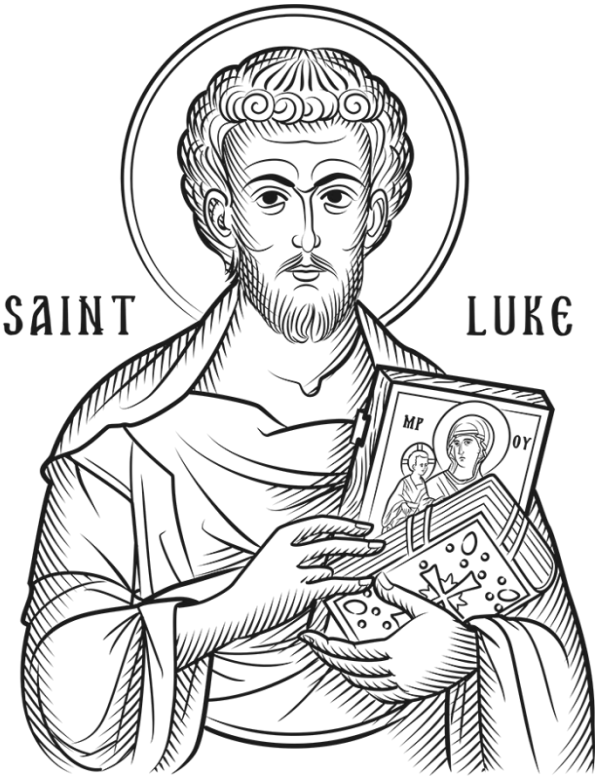
# Festival of Saint Luke




**October 18, 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)*

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# 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!

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**PRELUDE**

"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" - *arr. Gilbert M. Martin*
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" - *arr. Robert J. Powell*

