

Twentieth Sunday

After Pentecost



October 11, 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

"Now We Join in Celebration" - arr. Aaron David Miller

"On Our Way Rejoicing" - arr. Mark Sedio

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.

C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

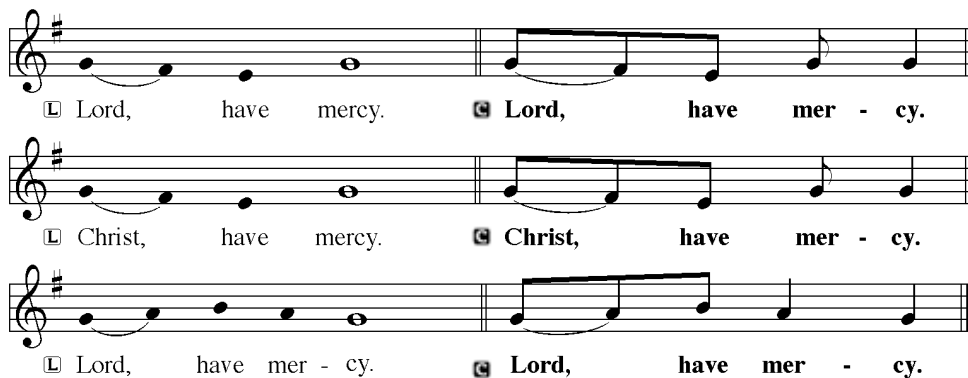
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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.

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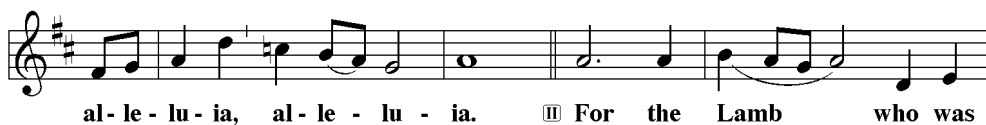


[C] Lord, have mercy. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.
 [C] Christ, have mercy. [C] Christ, have mer - cy.
 [C] Lord, have mer - cy. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

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

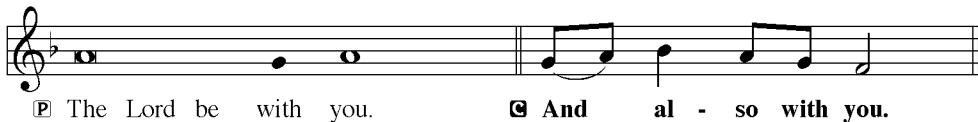


[C] This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. [I] Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 [C] This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. [II] Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and





PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

O Almighty God, today we have received your invitation and come to the wedding feast of your Son. Though unworthy, we pray that you so clothe us in the blood and righteousness of Christ, that we are not only called, but chosen for life in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

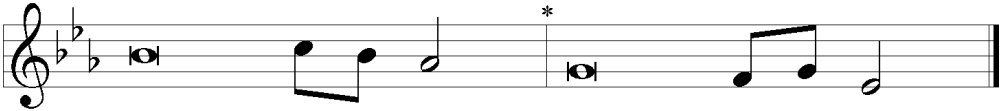
Psalms 23

Refrain



You spread a ta- ble be- fore me, and my cup is run- ning o- ver.

Psalm Tone



L ¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

C ²**He makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters. Refrain**

L ³He re- | vives my soul
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

C ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

L ⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

C ⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



¹Again Jesus spoke to {the chief priests and the Pharisees} in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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: "The Banquet of Love!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

