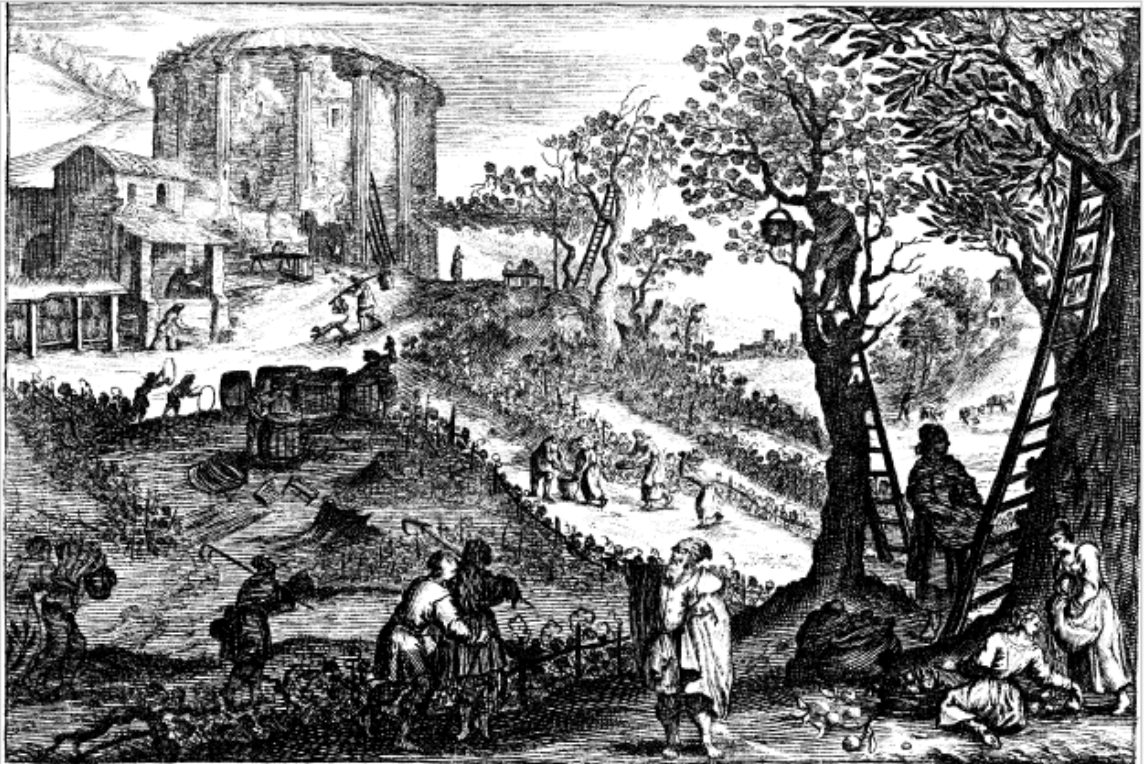


Seventeenth Sunday

After Pentecost



September 20, 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

"Take My Life, That I May Be" - arr. Mark Sedio

"Prelude on Munich" - arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 Theirs was a false, mis - lead - ing dream who thought God's law was giv - en
 3 And yet the law ful - filled must be, or we were lost for - ev - er;
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;
 5 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it,



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
 that sin - ners might them - selves re - deem and by their works gain
 there - fore God sent his Son that he might us from death de -
 and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -
 the God who saved us by his grace; all glo - ry to his



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
 heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to bring the
 liv - er. He all the law for us ful - filled, and thus his
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our
 mer - it. O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, you have re -



all the world a - tone; he is our me - di - a - tor.
 in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
 Fa - ther's an - ger stilled which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.
 vealed your sav - ing love; your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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)*

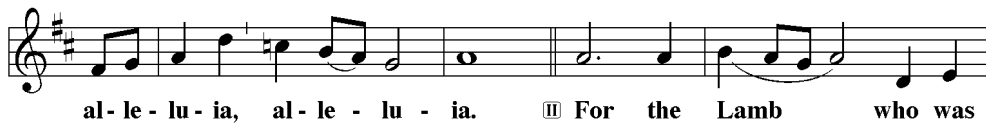
☒ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

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.