**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.*

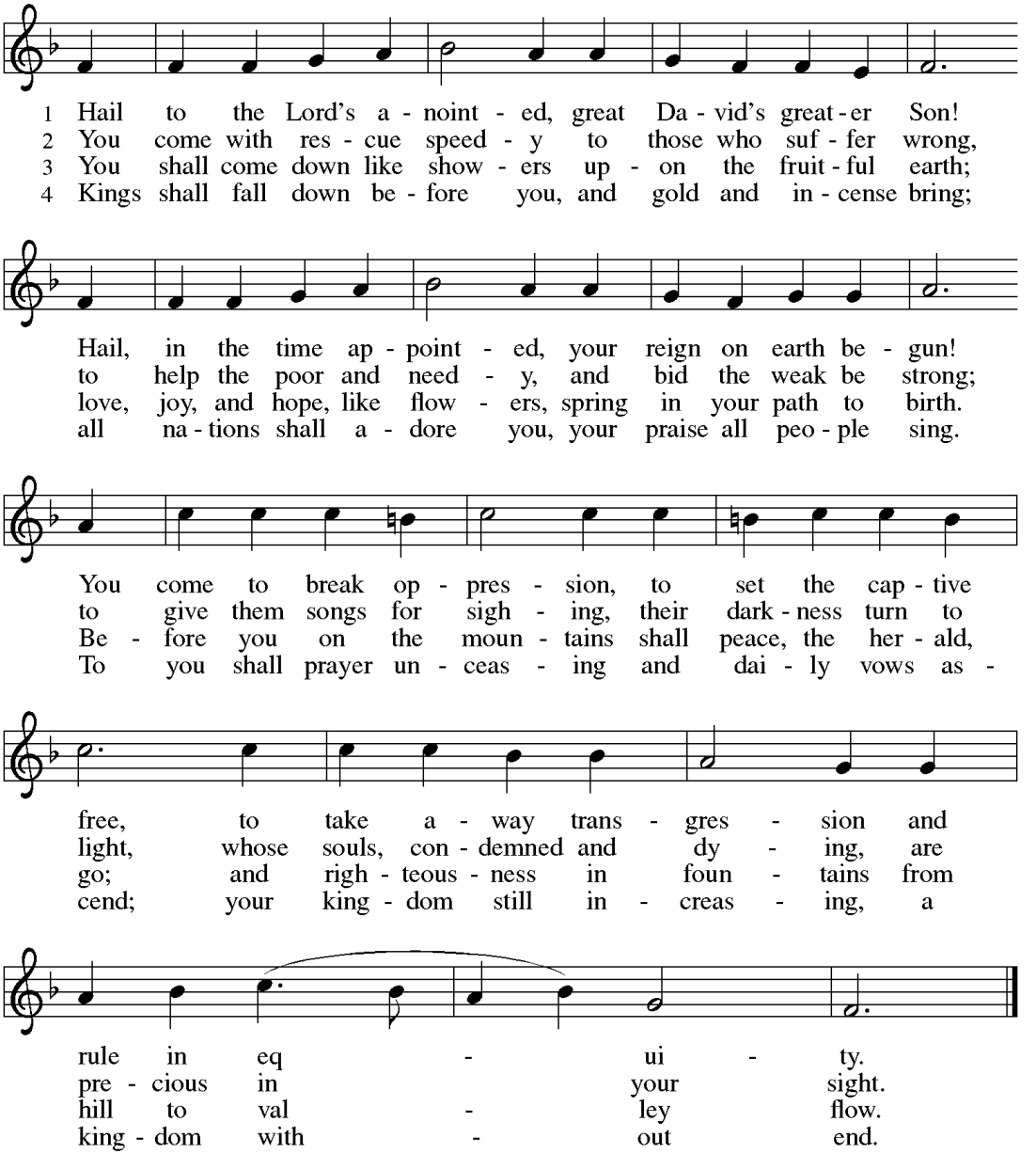
P Most merciful God,

**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** **"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**



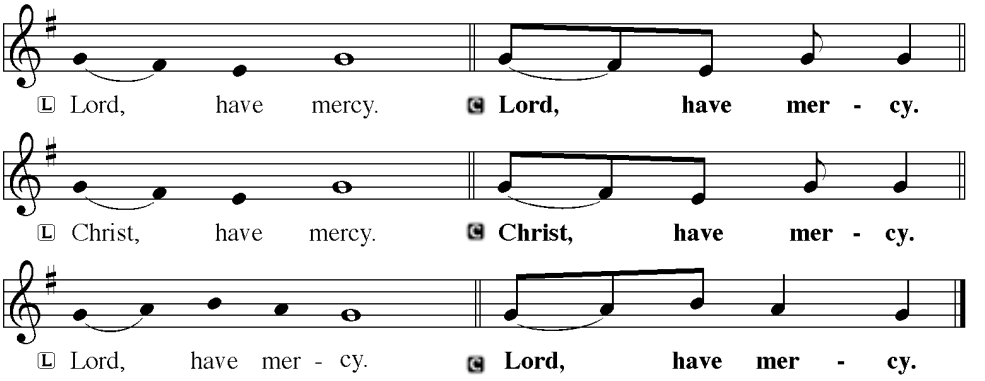
# The Liturgy of The Word

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

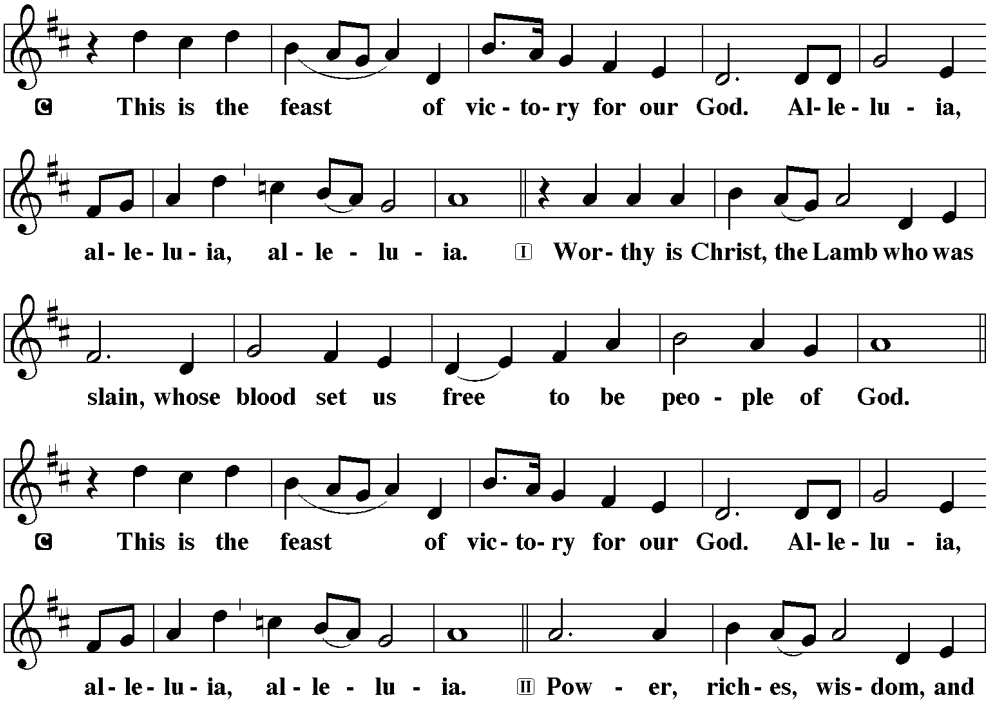
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