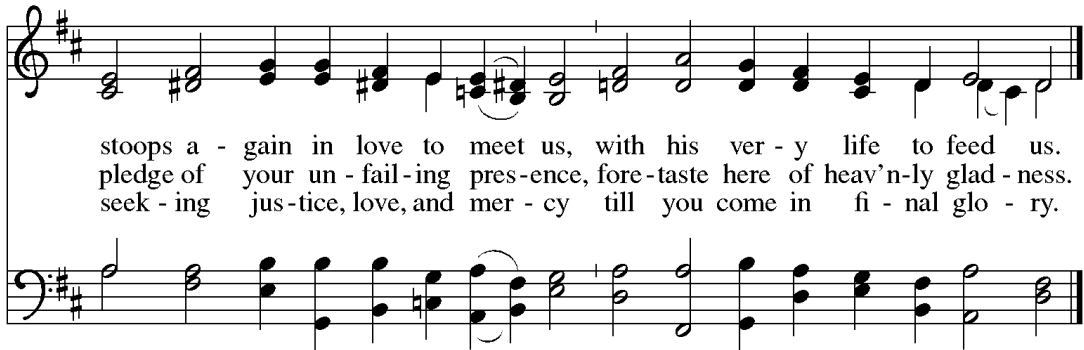
"Now We Join in Celebration"

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal lines. The hymn is titled "Now We Join in Celebration" and is the Hymn of the Day.



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... Jan Perry, Cynthia Bertelsen, Terry Riesen, Eddie Hardick, Jan Boughton, David Doll, Don Melick, Tom Zawodny, Betty Milner, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, and Jim Ross

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 "Be Thou My Vision/ My Shepherd Will Supply my Need" - *arr. Brant Adams*

Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch – Piano

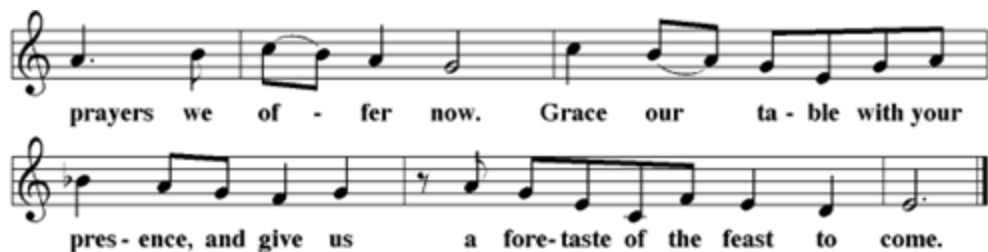
11:00 "Psalm 23" - *arr. Rene Clausen*

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



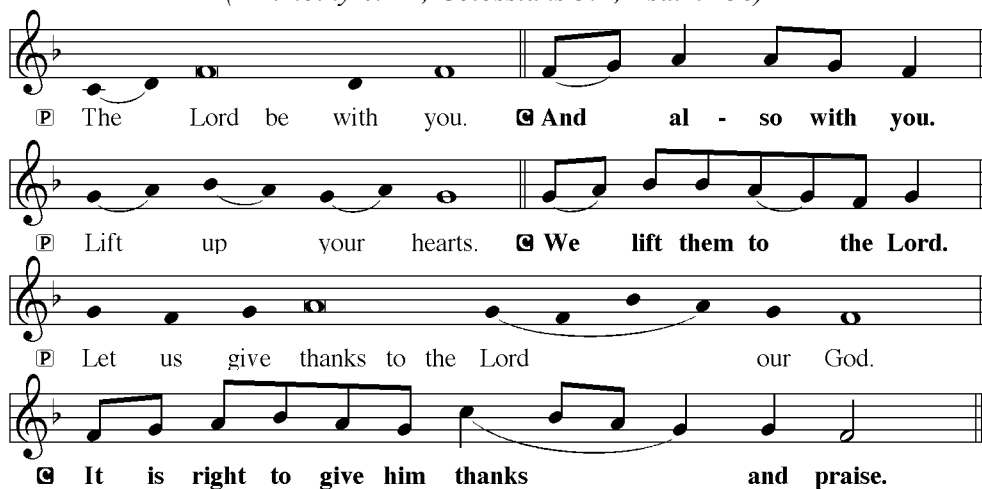
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