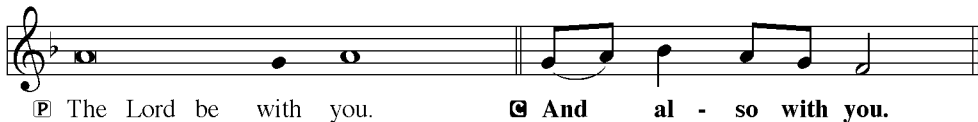
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and





PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

Lord God almighty, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 27:1-9

Refrain



Psalms



Tone

L ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?

C ²When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled and fell.

L ³Though an army should en- | camp against me,
yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

C ⁴**And though war should rise | up against me,
yet will I put my | trust in him. Refrain**

L ⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life;

C ⁶**To behold the fair beauty | of the LORD
and to seek him | in his temple.**

L ⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- | on a rock.

C ⁸**Even now he lifts | up my head
above my enemies | round about me.**

L ⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds | of great gladness;
I will sing and make music | to the LORD. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6: 68*)



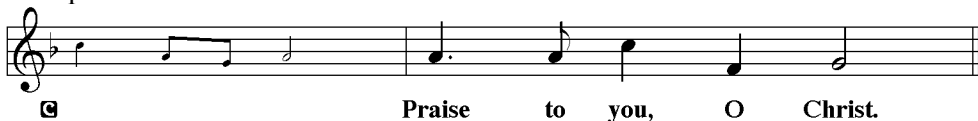
HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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



¹{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS- At this time, Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services after the Gospel reading. The children leave the sanctuary with the teacher and enjoy an age appropriate Biblically oriented lesson and activity. They return during the offering to join us for Holy Communion.

SERMON: "Kingdom Employment!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Take My Life, that I May Be"

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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 Schlea

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

8:15 "By Faith and Not by Sight" - *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

11:00 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" with "Abide with Me" - *arr. Larry Seifert*

Larry Seifert - Piano

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.

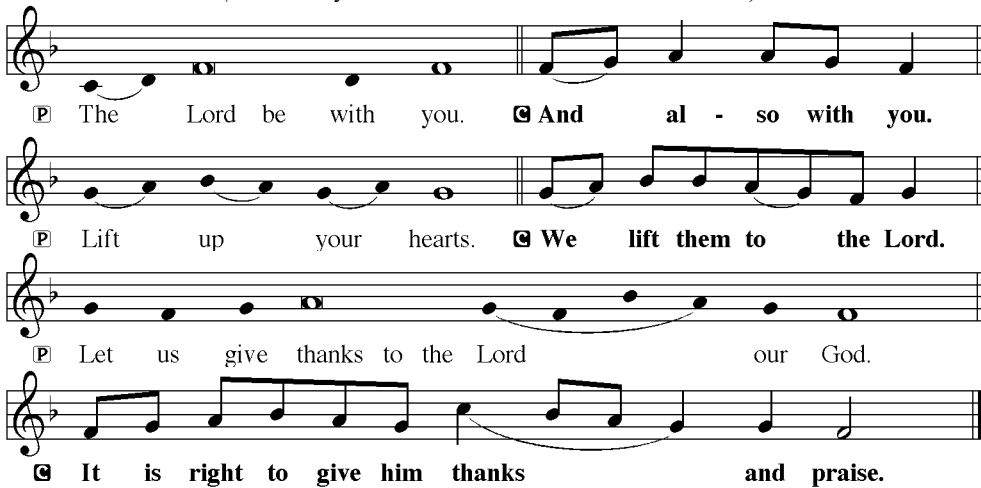
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