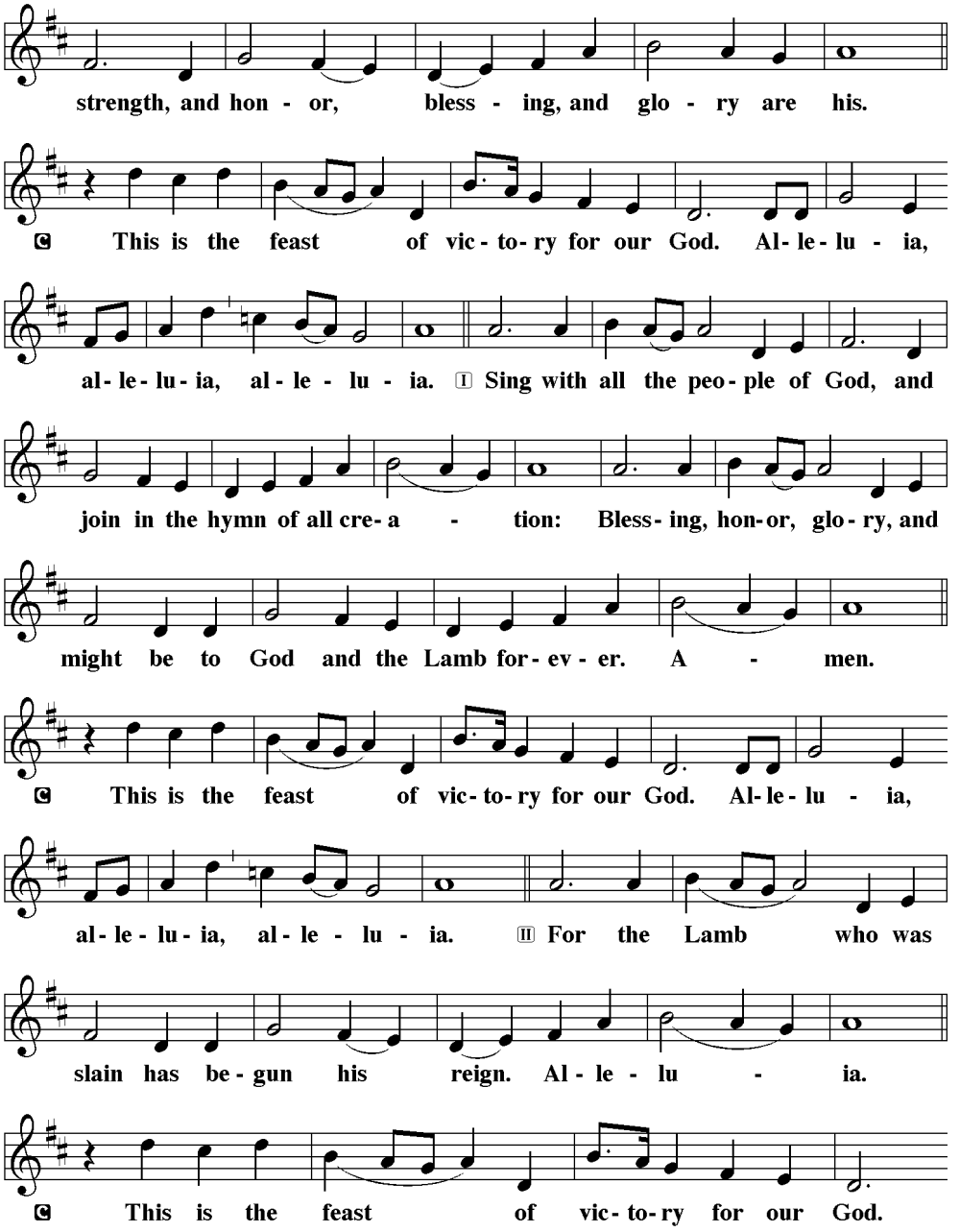
**C And also with you.**

## KYRIE




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




strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
℣ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
℣ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅱ For the Lamb who was
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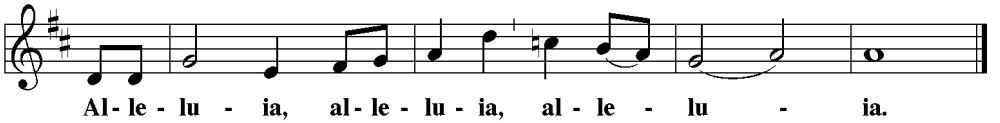
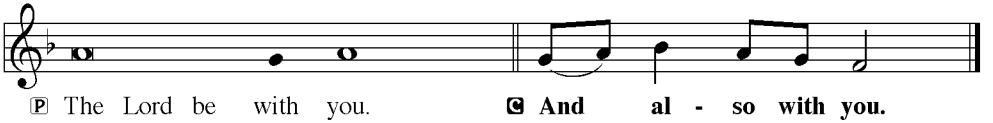



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**




P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you inspired your servant, Luke the physician, to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

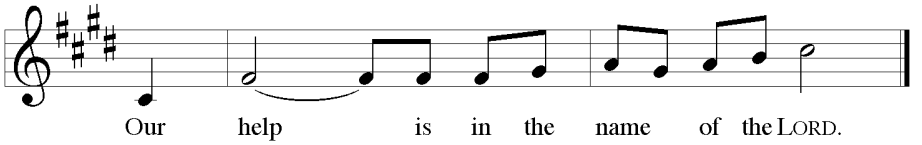
**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:8-13**

8 Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!
9 All the nations gather together,
and the peoples assemble.
Who among them can declare this,
and show us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right,
and let them hear and say, It is true.
10 "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord,
"and my servant whom I have chosen,
that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
11 I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no savior.
12 I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and I am God.
13 Also henceforth I am he;
there is none who can deliver from my hand;
I work, and who can turn it back?"

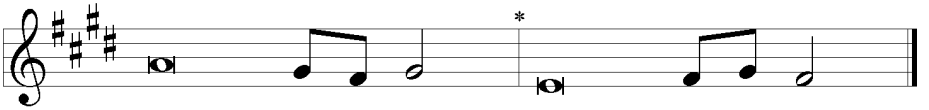
L The Word of the Lord.
**C Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 124**

**Refrain**




**Psalm Tone**




L [1]If the Lord had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
**C [2]if the Lord had not been | on our side,**
**when enemies rose | up against us,**
L [3]then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
**C [4]then would the waters have | overwhelmed us**
**and the torrent gone | over us;**
L [5]then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
**C [6]Blessed | be the Lord!**
**He has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth. Refrain**
L [7]We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
**C [8]Our help is in the name | of the Lord,**
**the maker of heav- | en and earth. Refrain**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:5-11**

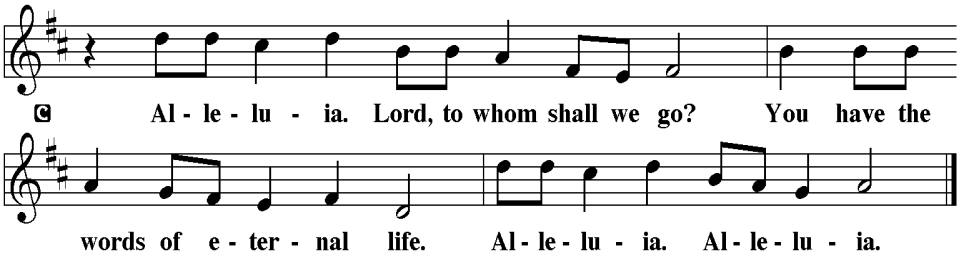
[5] But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

[6] For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.
[9] Do your best to come to me soon. [10] For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. [11] Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

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

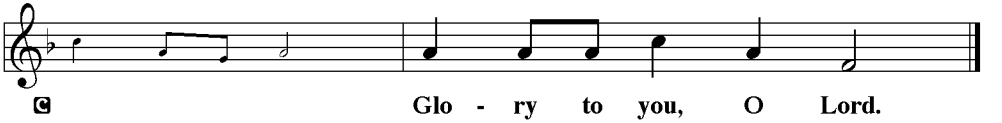
*Please stand as you are able.*

**ALLELUIA VERSE** *(John 6: 68)*



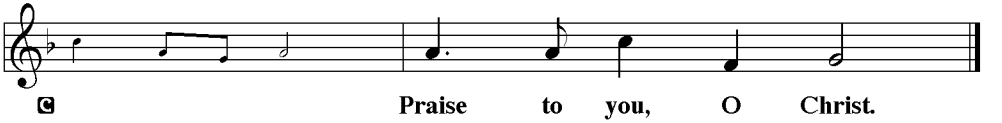

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.




1:1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been
accomplished among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers
of the word have delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having followed all things
closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 that
you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.
24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that
everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be
fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus
it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that
repentance for[a] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the
promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on
high."
50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he
blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him
and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.




