 Alison Milliner
CANTOR	Sue Mahrt
LECTOR	8:15 Pam Cooper
	11:00 Fred Pfanz

USHERS	8:15 Randy Stoll, Robert Andrews, Steve Young
	11:00 Jeremy Clark, Jim Claflin, Paul Hotchkiss

GREETERS	8:15 Paul Whitacre
	11:00 Linda and Joe Reasoner

LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Julie Young
	11:00 Jennifer Blankenship

ALTAR GUILD	Team 1- Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claflin, Dorothy Crain, Denise Reynard, Barb and Tom Moser, Ruth Osborn, Jaya Koppera
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NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
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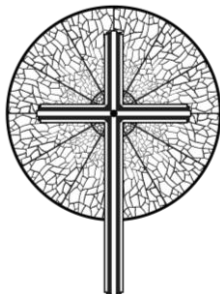
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also provides weekly meeting space for five AA groups.

Vision Statement: We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.



This Week at Grace: Sept. 6-13, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

September 6 **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

(Presiding: *Pastor Emeritus Will Hartfelder*)

8:15 am Worship Service

9:45 am Adult Learning Resumes (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am Worship Service

CROP Walk Fundraiser kicks off

Trunk or Treat Candy collection and Truck Sign-up for Oct. 18

Last week NALC Disaster Response Flood Bucket collection (Items due Sept 12)

MON

--Office Closed--

TUES

1:00 pm Katharine Circle (Fellowship Hall)

5:30 pm Insurance Team Meeting (Rose Garden 2 & 3)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

Kairos Cookies Due

10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 pm Grace Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2 & 3)

7:30 pm Scioto Valley BAPC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS

6:30 pm Dartball

7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

FRI.

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

Deadline for NALC Disaster Items

9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

September 13 **Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost/ Rally Day and Homecoming Sunday**

8:15 am Worship Service

9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation

9:45 am Adult Learning Resumes (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Rally at the Cross Picnic (East Lawn, parking lot and
Playground)

Grace Youth Group Kickoff — After Church Picnic until 3:00 PM

Service Recording: The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org
around 11am.

Day / Date	Event
Sunday, September 13	Sunday School and Confirmation Kickoff — 9:40 AM
Sunday, September 13	Rally Day / Homecoming Picnic
Sunday, September 13	GYG Rally Day Kickoff — After Church Picnic until 3:00 PM
Monday, September 14	Ruth Circle Kicks Off—1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15	Blood Drive — Noon–6:00 PM
Sunday, September 20	Amazing Grace — 4:00 PM
Saturday, September 26	Joyful Voices Children & Youth Choral Day Camp — 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Sunday, September 27	Secret Sister Chili Cookoff — 12:30 PM
Sunday, September 27	Bake Sale Benefiting CROP Walk — Between Services
Sunday, October 18	Trunk or Treat — 2:00–4:00 PM; Set-up at 12:30 PM
Monday, October 19	Amazing Grace Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio Concert
Sunday, October 25	Ministry Fair — Between Services
Sunday, October 25	Commitment / Pledge Sunday
Sunday, October 25	Amazing Grace Reformation Sunday Concert — 4:00 PM
Tuesday, November 3	Polling Location
Monday, November 9– Tuesday, November 10	Senior Trip to Frankenmuth, MI
Sunday, November 15	Annual Meeting — 12:30 PM
Tuesday, November 17	Blood Drive — Noon–6:00 PM
Monday, November 30	LifeLine Screening — 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Wednesday, December 2	Midweek Advent Services Begin
Sunday, December 6	Secret Sister Cookie Decorating
Friday, December 11	Westerville Habitat Partnership Progressive Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 13	Youth Christmas Program
Sunday, December 13	Amazing Grace Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Company Christmas Concert — 4:00 PM

Volunteer Opportunities at Grace

There are several meaningful ways to get involved and share God's love through service at Grace!