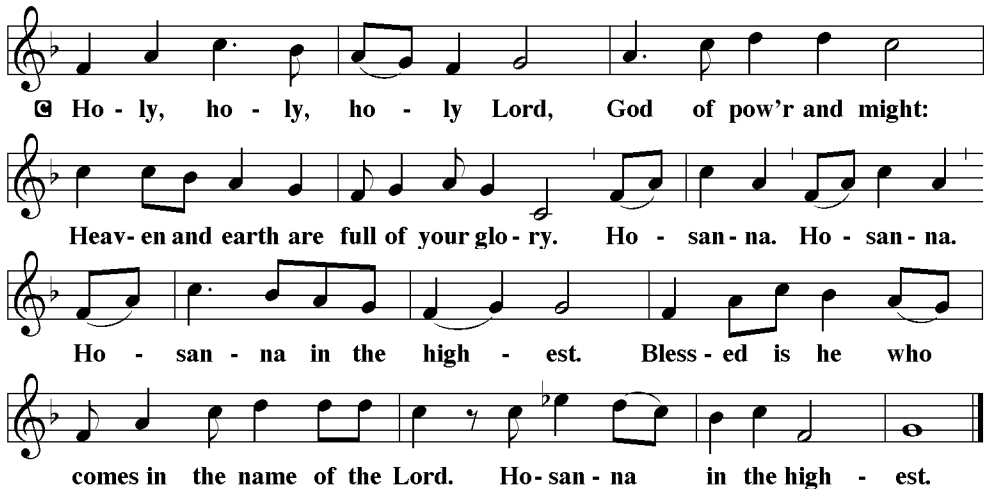
(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C 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)



C 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.

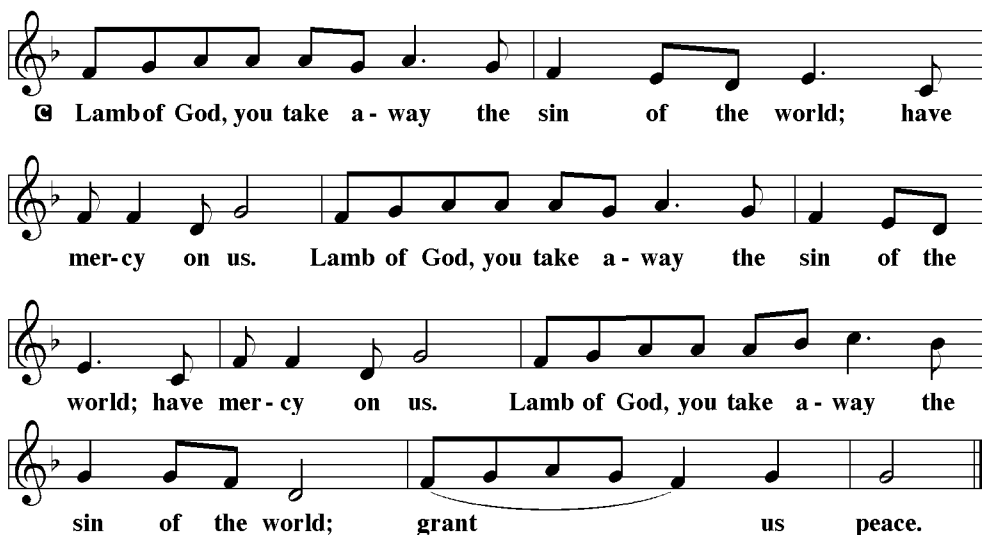
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

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*)



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

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

COMMUNION HYMN "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" - *arr. James Mansfield*

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.

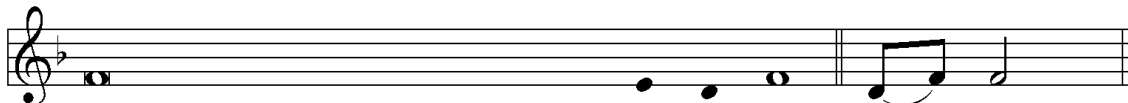
C Amen.

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.

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



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you

And be gracious to you.

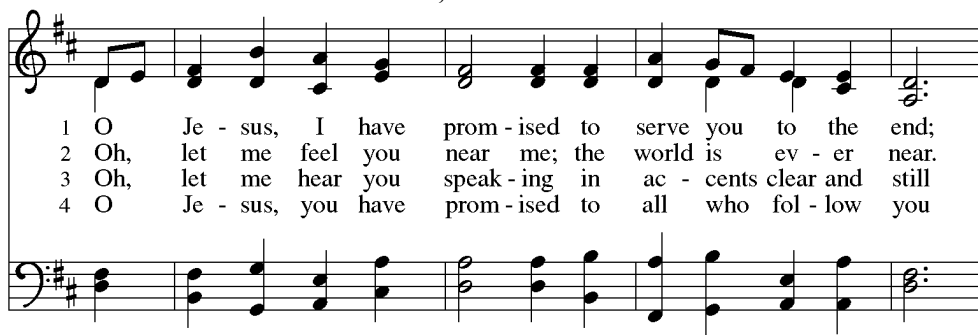
The Lord look upon you with favor and ... give you peace.