*Please be seated.*

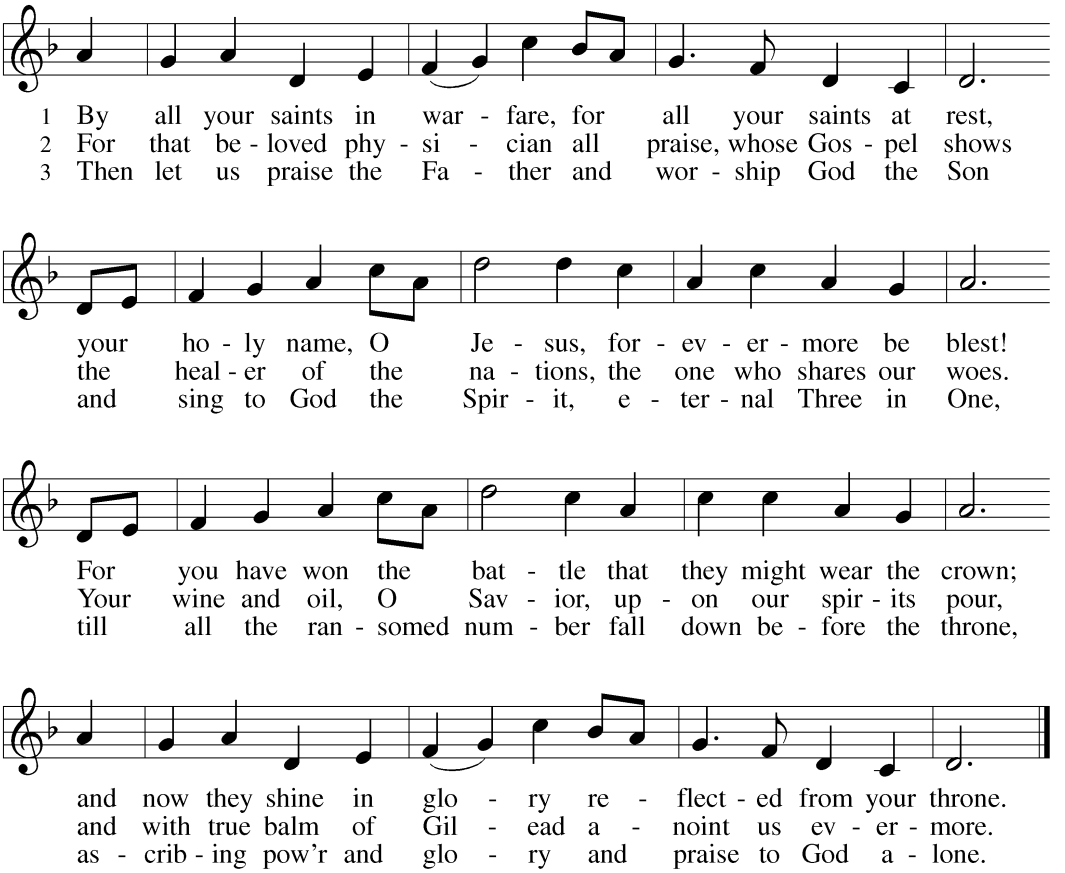
**LITTLE LAMBS-** At this time, Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services after the Gospel reading. The children leave the sanctuary with the teacher and enjoy an age appropriate Biblically oriented lesson and activity. They return during the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

**SERMON: "Comfort or Conviction?"** **The Rev. David Wendel**

*After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY "By All Your Saints in Warfare (Stanza 19)"**




**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.**

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***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*

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**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*.

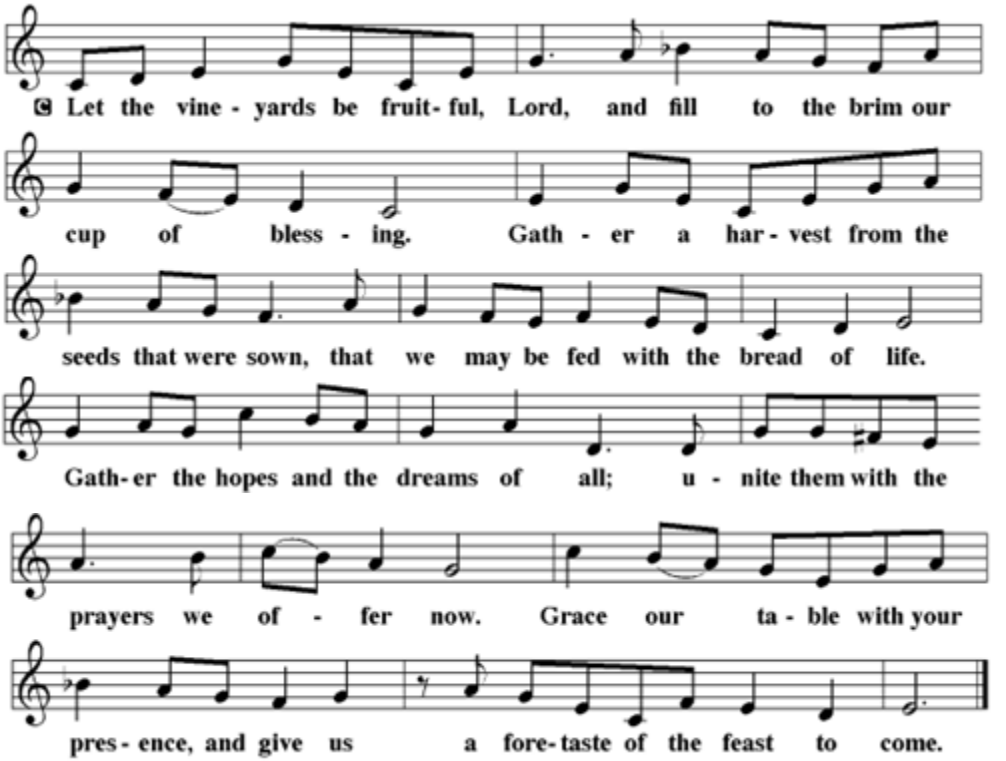
**THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** **Grace Ringers Bell Choir**