Altar Guild Leaders Needed: Our longtime and much-appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, is ready to step down, and we are looking for a person, persons, or perhaps two couples to serve as leader or co-leaders. The Altar Guild lovingly and prayerfully prepares our church and sanctuary for worship, helping create a place where the faithful gather to receive God's gifts of grace through Word and Sacrament. Current Altar Guild members or others looking for a new way



to become involved are encouraged to consider this opportunity. Training will be provided, with a goal of having new leadership in place by September. **Interested or have questions? Please speak with Vanessa Stewart or Pastor Wendel.**

Little Lambs Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy sharing God's love with children? Little Lambs is seeking caring volunteers to serve during the **11:00 AM worship service**. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade enjoy an age-appropriate Bible lesson during worship, and volunteers help make this ministry possible. **If you have a heart for children and would like to serve, please contact the church office or Susan Riches.**



Little Lambs

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: Help nurture the faith of our children and young people by supporting our Sunday School classes! We are especially looking for assistants to volunteers to assist with **grades 1–4 and 5–6**. Whether you can assist a teacher regularly or occasionally lend a hand, your involvement can make a meaningful difference. **Interested in supporting Sunday School? Please contact Cindy Odum or Denise Reynard.**



Each Sunday we enjoy seeing flowers on the bema. It reminds us of the beauty of God's creation. The arrangement can honor an event, a loved one or give thanks and glory to God. To help cover the cost, we are asking for a minimum donation of \$40.00. The flowers are not the property of the donor, but will be enjoyed by all. With care they can last a week or more in the gathering space.



**WORSHIP SPACE
FLOWERS**



We encourage you to continue this tradition. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line through our giving page, or call the office.

YOUTH, FAMILY, and EDUCATION

Growing in Faith • Growing in Community

We're excited to support families and help children and youth grow in faith!

SUNDAY MORNING & WORSHIP- Available at both worship services.

NURSERY CARE- *Infants – Age :*

Enjoy worship, Adult Learning, or fellowship in the Loaves & Fishes Café while your little ones

are lovingly cared for. Pagers are available for parents if needed.

BUSY BAGS- Keep little hands engaged during worship with age-appropriate books and activities. Located by the sanctuary entrance.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS- Activity-based bulletins that follow the weekly readings. Available at the usher's table.

LITTLE LAMBS- *Ages 3 – 3rd Grade:* Children leave worship after the Gospel reading for a fun, age-appropriate Bible lesson and return during the offering for Holy Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool – High School

Sundays • 9:40–10:30 AM

Adult Morning Class

Sundays • 9:45–10:45 AM

September through Memorial Day Weekend

GRACE YOUTH GROUP (GYG)



A NEW FOCUS ON OUR YOUTH: We are refocusing our efforts and energy on the youth of our congregation by forming the **Grace Youth Group (GYG)**!

FIRST GYG MEETING: Sunday, September 13, Following the Church Picnic • Ends at 3:00 PM

GYG will then meet **weekly on Sunday evenings.**

YOUTH LED • ADULT SUPPORTED

The GYG is being shaped as “**youth led, adult supported,**” encouraging our youth to grow as disciples of Jesus, leaders, and servants.

OUR VISION FOR GYG: *“Our ministry with youth will connect young people with Jesus, His Church and each other, encouraging Christian leadership, discipleship and service in our church and community.”*

YOUTH, FAMILY & EDUCATION TEAM: *The team will support the Grace Youth Group while overseeing and nurturing our entire congregational family in Christ through Christ-centered, Bible-based teaching, growth as disciples, and service in church and community.*

GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST: Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to helping children, youth, and families grow in faith, leadership, service, and community.

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

*Grow deeper in understanding and fellowship through
study, discussion, and prayer.*

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS-** The adult class is each Sunday at 9:45 in the

fellowship hall and is facilitated by Bill Kulju. Our first study is titled “NOOMA” - The word NOOMA is a phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, which means wind or spirit. This study is a series of short Christian films featuring author and speaker Rob Bell. Each short video blends everyday life events with teachings about God, Jesus, and our faith. This series is designed to start discussions rather than provide all the answers.

- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **September 14 at 7pm at The Hoover Bar and Kitchen**. We will continue meeting the 2nd Monday of each month (so mark your calendars so you can join in the fellowship). We are studying, “Women and Identity” by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Tracey D Bianchi. All younger/working women of the congregation (and friends!) are invited and welcome! Contact: Melissa Hodek
- **Katharine Circle resumes on Tuesday, September 8 at 1 p.m. at church**. Please join us as we begin a new study on Ephesians. Contact Dorothy Crain at 614-264-5304 with questions.
- **Men of Grace Bible Study, Saturday September 19th, 8 AM**. At the last Men of Grace study in July, the men completed the chapter and verse study of the Gospel of Luke! We will begin studying the Gospel of Mark on September 19th, as our lectionary will begin using Mark's writing as our gospel lessons beginning Advent 1, November 29th. All men of the church (and friends) are invited to join in this monthly study!
- **Monday Evening Bible Study-Beginning September 14th, (Holy Cross Day!), 6:30 PM**. Following our spring study on Romans, we will begin with the so-called “Corinthian Correspondence,” beginning with Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth. These letters are quite personal, as Paul had a relationship with this congregation, and writes to address conflict which had arisen in Corinth. As the apostle deals with this division, he also provides for us his great teachings on the power and wisdom of God versus the foolishness of humans, sexual immorality in the Church, the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, instructions regarding marriage, the institution of the Lord's Supper and the meaning of it, leading to what is really the capstone of the epistle, his teaching on the gifts of the Spirit, especially faith, hope and love! Sign up at the Welcome desk at church or on the Grace app!
- **Ruth Circle will resume at 1pm Monday, September 14**. Please contact Joanne Figge with any questions.
- **Wednesday, Women's Bible study meets at 10:30 am**. If you are interested see Pr. David Wendel or email at d.wendel@grace43081.org.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.



GYG Rally Day Kickoff: Sunday, September 13 • After the Church Picnic until 3:00 PM

All middle school and high school youth are invited to our first reorganized **Grace Youth Group (GYG)** gathering on **Rally Day!** We'll meet immediately following the church picnic and gather until 3:00 PM. This will be a time to get organized, plan future Sunday meetings and

activities, and officially kick off our regular Sunday GYG gatherings. Come ready to share your ideas and help shape the future of GYG!

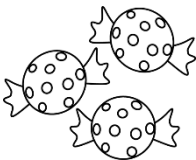


Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: contact Helen Kang.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir rehearsal schedule: contact Helen Kang.

Trunk or Treat Volunteers and Candy/Prize Collection: Help make our Merry, Not Scary



Trunk or Treat a fun afternoon for local families! We need 15 cars, families, groups, or organizations to decorate their trunks and pass out candy on Sunday, October 18. Decorating begins at 12:30 PM, with Trunk or Treat from 2–4 PM. Choose a fun, kid-friendly theme and get creative! Sign up at the Welcome Desk or <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/svn72sg>. Questions? Contact

Abby Reynolds or Sarah Odum. A bin is located in the Gathering Space and East Narthex to collect candy and prizes to handout at the Trunk or Treat event.



Kids & Families: Trunk or Treat! Attention kids and youth! Bring your friends, neighbors, and classmates to Grace for our Merry, Not Scary Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 18, from 2–4 PM! Wear your favorite costume and travel from decorated trunk to decorated trunk for games, activities, and treats. It's a fun, family-friendly alternative to going door-to-door—or just another chance to wear that costume one more time! Everyone is welcome! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/dxpzkb6> so we know how many trick-or-treaters to expect.

Sign up today for Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Day Camp! Saturday,



September 26, 10 AM-4 PM We are excited to announce “Joyful Voices Children/Youth Choral Day Camp for children and teens in our congregation and community! Dr. Helen Kang will lead a choral camp for those entering grades 3 through 12, Saturday, September 26, 10 AM till 4 PM, with assistance of choral students at Otterbein University.