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

☐ A - men

RECESSIONAL HYMN

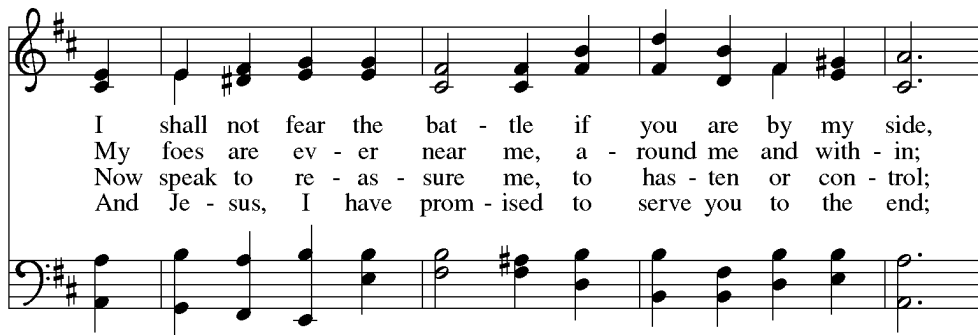
"O Jesus, I Have Promised"



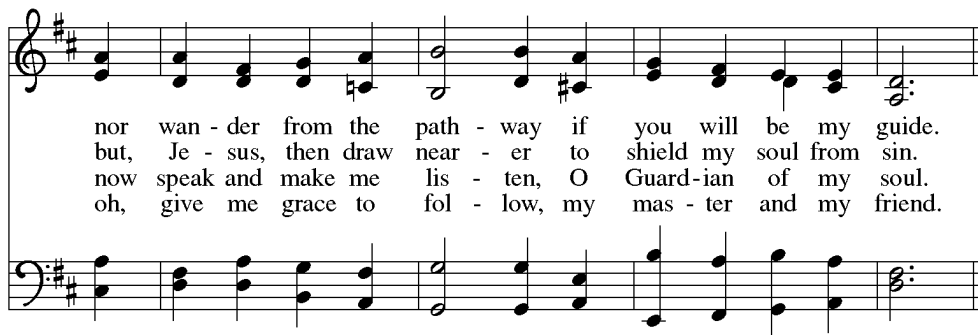
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come" - arr. Richard Proulx

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...

Fred Pfanzen in celebration of grandson Milo's birthday.

Eloise Collier in honor of Mary Jane Fisher.

Please keep Mark Schlea and family in your prayers, as his father Jim Schlea passed away September 13, 2026.

Romans 14: Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.

From Wanda Bartholomew and family~

Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor, to Sarah for her video expertise, to the Kitchen Krew for the delicious lunch, to everyone who came to Jim's funeral, and to the Grace community for your kindness. Your care has meant so much to us.

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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- **Online:** grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/87gkvf2
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 - **Scan the QR code:** Use the QR code above to quickly access Grace's online giving page on your mobile device.
- You can make a **one-time or recurring gift** and choose where you would like your gift applied. If you're able, we encourage you to consider **recurring**

giving as a simple way to support Grace throughout the year. **Thank you for your faithful generosity!**

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.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost, September 13: 8:15: 51; 11:00: 127; total: 178

MUSIC NOTES

“Take My Life, That I May Be” – arr. Mark Sedio

Miss Francis R. Havergal (1836-1879), during a visit with friends, prayed that God would use her witness to win all ten members of the family to Christ. “Before I left the house everyone got a blessing,” she wrote. On the last night of her visit, twelve couplets came to her mind dealing with true consecration, which involves mind, body, words, deed, intellect, will, money, possession, and whole self. The final couplet integrates and sums up these with “Ever, only, ALL for Thee!”

“Prelude on *Munich*” – arr. Emma Lou Diemer

MUNICH is the tune for the hymn “O Jesus, I Have Promised.” Based on Luke 9:57, “Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest,” the hymn was written by John Ernest Bode (1816-1874) for the confirmation of his three children. However, this hymn says much more, and it's a prayer for Christ's presence at all times – in the struggle against sin, in the midst of the world's temptations, and the struggles with the “storms of passion.” Jesus has promised us to be with him in glory, but we must also promise to follow and serve him to the end.