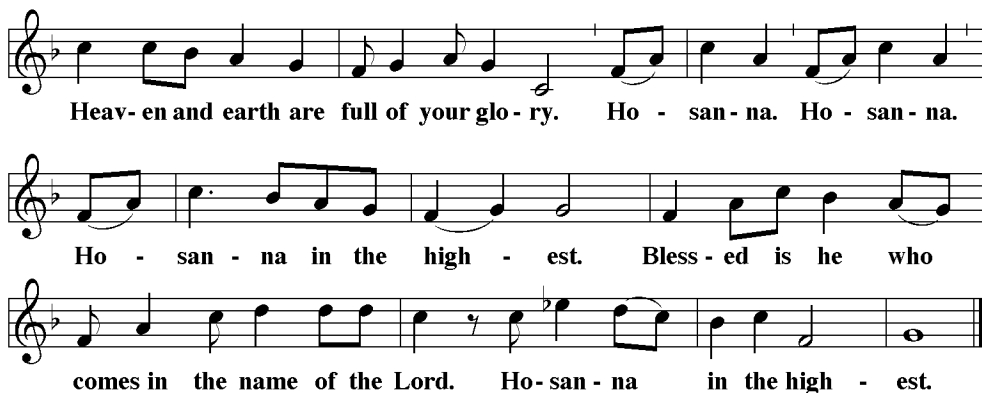
(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



P 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)





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, your 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*)

G 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.

Plases 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 MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"O Christ the Same" - *arr. Darwin Wolford*

"Come, Let Us Eat" - *arr. J. Wayne Kerr*

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.

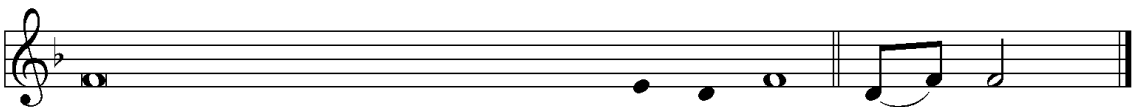
C Amen.

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" - arr. Aaron Shows

Linda Hoch

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 and Steve Kuhar in celebration of our 45th wedding anniversary.

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.

Simply Give — Easy, Fast & Secure



There are several convenient ways to support Grace's ministry:

- Online:** grace-evangelical-luther.subspla.sh/87gkvf2
- Through the Grace App:** <https://subsplash.com/grace-evangelical-luther/app>
- 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.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, October 4: 8:15: 87; 11:00: 97; total: 184

MUSIC NOTES

“Now We Join in Celebration” – arr. Aaron David Miller

This hymn by Joel W. Lundeen (1918-1990) was included in Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Communion (1972). Lundeen was born in China, where his parents were missionaries. A pastor and musician, he was the director of the library and church activist at Augustana Seminary, director of the library at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and in 1967 became archivist for the Lutheran Church in America.

“On Our Way Rejoicing” – arr. Mark Sedio

John S. B. Monsell (1811-1875) wrote this hymn for the first Sunday after Trinity in the one-year lectionary and included it in his *Hymns of Love and Praise* (1863). The hymn goes out with rejoicing at Christ’s victory and sings a doxology into the world.

“Be Thou My Vision/ My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” – arr. Brant Adams

“Be Thou My Vision” - This eight-century anonymous Irish poem was translated into English prose by Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931) and appeared in the journal *Erin*, Vol. II (1905). The prose was put into verse by Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935) and published in her *Poem-Book of the Gael* (1912). The tune was found in Patrick W. Joyce’s *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs* (1909) set to “With my love on the road.” It was used with this hymn text in the *Irish Church Hymnal* (1919). The tune name, SLANE, gets its name from a hill near Tara in County Meath, where St. Patrick is said to have challenged the Druid priests by lighting the Paschal fire.

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” - No psalm has inspired more hymn settings than the 23rd, and Isaac Watt’s (1674-1748) development of the theme of the house of heaven with an inspired conclusion is not found in the psalm itself: “No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.” The text was raised from long neglect by its setting to the famous tune RESIGNATION from the 1835 *Southern Harmony* – a collection of folk hymns collected in the southern Appalachian Mountains.

“Psalm 23” – arr. René Clausen

This lilting arrangement of the 23rd Psalm recalls for us David, the musician; David, who danced before the Lord; David, who found great joy in his love for God. The arrangement is fresh and dance-like, expressing the poetry of a man who was confident and strong in his faith.