The Day Camp will be at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 E. Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH! Children and teens have an innate joy and creativity often expressed by singing. Studies show music offers a multitude of benefits, including improved language skills, enhanced memory, healthy emotional development and increased self-confidence—and it’s fun! Children and teens who would like to build self-esteem, personal discipline, and artistic development through the universal language of music are invited to participate. There is no cost to participate in this Choral Day Camp! Go to www.grace43081.org to register. Questions or desire more information? Contact Dr. Helen Kang, h.kang@grace43081.org.

Dr. Kang is director of choral music at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in organ performance from San Jose State University, a Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of Nevada-Reno, and Doctor of Musical Arts in choral conducting from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. She has served as associate conductor of the World Vision Korean Children’s Choir, directing concert choir rehearsals and concerts, supervising six different education choirs, organizing overseas concert tours and international choir festivals. Previously, she has served as the assistant conductor of The Greater Columbus Children’s Choir and assistant conductor of The New Choir, Santa Clara, CA. She has extensive teaching and speaking experience, having taught children, youth and college students!

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loaves and Fishes café is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Donna & Chuck Dettman and Ruth Osborn with any questions or concerns.

CHURCH GREETERS– By Denise Reynard



Did you know that Church greeters are vital and are Grace’s “front door” to our congregation serving as a first living impression of our church. Did you know most first-time visitors decide whether they will return within the first ten minutes of arrival, a warm, helpful greeting eliminates awkwardness and makes people feel safe and welcome. So smile, wear your name tag and shake hands. Tell everyone how happy you are that they are here.

A strong greeting team is far more than just a logistical task; it is a vital ministry that may impact a visitor's willingness to engage with the gospel. Your importance can be broken down into four critical areas:

1. Shaping First Impressions

Walking into a new church can feel intimidating. Guests often wonder if they will be judged, if they are dressed appropriately, or if they will know anyone. A smiling, prepared greeter signals immediate acceptance, putting visitors at ease and making them receptive to the service.

2. Providing Practical Guidance

To a first-time visitor, a church building can feel like a foreign country. Greeters act as essential tour guides by pointing out restrooms, water fountains, the nursery or where ever someone needs to go.

3. Fostering Community Connection

Research shows that people typically connect and stay at a church because of the relationships they build, not just the institution itself. Effective greeters help embed visitors into the congregation by striking up conversations, remembering their names, and introducing them to other members, ushers, or pastors.

4. Reflecting Gospel Hospitality

Serving as a greeter is a counter-cultural act of hospitality. By welcoming everyone with warmth and grace, greeters embody the biblical priority of hospitality found in the early church. They create an environment where people don't just feel attended to, but truly *seen*.

So now that you know how important Greeters are to our church and congregation, please consider being a greeter. We are looking for greeters for both services and special and holiday services.

I am also looking for a new a captain for the months of February/August. This just means that during those 2 months you, as the captain, are seeking out greeters to cover both the 8:15 and 11:00 services using our list of AWESOME volunteers. I usually send out a mass email to get everything started. I may have to send out another email. I would also suggest not waiting until a week before to start trying to get coverage.



Senior “Social” Moment, Monday, September 21, 1 PM! All seniors and senior friends are invited to our Senior “Social” Moment, Monday, Sept. 21, 1 PM. This an informal social time for connection, conversation and usually a fun activity! In September, we’ll share memories from school and the beginning of school each year. Come with your fun, embarrassing and/or meaningful remembrances of school-days!

Rally Sunday/Homecoming Sunday September 13! Please have our Rally



Sunday/Homecoming Sunday on your calendar, September 13! Labor Day is a bit later this year, so the start of the fall Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Adult Education seems later. Summer is always a time when folks travel, have family outings and lots of youth sports activities. As the fall school semester begins, we “rally” back to church! As we did last year, we are observing September 13th also as “homecoming!” We hope family members, friends and perhaps homebound senior

members may be able to come home Sept. 13th, to renew relationships and worship together! If you know one of our homebound seniors, or those who have a hard time getting to worship each week, please reach out, invite them to come and if possible, pick them up and bring them to church!