“By Faith and Not by Sight” – arr. Lloyd Larson

This choral arrangement is a majestic affirmation of faith inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:7: “We walk by faith and not by sight.” Opening quietly and resolutely, it gradually builds through escalating dynamics and key changes to a glorious proclamation of empowerment through our risen Lord. The traditional hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” enters as a choral prayer that rises to a succession of triumphant amens.

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” with “Abide with Me” – arr. Larry Seifert

This arrangement is a medley of two hymns:

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian” – The origin of this text is uncertain. Eighteenth century records show that a Presbyterian named Williams Davies was preaching in Virginia between 1748 and 1756. A slave came to him wanting to learn more about Jesus Christ and his duty to God and said, “Lord (sir), I want to be a Christian.” In *Negro Slave Songs in the United States*, Miles Mark Fisher suggests that this spiritual could well have originated there about that time.

“Abide with Me” – Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) wrote this hymn in 1847 as he was about to leave his pastorate at Lower Brixham and take a trip to southern France in an unsuccessful effort to regain his health. The opening words were inspired by Luke 24:29, “Abide with us: for it is

toward evening, and the day is far spent.” The poem appeared in a leaflet in 1847 and then in the *Remains of Henry Francis Lyte* (1850).

“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken” – arr. James Mansfield

This Communion hymn by Reginald Heber (1783-1826) was first included in his collection, published posthumously, *Hymns Written and Adapted to the weekly Church Services of the Year* (1827). It was titled “Before the Sacrament.” The hymn invites us to confess our sins and to accept the Grace of God as our souls are fed.

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come” – arr. Richard Proulx

This hymn by Paul Speratus (1484-1551) was published in what is sometimes called the first hymnal of the Reformation, *Etlich christlich Lieder* (the “Achtliederbuch” (1524)). One of the older “Lutheran” hymns, Speratus probably wrote it in 1523 when he was jailed at Olmütz for his evangelical preaching. It had fourteen stanzas and was headed “A hymn of law and faith, powerfully expounded by holy scripture.” The hymn was one of the Lutheran *Kernlieder* – central “kernel” or “core” hymns – for more than a century after the Reformation. With its point of departure Romans 3:28, it says clearly that salvation has come to us by God’s free grace and favor.

Whom Shall I Fear?

Find the 40 **bold** words from Psalm 27:1-5 (ESV).

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

The **LORD** is my **light** and my **salvation**; whom shall I **fear**? The LORD is the **stronghold** of my **life**; of whom shall I be **afraid**? When **evildoers** **assail** me to **eat** up my **flesh**, my **adversaries** and **foes**, it is they who **stumble** and **fall**. Though an **army** **encamp** against me, my **heart** shall not fear; though **war** **arise** against me, yet I will be **confident**. One thing have I **asked** of the LORD, that will I **seek** after: that I may **dwell** in the **house** of the LORD all the **days** of my life, to **gaze** upon the **beauty** of the LORD and to **inquire** in his **temple**. For he will **hide** me in his **shelter** in the **day** of **trouble**; he will **conceal** me under the **cover** of his **tent**; he will **lift** me **high** upon a **rock**.

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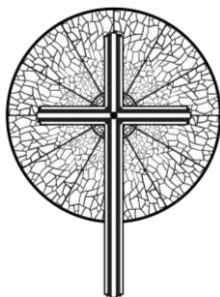
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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. 20-27, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

	September 20	Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
	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
	3-5pm	Grace Youth Group (GYG)
	4:00 pm	Amazing Grace Community Concert <i>presents</i> "Spiritual Songs of Charles Earland"
MON	6:30-9pm	Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio (YPCO) Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Monday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
TUES	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	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 B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	6:30 pm	Dartball @ Bethel
	7:00 pm	Music and Worship
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	10am-4pm	Joyful Voices Day Camp
	9:30 am	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
September 27		Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	CROP Hunger Walk Bake Sale
	9:40 am	Sunday School and Confirmation
	9:45 am	Adult Learning Resumes (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	3-5pm	Grace Youth Group (GYG)