"Footsteps in Faith" - *Jason W. Krug*

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

**THE OFFERTORY**



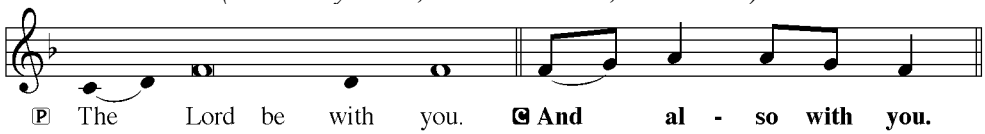

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

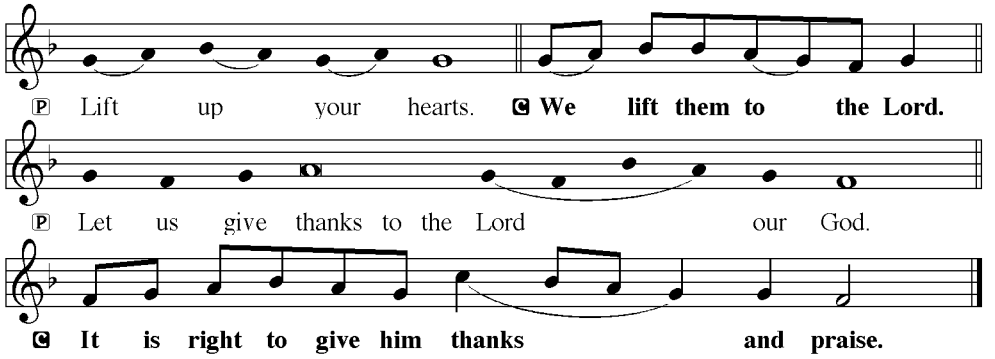
A Blessed are you

**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

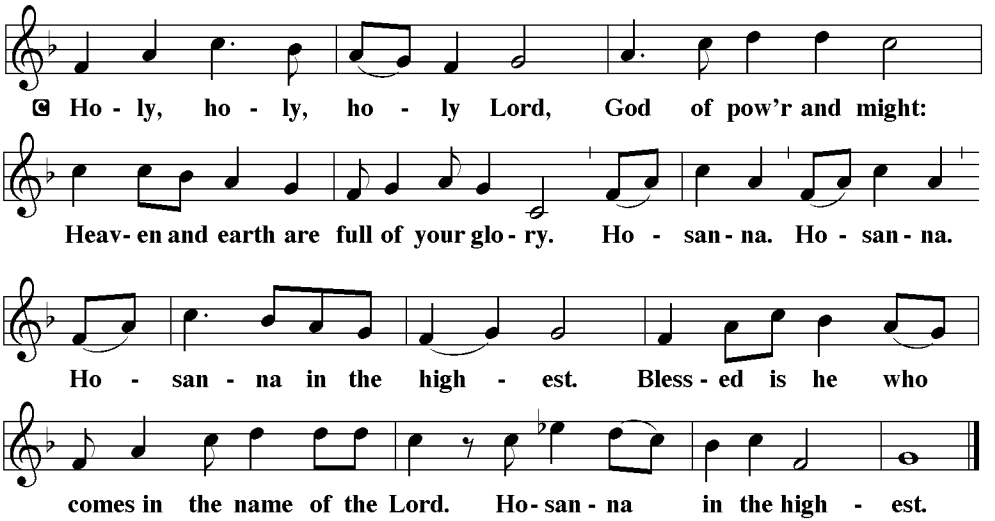
*(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)*






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.**

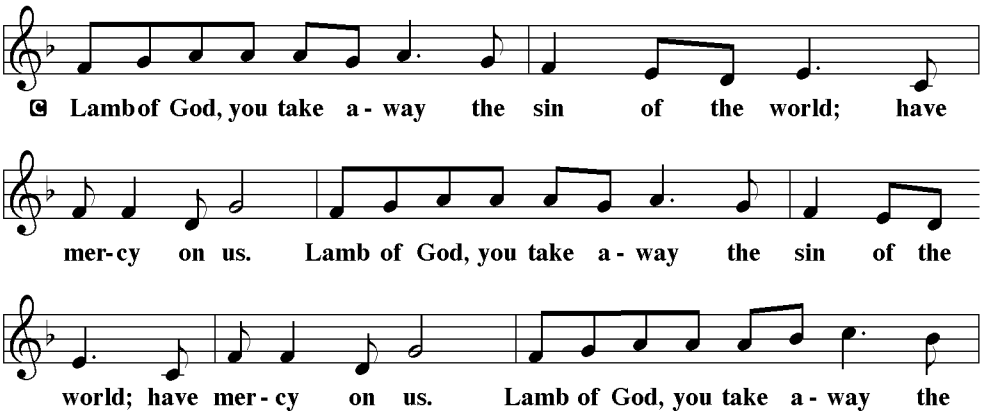
**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION**

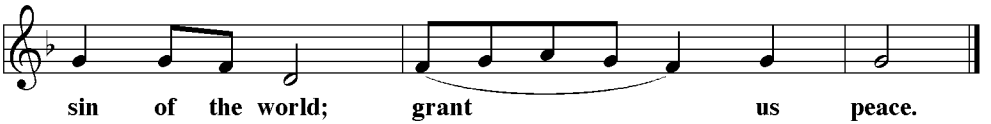
*A time of silence…*

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)*






*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!

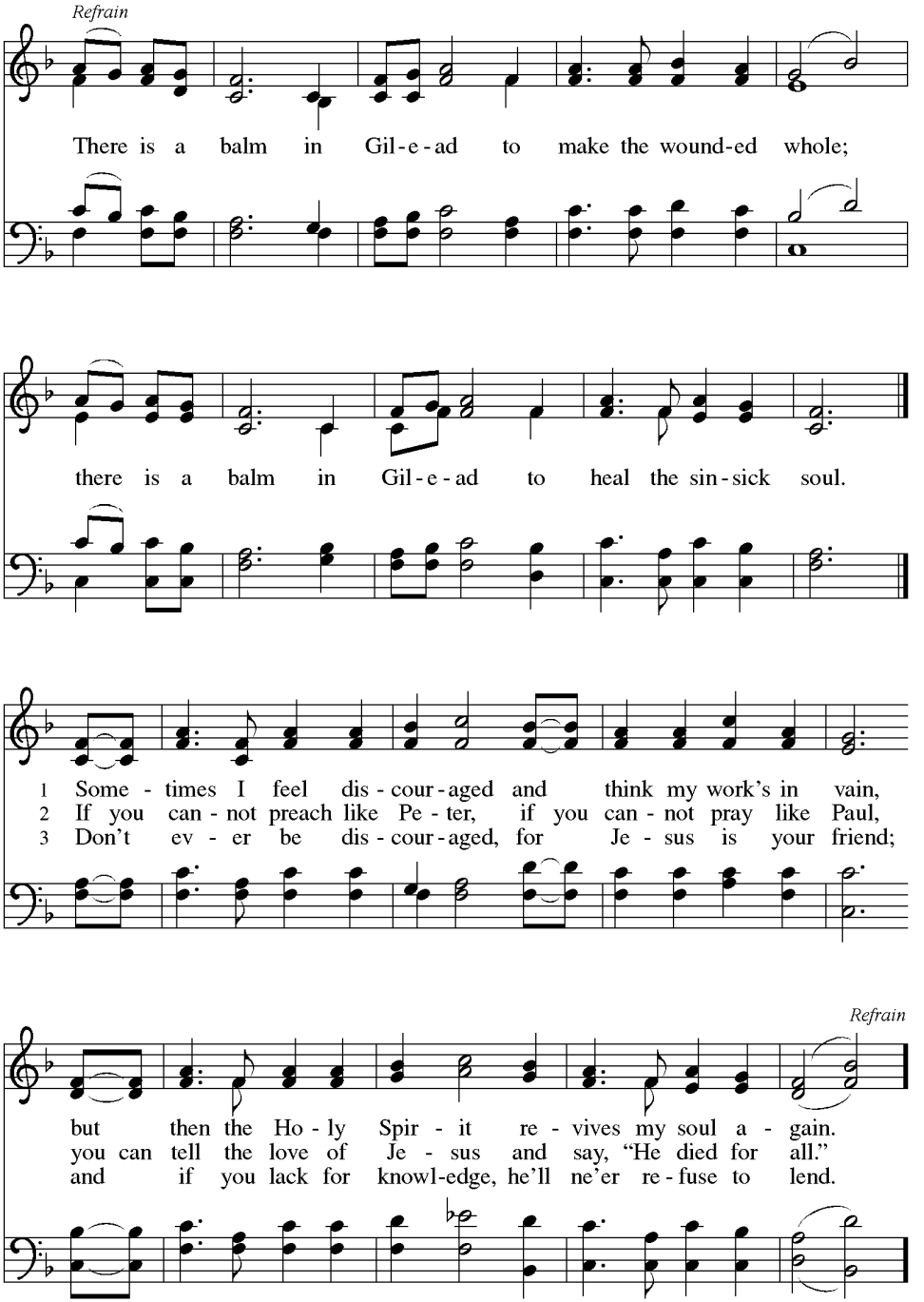
The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Pleases place empty individual 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** **Grace Ringers Bell Choir**
"One Bread, One Body" - *John B. Foley/ arr. Martha Lynn Thompson*