“O Christ the Same” – arr. Darwin Wolford

In *Lift Every Heart* the author of this text, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) writes:

This hymn was written on request, to be sung at the Service to mark the opening of the new premises of the Cambridge University Mission in Bermondsey, in November 1972. The Mission had been my home, in a tiny flat at the top of three old terrace houses, during the two years I spent as Head of the Mission from 1953-55. The starting point for this text is Hebrews 13:8, ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever’; and this is worked out in the three verses with their emphasis on thanksgiving for past, present, and future.

The tune LONDONDERRY AIR has been used with a number of secular and sacred texts, perhaps best known of which is F.E. Wetherly's "Danny Boy" (1912).

"Come, Let Us Eat" – arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Billema Kwillia (b. 1925) wrote this Liberian call to the Lord's table and its tune. It was first published in the 4th edition of *Laudamus* (1970), where it appeared in Loma, German, and English. Billema Kwillia learned to read his own language of Loma as a young man through the literacy program of the church. He worked as a literacy teacher, was baptized, and became an evangelist and preacher. Sometime in the 1960's, while he was working as a literacy teacher and evangelist, he sang this hymn at a meeting. It was recorded, written down, and published in *Laudamus*.

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" – arr. Aaron Shows

This "Morning Hymn" by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) makes no reference to our rest of the night nor the perils of the day ahead. It instead focuses on Christ whose glory fills the skies (Psalm 19:1), who is "the true light" (1 John 2:8), the "sun of righteousness" with healing rays (Malachi 3:20), the "dayspring" or dawn chasing the shades of night (Luke 1:78), and the "day star" rising in our hearts (2 Peter 1:19).

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 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.**



Would you like to be more involved with our worship service at Grace? Would you be willing to serve Holy Communion at one or two services per month? One of the most meaningful moments in our worship service is when we gather around the Lord's table to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are inviting you to play a vital role in the distribution of this sacrament. If you have been looking for a way to grow spiritually, this ministry is a wonderful place to begin. This ministry is open to confirmed members of any age. No prior experience is necessary and a brief training will be provided. Scheduling is based on your availability at your service of choice. Please contact one of our Communion Assistant team leaders, Chris Banks, cbanks5@gmail.com (8:15 service) or Tami Stone, stone8059@sbcglobal.net (11:00 service) for more information.



He Restores My Soul

Find the 52 **bold** words from Psalm 23 (ESV).

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A C U P A M V N S N F I L I O
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The **LORD** is my **shepherd**; I **shall not want**. He makes me **lie down** in **green pastures**. He **leads me beside still waters**. He **restores my soul**. He leads me in **paths of righteousness** for **his name's sake**. **Even though** I **walk through** the **valley** of the **shadow of death**, I will **fear no evil**, for you are with me; your **rod** and your **staff**, they **comfort me**. You **prepare a table before me** in the **presence** of my **enemies**; you **anoint my head with oil**; my **cup overflows**. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life**, and I shall **dwell in the house of the LORD forever**.

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COMMUNION	8:15 Paul Whitacre, Ted Ray, Vanessa Stewart
ASSISTANTS	11:00 Cheryl Bush, Heather Bush, Vicki Morrison
ACOLYTE	8:15 Caroline Young
	11:00 Phillip Young
CANTOR	Julie Hotchkiss
LECTOR	8:15 Bill Kulju
	11:00 John Westenhaver
USHERS	8:15 Ande Ucubagabriel, George Paulus, Steve Miller, Sue Miller
	11:00 Brice Graves, Dick Jones, Joe Moleno, Merl Breen
GREETERS	8:15 Ellen Paulus
	11:00 Gregg Rearick
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	11:00 Susan Riches
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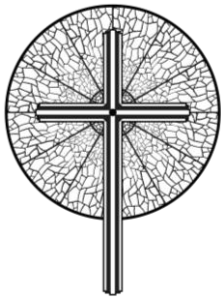
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: Oct. 11-18, 2026

Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

	October 11	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost/ Stewardship
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:40 am	Sunday School and Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday Morning Adult Class (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	3-5pm	Grace Youth Group (GYG)
	All Saints Flower Order Deadline	
MON	Stewardship Packets Mailed (With letter/Giving Growth Step Chart/Pledge Card)	
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle (Loaves and Fishes Cafe)
	4:30 pm	HOA board meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	6:30-9pm	Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio (YPCO) Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Monday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Grace Sisterhood @ The Hoover
TUES	10:00 am	Building Meeting
	6:30 pm	Band of Brothers
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	OWL Forms 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)
	7:00 pm	GLCC Steering Team Meeting @ ZOOM
	7:30 pm	Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	6:15 pm	Supper Club
	6:30 pm	Dartball vs Bethel
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
FRI.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	8:00 am	Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	9:30 am	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
October 18	St. Luke's Day/Stewardship Sunday	
	8:15 am	Worship Service
	9:40 am	Sunday School and Confirmation
	9:45 am	Sunday Morning Adult Class (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	Collection of Candy and Prizes for Trunk of Treat Ends	
	12:30pm	Set-up for Trunk or Treat (East Parking Lot)
	2-4pm	Trunk or Treat (East Parking Lot)

Day / Date	Event
Monday, October 19	7:30pm- <i>Amazing Grace Concert Series presents</i> 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.

October Greeters by Denise Reynard: I just wanted to let everyone know that in October our greeters will be our fearless council members. Please make sure you thank them for their hard work on your way into service.

Special Festival Days in Worship October 18 and 25!

We will observe the commemoration day of Saint Luke, evangelist on Sunday, October 18th during worship! When a saint's day of commemoration falls on a "green" Sunday, we have the option of remembering that saint during worship. Saint Luke's day will be "red," always a festive Sunday!

The following Sunday, October 25, will be Reformation Sunday, also "red," for the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church! That day will also be our Stewardship/Commitment Sunday, with return of pledge/commitment cards, time and talent sheets and our annual Ministry Fair on display, with tables in the welcome space highlighting the different areas of ministry in our congregation!

Here is the timeline for our fall stewardship emphasis:

- **October 4, 11 and 18: “With Joy and Thanksgiving” sharing from members**
- **October 12** Stewardship packets mailed (With letter/Giving Growth Step Chart/Pledge Card)
- **Reformation Sunday, October 25** Pledge/Commitment Sunday and ministry fair displays
- **November 15** Annual Meeting/Presentation and approval of 2027 spending plan

All Saints’ Sunday is a time to give thanks for the lives and faith of those who have gone before us. You’re invited to honor or remember loved ones by purchasing a rose for \$3 per bloom, which will be placed in the sanctuary for All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026. Flowers may be picked up following the 11:00 am service on November 1.



October 11 is the last day to order; start your order [HERE](#) or the form in the bulletin to help provide visual memories of loved ones on this day of remembrance.

Order online or place your order form in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office.

Please pay when ordering through the registration payment option or by cash or check (payable to Grace Lutheran Church with a notation for All Saints' Flowers.)

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.



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!

NURSERY CARE- Infants – Age 6: SUNDAY MORNING & WORSHIP- Available at both worship services.

Enjoy worship, Adult Learning, or fellowship in the Loaves & Fishes Café while your little ones are lovingly cared for. Pagets 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: September through Memorial Day Weekend

Preschool – High School

Sundays • 9:40–10:30 AM

Adult Morning Class

Sundays • 9:45–10:45 AM

Grace Youth Group! Our new Grace Youth Group (GYG!) is off to a great start! Normally, youth group meets on Sundays from 3-5 PM, with devotion, activity and refreshments provided by youth! Miguel Arreguin is serving as youth group president and Hannah Laderman is vice-president. We will meet regularly on Sundays, Oct. 12, 18 and 25, from 3-5 PM. A resupply of GYG T-shirts are in, and may be picked up at church, for those youth who haven't received one!

BIBLE STUDIES & FAITH FORMATION

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

- **Band of Brothers to meet Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 PM!** The monthly gathering of younger/working men will be Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 PM at the church. Beginning in November, meetings will take place regularly on the second Thursday of every month. Band of Brothers in November will be Thursday, November 12th and then Thursday, December 10th!
- **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, November 2 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 through November 2. 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.