Day / Date	Event
Saturday, September 26	Joyful Voices Children & Youth Choral Day Camp — 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Sunday, September 27	Bake Sale Benefiting CROP Walk — Between Services
Sunday, October 4	CROP Hunger Walk @ Scioto Audubon Metro Park—2PM
Sunday, October 4	Secret Sister Chili Cookoff — 12:30 PM
Saturday, October 14	OWL sign-up deadline
Sunday, October 18	Trunk or Treat — 2:00–4:00 PM; Set-up at 12:30 PM (Candy and Prize collection taking place now through Oct. 18)
Monday, October 19	Amazing Grace Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio Concert
Sunday, October 25	Ministry Fair — Between Services
Sunday, October 25	Commitment / Pledge Sunday
Tuesday, November 3	Polling Location
Monday, November 9– Tuesday, November 10	Senior Trip to Frankenmuth, MI (Registration is full, full payment due Oct. 3))
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

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

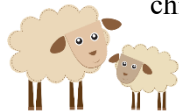
Volunteer Opportunities at Grace

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 Little Lambs Amy Quinn 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 6 :*

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)**!

UPCOMING GYG MEETINGS:



- **Sunday, September 20- 3-5pm (Snack: Hannah)**
- **Sunday, September 27- 3-5pm (Activity: Miguel)**
- **Sunday, October 4- no meeting (participating in CROP Walk)**
- **Sunday, October 11- 3-5pm (Activity: Hannah)**
- **Sunday, October 18- no meeting (assisting with Trunk or Treat)**
- **Sunday, October 25- 3-5pm (Activity: Gabe, Snack: Pastor David)**

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 **October 12 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 will meet on Monday, October 5 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 October 17th, 8 AM.** We are studying the Gospel of Mark, 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! Contact: Pr. David Wendel
- **Monday Evening Bible Study on First Corinthians:** Adult study of the Corinthians correspondence began Monday, Sept. 14th, 6:30 and will continue for eight weeks. If you haven't been able to attend, but would like to participate, studies are posted on Pastor David Wendel's YouTube and Facebook pages, usually Tuesday mornings.
- **Ruth Circle will next meet at 1pm Monday, October 12.** 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.

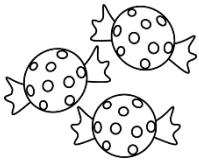


Grace Ringers Bell Choir: Meets Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir: Meets Wednesdays at 7pm. 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!

Youth and Family is resuming the O.W.L. Ministry (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)



program. Grace's OWLs encourage the children in grades 4-8th in our congregation. The children need support and encouragement with everything that is going on in the world and the pressures of school in this day and age. The OWL's responsibility is to pray for their child and give them a card or small gift on the cart each month. The children do not know who their OWL is for the school year. At the end of the school year we have a Reveal Party where they find out who their OWL is and have lunch together. There is also a small craft to work on together. If you have any questions let Amy Quinn, a.quinn@grace43081.org know.

Would you like to help our youth know we are thinking of them and praying for them?

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.

Care Team Ministry-By Donna Dettmann



Mission Statement: To be faithful servants of Christ, called to minister to the sick, homebound and to those in grief. Linking them with the larger community of Grace through Word and Sacrament, and Prayer.

- If you would like to have communion brought to you once or twice a month because you can't attend church services,
- For one communion ahead of a surgery or any other special Need, or
- If you would like to receive anointing along with communion.

The Care Team is trained to visit the sick, homebound and those in grief.

To connect with a Care Team member to bring communion and anointing oil to you, please call:

- Sarah Odum at the Grace office – 614-882-3026 ext. 1
- Peggy Jones at – 614-354-6884
- Donna Dettmann at – 703-447-7760



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!



Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks. The season runs through early March of 2027. 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. Here is the schedule for the next 4 weeks:

- Sept 24 at Reynoldsburg
- Oct 1 vs Rome
- Oct. 8 vs Epiphany
- Oct. 15 vs Bethel

All October matches will be home. We look forward to another successful and fun filled season and we always welcome new players. If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Banks - cbanks5@gmail.com/614-203-8429.

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.

FOOD/HYGIENE MONTHLY TOTAL= 358 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=2,710.5 lbs.
MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,095; YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= \$8,706.60

The NALC Disaster Response service trip has been **rescheduled for Saturday, October 3.**



Disaster Response



Volunteers will help build a shed, load a 26-foot box truck, fill flood buckets and disaster relief kits, and unpack and sort supplies. Other churches will also be joining in this important work. **Interested in participating? Please let Ellen Paulus know or register at <https://grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/cvy79c8>.** Thank you for putting your faith into action and helping bring practical help and hope to others!