**COMMUNION HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead"**



*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.

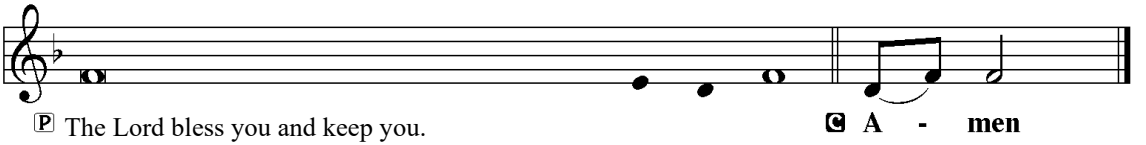
**C Amen.**

**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.

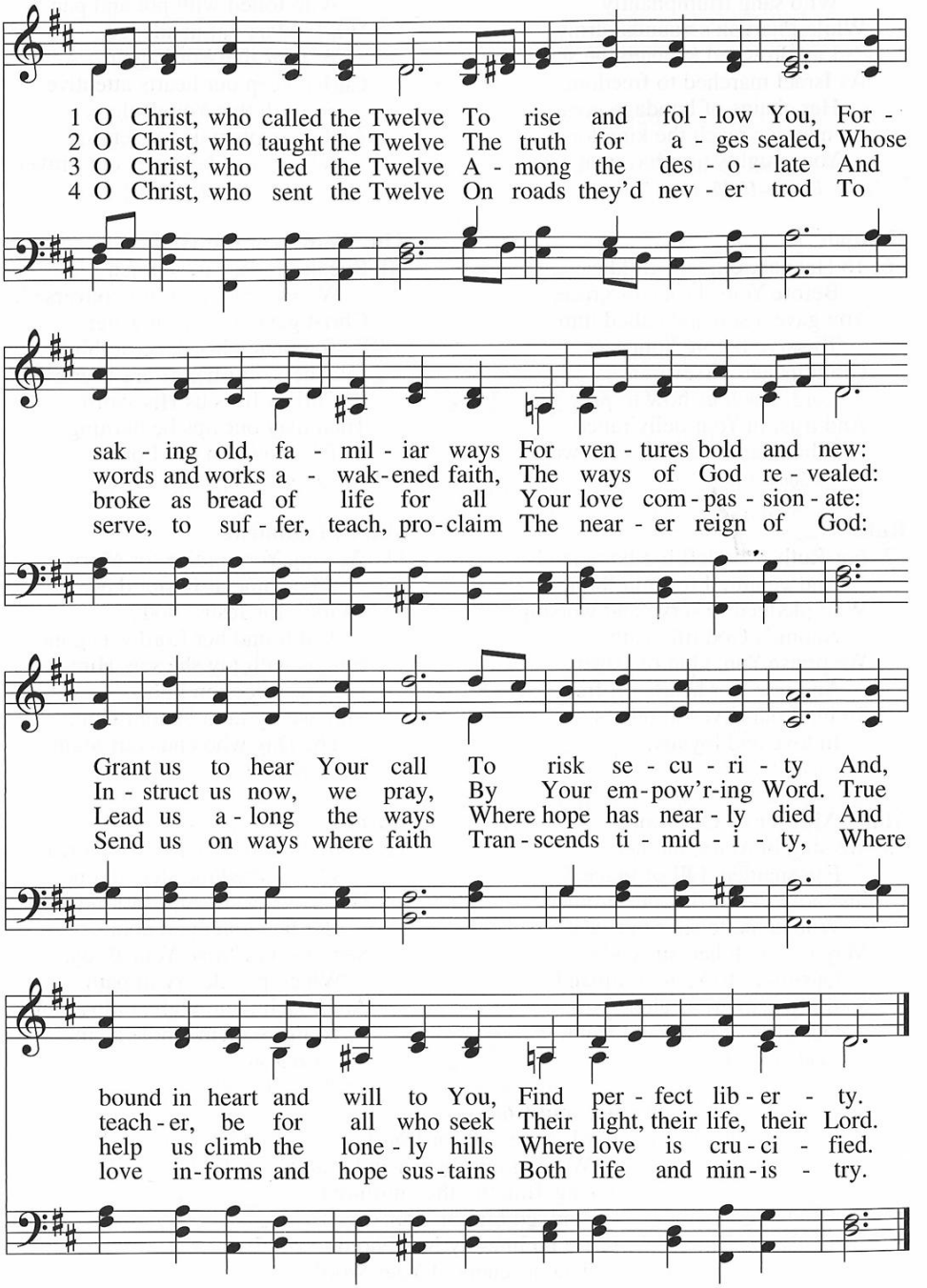
**C Amen.**

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




P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and … give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit ☩

**RECESSIONAL HYMN "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"**



5 O Christ, th'apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

**THE RITE OF SENDING**

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

**POSTLUDE** **Linda Hoch**
"Fanfare" - Gary Wirsz

**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.

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***Flowers are given by…***
*Ted Ray in celebration of grandson Max's 7th birthday on October 16.*

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***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.