SAVE THE DATE:

Who: Everyone

What: Rally around the Cross Church Picnic

When: September 13, 2026, after the 11:00 Service

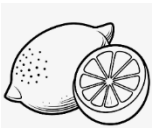
Where: Here at Grace Lutheran Church, outside weather permitting

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The church provides hot dogs, hamburgers and buns.
- Lemonade and water will be available.
- Each family will need to bring a side dish or dessert for everyone to share.
- We are also having the Secret Ingredient Cook/Bake off again. The ingredient will be picked by Pastor and announced at church a couple of weeks prior to the picnic.
- Hang out and enjoy the company. You can bring a deck of cards, yard games, etc.
- There will be a sign-up sheet. This will let us know how many hot dogs and hamburgers we will need.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please reach out to Denise at

denise.reynard@rocketmail.com



For those that are planning on joining in the Secret Ingredient Bake Off (Cook-off) the secret ingredient is Lemon. Remember it is secret, but please provide the recipe, so we can avoid any allergy issues, and label the Judges know what they are tasting. There will be information flyers on the desk with information and labels.



Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks. The season will begin on Thursday, August 27. We're always looking for new players! If interested, reach out to Chris. All games are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to around 9:00. For away games, we meet at the church at 6:30 and carpool to churches in Pickerington, Grove City, Obetz, and Reynoldsburg to name a few. The season runs through early March.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE the DATE for SERVICE

- Mid-October to Mid-November - WARM Thanksgiving food collection
- December 5 - WARM neighborhood food drive: 9am-Noon
- December 11 - Westerville Habitat Partnership Progressive Christmas Concert: 7- 9:15pm
- January 17 (MLK weekend Sunday) - Soup 4 Shelter at Westerville Rec Center: 1-4pm

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)

September Most Needed list: Canned Meats: Chicken, Salmon, Tuna; Canned Pasta; Cereal; Condiments; Dish Soap; Paper Towels; Pasta Sauce-Alfredo; Salad Dressing; Shampoo/Conditioner; and Toilet Paper.



We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM). Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

Help Us Help Ohio Recover: Following the severe storms and flooding across Ohio, NALC



Disaster Response

Disaster Response is gathering supplies to help communities affected by the storms. **NOW through September 12, Grace is collecting Flood Buckets for NALC Disaster Response in the East Narthex and Gathering Space.**

Supplies Needed: Cleaning Buckets with a tight lid; 1 five-gallon bucket with lid; 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller); 1 roll paper towels; 2 rags; Comet or scouring cleanser; scrub brush; gloves, 1 pair each, size L; kitchen or construction type; 2 construction strength trash bags; and 1 small bottle of Pine Sol, or similar.

We are also exploring the possibility of taking the collected supplies to the NALC Disaster Response warehouse in **Caldwell, Ohio, on Saturday, September 12.**

Interested in helping with the potential trip? Please let **Ellen Paulus** know. Volunteers would help deliver, unload, and organize the supplies.

Stay tuned for more details as plans develop!

Together, we can put our faith into action and bring practical help and hope to our neighbors across Ohio.

Intercessory Prayer Team: From Donna Dettmann

GRACE
Intercessory
Prayer Team



What did Martin Luther have to say about prayer:

- ☐ **Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.**
- ☐ **Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church.**
- ☐ **Prayer is a good Christian weapon.**
- ☐ **Prayer is the sweat of the soul.**

The Intercessory Prayer Team is here for you to ask for your need (the Bible says – “Ask”). All prayer requests are prayed daily, for two weeks. Confidentiality of your prayer request is very important to the IPT and you can remain anonymous.

We have 2 ways to connect to the IPT for prayer needs.