What does the Bible say about Intercessory Prayer? From Donna Dettmann

GRACE Intercessory Prayer Team



The Bible gives us instructions about intercessory prayer. When we humans pray an intercessory prayer, we do the best we know how. Here's what happens next:

- The Holy Spirit takes our intercessory prayers and presents them to the Father: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).
- James 5:16 tells us that those who pray an intercessory prayer must do so with a certain attitude and depth of spirituality.

Make your prayer request at back of the church - "Let Us Pray For You"

-table. You will find prayer request forms and pens or use any scrap of paper you have, place your request in the Prayer Chest (your name is optional). Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: <https://subsplash.com/u/-KJ4PQ7/forms/d/05aee550-f949-48db-a87c-d651dc398e69> or scanning the QR code above.

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Thank you to everyone who shared, volunteered, and donated to our Sept. 15 Blood Drive! Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, November 17 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!



Join Team Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church for the 2026 CROP Hunger Walk and help fight hunger and poverty in Central Ohio and around the world!

Grace's Mission Reserve will MATCH Team Grace's CROP fundraising up to \$1,000! This Mission Reserve matching gift, approved by Council and requested by Social Concerns, means your donation can go even further.

Sunday, October 4-- Scioto Audubon Metro Park

- Impact Fair & Registration: 1:00 PM
- Walk Send-Off: 2:00 PM
- Routes: ¾ mile–3.5 miles

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.

Sign up or donate to Team Grace:

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

Every step and every dollar makes a difference! Let's end hunger and poverty one step at a time!

BAKERS NEEDED! Help make our CROP Bake Sale & Basket Raffle a success!



- Sunday, September 27
- Gathering Space—after both services

We need bakers to donate homemade treats for our bake sale! Cookies, brownies, breads, cakes, pies, or your favorite sweet treat—anything yummy is welcome!

Baked goods will be available for a free-will offering, with cash, check, or online donations accepted. Proceeds will support Team Grace and our CROP

Hunger Walk fundraising: .

Don't forget the Basket Raffle! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, with one great basket to win. The drawing will take place after the 2nd service.

Can you bake? Please sign up to donate! And everyone is invited to stop by, shop, enter the raffle, and help fight hunger!



Spiritual Songs of Charles Earland

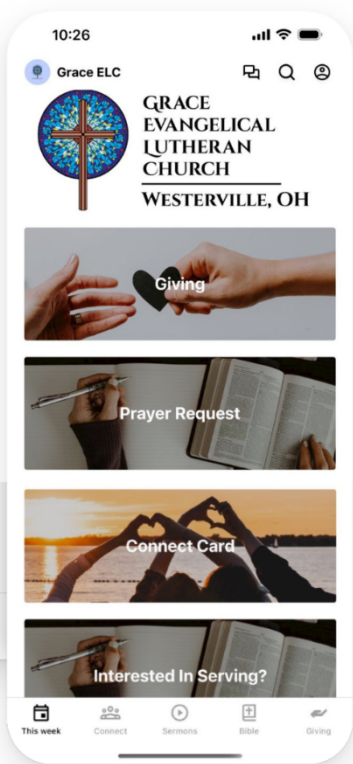
Amazing Grace Community Concert Series

Join us on **Sunday, September 20 at 4 PM** for a special program celebrating the soulful, joyful music of legendary jazz organist **Charles Earland**. This concert features **Linda Dachtyl**, a nationally released Chicken Coup/Summit Records artist whose work spans jazz organ and progressive rock. Linda is a **Hammond Organ USA** artist, an active educator, and a vibrant presence in Central Ohio's jazz and rock communities.

She is joined by an exceptional ensemble: **Linda Dachtyl — Hammond Organ Ben Huntoon — Trumpet Logan Moore — Saxophone Larry Marotta — Guitar Patrick Ankrom — Percussion (Charles Earland band alumnus) Cary Dachtyl — Drums**

Together, they bring a rich blend of artistry, faith, and musical heritage to this uplifting afternoon of worshipful sound.

All are welcome — come and be inspired.



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