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, October 11:** 8:15: 59; 11:00: 94; total: 153

# Music Notes

**"O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" – arr. Gilbert M. Martin**

The text of this hymn by Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) has a simple structure: all five stanzas begin with a four-line statement about Christ. Halfway through each of the four stanzas is a petition related to the first half of the stanza. The text has some striking images of Christian discipleship. The first stanza urges us to forsake "old, familiar ways" and "to risk security," neither of which is easy to do. Stanza 2 speaks of Christ as teacher, who is the believer's light, life, and Lord. Stanza 3 ties our discipleship to the cross, our call to follow Christ even if that path goes to places where love is being crucified anew. Stanza 4 asks for faith that "transcends timidity," for love that informs every situation, and for a hope that will sustain us through life.

**"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" – arr. Robert J. Powell**

This hymn by James Montgomery (1771-1854) is a free paraphrase of Psalm 72 that keeps close to the biblical text. It was introduced to the South Seas by Montgomery, a Moravian missionary, after having first been sung at Christmas, 1821, at a Moravian settlement in England. The righteous reign of the Lord offers aid to the poor and oppressed and brings peace and prosperity to the nation. It ends with a vision of a universal and eternal reign – "His name shall stand forever."

**"Footsteps in Faith" – Jason W. Krug**

This piece for small handbell choir features a flowing, memorable melody by composer Jason W. Krug (b. 1978). Krug is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana and holds a degree in music from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a free-lance composer and arranger of music for handbells, organ, piano, strings and choir. He is also a clinician and teacher and has been featured at numerous festivals and workshops in the United States and beyond.

**"One Bread, One Body" – John Foley/ arr. Martha Lynn Thompson**

This hymn and its tune by John Foley (b. 1939) first appeared in *Wood Hath Hope* (1978). It is based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, where Paul speaks about the cup of blessing and the bread we break as a sharing in the body and blood of Christ.

**"Fanfare" – Gary Wirsz**

Gary Wirsz is the Organist at Village Presbyterian Church in Tampa, Florida where he is responsible for playing the organ and providing music accompaniment during worship services. He holds a bachelor's degree from Andrew University.

# 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.**

**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.

# Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord

*Find the 29* ***bold*** *words from Psalm 124 (ESV)*

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

If it had not been the **LORD** who was on our **side**—let **Israel** now **say**—if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people **rose** up **against** us, then they would have **swallowed** us up **alive**, when their **anger** was **kindled** against us; then the **flood** would have **swept** us **away**, the **torrent** would have gone **over** us; then over us would have gone the **raging waters**. **Blessed** be the LORD, who has not given us as **prey** to their **teeth**! We have **escaped** like a **bird** from the **snare** of the **fowlers**; the snare is **broken**, and we have escaped! Our **help** is in the **name** of the LORD, who made **heaven** and **earth**.

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## Serving Today

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| ORGANIST | Linda Hoch | |
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| CHOIR DIRECTOR | Dr. Helen Kang | |
| BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR | Maria Laderman | |
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| MINISTER | 11:00 | Roger Retherford |
| COMMUNION | 8:15 | Chris Banks, Lisa Kuhar, Paul Whitacre |
| ASSISTANTS | 11:00 | Heather Bush, Sue Monroe, Tom Seamon |
| ACOLYTE | 8:15 | Madeline Nickoli |
| | 11:00 | Alison Milliner |
| CANTOR | Nami Clark | |
| LECTOR | 8:15 | Bob Ayers |
| | 11:00 | Ian Gayetsky |
| USHERS | 8:15 | Ande Ucubagabriel, George Paulus, Stephen and Sue Miller |
| | 11:00 | Brice Graves, Dick Jones, Joe Moleno, Merl Breen |
| GREETERS | 8:15 | Lisa Kuhar |
| | 11:00 | Tracey Nave |
| LITTLE LAMBS | 8:15 | Ellen Paulus |
| | 11:00 | Amy Quinn |
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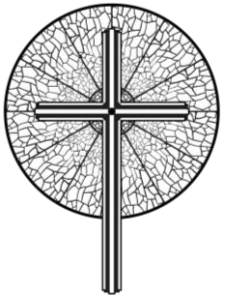
**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also provides weekly meeting space for five 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. 18-25, 2026



**Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!**

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| 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 | |
| 12:30pm | Set-up for Trunk or Treat (East Parking Lot) | |
| 2-4pm | Trunk or Treat (East Parking Lot) | |
| Collection of Candy and Prizes for Trunk of Treat Ends | | |
| MON | 1:00 pm | Senior "Social" Moments (Loaves and Fishes Café) |
| | 6:00 pm | Set-up/Rehearsal for YPCO (Sanctuary) |
| | 7:20 pm | Concert seating begins (Sanctuary) |
| | 7:30 pm | *Amazing Grace Concert Series presents* Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio Fall 2026 Session Concert |
| | 6:30 pm | Monday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) |
| TUES | 6:30 pm | Council Meeting (Rose Garden 2 & 3) |
| | 7:00 pm | Youth, Family, and Education Meeting |
| | 10:00 am | Building Meeting |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| WED | 10:30 am | Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2 & 3) |
| | 7:30 pm | Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| THUR | 10:00 am | Staff Meeting |
| | 6:30 pm | Dartball vs Grace |
| | 7:00 pm | Music and Worship Meeting |
| | 7:30 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| FRI | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| SAT | 9:30 am | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| October 25 | **Reformation Sunday/ Commitment Sunday** | |
| 8:15 am | Worship Service | |
| 9:40 am | Ministry Fair (Gathering Space) | |
| 9:40 am | Sunday School and Confirmation: Christmas Program Rehearsal begins | |
| 9:45 am | Sunday Morning Adult Class (Fellowship Hall) | |
| 11:00 am | Worship Service | |
| 3-5pm | Grace Youth Group (GYG) | |
| WARM Thanksgiving Blessing Bag Collection Begins through Nov. 8 | | |
| Last Sunday for CROP Walk donations | | |

| Day / Date | Event |
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| **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** | Care Team Meeting- 3PM<br>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** | Cookie Exchange hosted by Secret Sisters- 2PM |
| **Friday, December 11** | Westerville Habitat Partnership Progressive Christmas Concert |
| **Sunday, December 13** | Youth Christmas Program-11 AM service |
| **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.