- **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.
- **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.

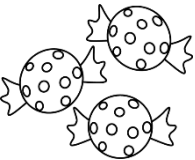
CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Hear the Pennies Dropping... This fall, our youth Sunday School is turning their pennies into **big blessings!** Their offerings will help purchase a **goat and a fruit tree**—providing food, nourishment, and a sustainable source of income for a family in need. **Every coin counts!** Listen for those pennies dropping each Sunday morning and our youth making a difference, one small gift at a time.

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.



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.

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 card 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. **Forms are due Oct. 14.**

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.

Supper Club: Eighteen members of Grace Supper Club dined at Stone Bar and Kitchen on September 17. We were seated adjacent to the restaurant's patio and enjoyed not only the late summer weather, but an abundance of good conversation and fellowship. **In October we have a reservation at The Cheesecake Factory at Polaris on Thursday, October 15 for 6:15 p.m. The Cheesecake Factory is located at 1566 Polaris Parkway, Columbus 43240.** In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you please sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you have a recommendation for a restaurant, please let either Bev or Tami know. We are always looking for new locations which are willing to seat our group. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



Senior "Social" Moment, Monday, October 19th, 1 PM! All seniors and friends of the congregation are invited to our monthly Senior "Social" Moment gathering Monday, Oct. 19th, 1:00pm at Loaves and Fishes area at church! We will again have trivia Q and A from the book, *Wrong Answer!* Also, come prepared to share Halloween memories!

Care Team Ministry- By Donna Dettmann

Did you know that the Care Team supplies "CareNotes"™ booklets around the church in racks?

- In the Gathering Space (on the Welcome Desk)
- On the table by the “back door” (near the Rose Garden Room)
- In the Ladies Room (by the Sanctuary).



Topics include: Prayer, Self Care, Family/Teens, Kids, and Grief

Advent starts November 29, and we have booklets for both Advent and Christmas for you to look through and to get you started on the holidays. Also, if you know someone that would like to have communion brought to them, the Care Team is trained to visit the sick, homebound and those in grief. Call: Sarah Odum at the Grace office – 614-882-3026 ext. 1; Peggy Jones at – 614-354-6884; or Donna Dettmann at – 703-447-7760 and they can find a Care Team member to bring communion and anointing oil to you.

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 2 weeks:

- Oct. 15 vs Bethel
- Oct. 22 vs Grace

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)

October Most Needed list: Canned Pasta; Cereal;

Condiments; Dish Soap; Hamburger Helpers; Paper

Towels; Pasta Sauces-Red & White; Salad Dressings;

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.



CROP Hunger Walk Update: Thank you, Grace! More than **\$2,234** was raised for the CROP Hunger Walk through Team Grace’s fundraising efforts—including a **\$1,000 matching gift from Grace’s Mission Reserve Fund!** Congratulations to **Jodie Arreguin**, winner of our CROP basket raffle, and thank you to everyone who walked, donated, baked, bought raffle tickets, and

helped make this effort a success. **It's not too late to give!** Online donations are still being accepted and will help fight hunger locally and around the world. **Thank you for helping Grace walk alongside our neighbors, near and far!**

RED CROSS 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



Let Us Pray For You- From Donna Dettmann

GRACE
Intercessory
Prayer Team



At the end of the service, when you are in line to speak with Pastor David, check out the Prayer Corner.

- We have “word art” asking you to “Let Us Pray For You”. The Intercessory Prayer Team has 18 members that will pray with for 2 weeks, asking God for your prayer need to be answered.
- There’s a red candle to represent the perpetual presence of God’s availability through prayer.
- There is a small poster on the table, as a reminder about how prayer works in our lives.

To ask for the IPT to partner with you:

- Use the “Prayer Chest”, request forms and pens are there, to make your need known to the IPT.
- Prayer requests can also be sent through the Grace website: <https://subsplash.com/u/-KJ4PQ7/forms/d/05ace550-f949-48db-a87c-d651dc398e69> or scanning the QR code above.

Your Intercessory Prayer Team is available to join you in your prayer need.

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