You will find a locked prayer chest at the back of the church on a table with prayer request forms and pens. Just fill out a form and put your request in the locked prayer chest. (Yes, we will take any piece of paper you can find to write your request on.)

Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: <https://subsplash.com/u/-KJ4PQ7/forms/d/05ace550-f949-48db-a87c-d651dc398e69>

Let the IPT join you in asking God for your prayer need.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, September 15 from noon-6pm in the Gathering Space.

Appointments appreciated and walk-ins after 1pm are accepted! You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Vanessa Stewart

CROP Hunger Walk Team Is Forming!



Grace is putting together a team for the **2026 CROP Hunger Walk**, and we invite you to join us! Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community—and walking to fight hunger is a wonderful way to live out that mission.

Join **Team Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** with your steps, your prayers, and your donations as we work together to fight hunger and poverty in Central Ohio and around the world. **75% of funds**

raised support Church World Service's global hunger-relief efforts, while 25% stays local to support organizations including WARM, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, NSI Food Pantry, Westland Ecumenical Community Food Pantry, and Worthington Resource Pantry.

☺ CROP Bake Sale & Basket Raffle – Sunday, September 27

Watch for a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks, then stop by the **Gathering Space between services** to pick up some delicious treats and take a chance on a fun basket! Proceeds will support Team Grace and our CROP Hunger Walk fundraising efforts.

☺ Impact Fair, Registration & Walk: 1:00 PM | Walk Send-Off: 2:00 PM at Scioto

Audubon Metro Park- Walk routes range from $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to 3.5 miles.

Sign up or donate to Team Grace today:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/grace-ev-lutheran-church-3>

Every step, donation, bake sale purchase, and raffle entry makes a difference. **Let's end hunger and poverty one step at a time!**

Cookies for Kairos



Help Bake Cookies for Kairos #31

Volunteers are invited to bake cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry, sharing a simple gift of encouragement and God's love with the men at North Central Correctional Complex in Marion, Ohio, during

Kairos #31, September 17–20, 2026.

- Please bake sturdy cookies, about 2–3 inches in diameter.
- Chocolate chip are the most popular cookie. Cookies like snickerdoodles are also popular.

- Package two dozen cookies in each one-gallon zip-top bag, and do not include notes in or on the bags.
- Avoid powdered sugar, frosting, raisins, burned, blemished, delicate, chewy, or sticky cookies.
- Please pray for the men who will receive them.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jim Caldwell at 614-361-6631 or jtcfms@aol.com.

Please turn in cookies by Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

God bless you for your service to this ministry!

Jazz Vespers: A Charles Earland Hammond B3 Tribute



Join us **Sunday, September 20** for a special Jazz Vespers featuring acclaimed Hammond B3 organist **Linda Dachtly** as part of the **Amazing Grace Concert Series!**

Linda is a gifted performer and composer whose musical experience spans **jazz, blues, rock, and classical music**. She holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance from Capital University and a Master of Arts in Percussion Pedagogy from The Ohio State University. She has also

served as an adjunct music instructor at Kenyon College and Ohio Wesleyan University.

A longtime fixture in Central Ohio's jazz scene, Linda leads her own **B3 quartet** and the **QED jazz piano trio**. Her recordings have earned national attention, including *Blue Bop* and *For Hep Cats*, which reached #45 on the JazzWeek Top 100.

Linda has shared the stage with an impressive list of artists, including **Blue Lou Marini, Trudy Pitts, Gloria Coleman, Tony Monaco, Bobby Floyd, Hank Marr, Gene Ludwig, Sean Carney, Teeny Tucker**, and many others.

Come experience the soulful, swinging sound of the **Hammond B3** and celebrate the legacy of Charles Earland through an evening of worship and jazz!



Sunday, September 20, 2026



Jazz Vespers featuring Linda Dachtly



Charles Earland Hammond B3 Tribute



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No musical experience required—just come ready to listen, worship, and enjoy some incredible music!

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