**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.

**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

## 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. 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:** September through Memorial Day Weekend

*Preschool – High School*
Sundays • 9:40–10:30 AM

*Adult Morning Class*
Sundays • 9:45–10:45 AM

## BIBLE STUDIES and FAITH FORMATION

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

- **Band of Brothers to meet Thursday, November 12, 6:30 PM!** The monthly gathering of younger/working men will be at Old Bag of Nails. Meetings will take place regularly on the second Thursday of every month. Band of Brothers in December will be Thursday, December 10th!
- **Grace Sisterhood's** next meeting is **December 14 at 7pm at Las Margaritas. We will not meet in November.** 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

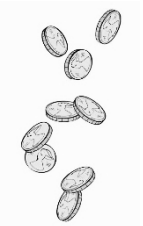
- **Grace Youth Group! Our new Grace Youth Group (GYG!)** is off to a great start! Normally, youth group meets on Sundays from 3-5 PM, with devotion, activity and refreshments provided by youth! Miguel Arreguin is serving as youth group president and Hannah Laderman is vice-president. We will meet regularly on Sundays from 3-5pm. THIS Sunday, GYG will be supporting the Trunk or Treat set-up and event. Our next meeting will be October 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!
- **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, November 21st, 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, November 9.** 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.** The Women's Bible Study is currently reading and discussing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, about the Christian community, the day together and the day alone. Books are available from Pastor Wendel. All women are invited! 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.

**This Year's Christmas Program is "I Wish I Were A Little Mouse" Practice starts during the Sunday School hour, October 25 through December 13 at 9:40am in the sanctuary.** No practice November 29, the weekend after Thanksgiving. Dress Rehearsal is December 12, 10:00am to

noon. The program is December 13th during the 11:00 service. Contact Helen Kang (h.kang@grace43081.org) and Maria Laderman (laderman522@yahoo.com) are co-directing.
Please sign-up (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D44AEAF2CAAFA7-66569434-2026#/) by Sunday, October 18 so we can prepare parts and begin working on costumes for our first practice October 25. We look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth with the children and families of Grace!



**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.

**Kids & Families: TODAY is 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! Set-up begins at 12:30pm. Thank you to all who are decorating trunks, donated candy and volunteering to help make this community event a success!

- **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.

## HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE-**The Secret Sisters Group is inviting you to join us for A Christmas Cookie Exchange on December 6, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Here at Grace. Please sign up so that we know how many will be attending, and what cookies you are bringing so we have no repeats. Sign up deadline is November 15, 2026 after the 11:00 service. After that date the final decisions on the number of cookies we need to bring, and other information will be sent out, so please watch your emails for that information.

**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.

**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. 22 vs Grace
- Oct 29 No Games

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

· **Now through Nov. 8 - WARM Thanksgiving Blessing Bag 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.

WARM
Westerville Area Resource Ministry

***FOOD/HYGIENE*** *MONTHLY TOTAL= 124 lbs.;* ***YEAR TO DATE TOTAL=2,834.5 lbs.***
*MONTHLY MONETARY=* $1,250*;* ***YEAR TO DATE TOTAL MONETARY= $9,956.60***

WARM
Westerville Area Resource Ministry
THANKSGIVING Blessing

On Saturday, November 21, WARM will come together for our annual Thanksgiving Blessing—a chance to ensure our neighbors in need can gather around a table filled with a bountiful holiday meal. This year, the need is greater than ever. In Ohio, 1 in 5 people, including children, struggle with hunger. Together, we can change that story.
You can participate in two powerful ways:

**1) Fill a Bag**

Pick up a brown paper bag and fill it with the items on our list below. Each bag costs about $30–$40 to fill and provides everything a family needs for a Thanksgiving meal.

- Canned Corn (2-15 oz cans)
- Green Beans (2-15 oz cans)
- Brown Sugar (1-2 lb bag)
- Cranberry Sauce (2 cans)
- Turkey Gravy Mix (2 packets)
- Chicken Broth (1-32 oz box)
- Baked Beans (2-28 oz cans)
- Mini Marshmallows (1 bag)
- Canned Yams (1-40 oz can)
- Stove Top Stuffing (1 box)
- Coffee (10-12 oz bag/can)

**2) Give Financially**

Prefer a simpler option? Make a donation, and WARM will shop on your behalf. Every dollar matters:

- $40 - Provides bag contents plus pie, rolls & butter, turkey, and fresh produce
- $30 - Covers all bag contents
- $10 - Buys pie, rolls & butter
- $5 - Buys a pie

*Or give any amount you wish and ***Grace will match up to $1,000 donation from The Mission Reserve.*** Make a Donation Today!

**Grace will be collecting bags and monetary donations through Sunday, November 8.** After November 9, please deliver Thanksgiving Blessing bags directly to:

**WARM**, 150 Heatherdown Dr., Westerville,
**Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM,** through **November 13.**
Questions for Grace? Please contact Karen Bale. Questions for WARM?
Please contact: 614.899.0196.

**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 through the end of October.

CROP HUNGER WALK BY CWS

**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

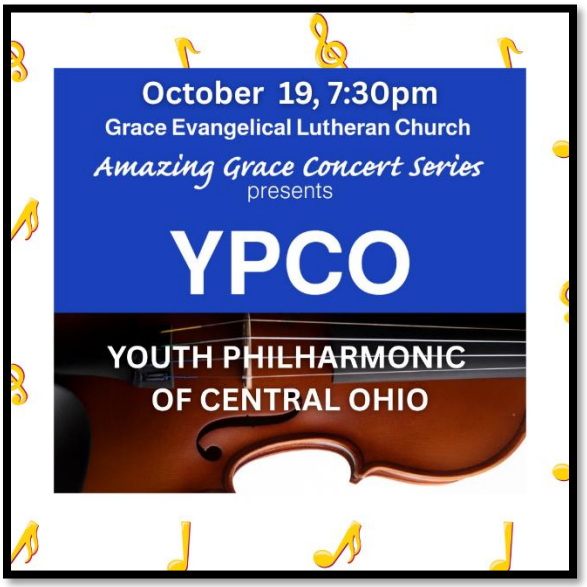
**Let Us Pray For You- From Donna Dettmann**

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/05aee550-f949-48db-a87c-d651dc398e69 or scanning the QR code above.

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