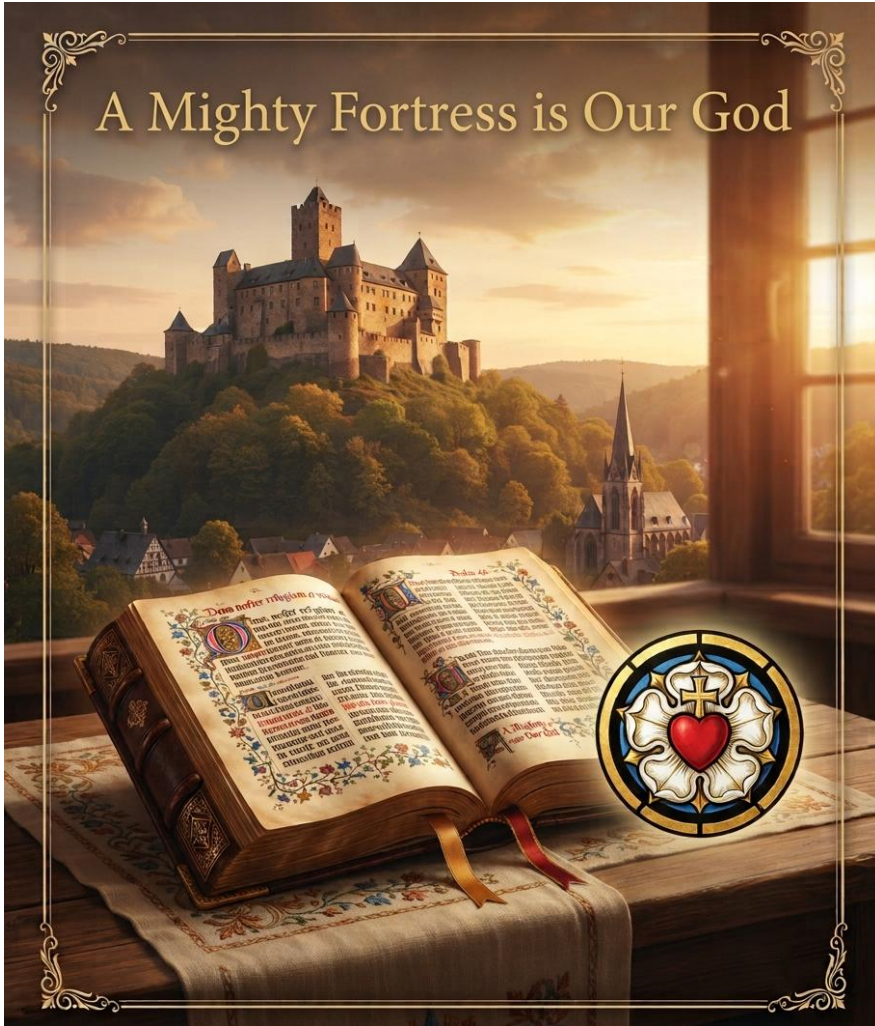


Reformation Sunday

New Member Reception



October 25, 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

Andrea Bush - Violin, Linda Hoch - Organ

"Pastorale on *Aurelia*" - arr. Janet Linker

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - arr. Stephen DeCesare

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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

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

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy."



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the Church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the Gospel, and bestow on the Church your saving peace, through 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: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46



The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.



L ¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

C ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths¹ of the sea;**

L ³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ at its tumult.

C ⁴**The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold. Refrain**

L ⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.

C ⁶**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be¹ overthrown;
God shall help her at the¹ break of day.**

L ⁷The nations make much ado, and the king-¹doms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall¹ melt away.

C ⁸**The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold. Refrain**

L ⁹Come now and look upon the works¹ of the LORD,
what awesome things he has¹ done on earth.

C ¹⁰**It is he who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.**

L ¹¹“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”

C ¹²**The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the

glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

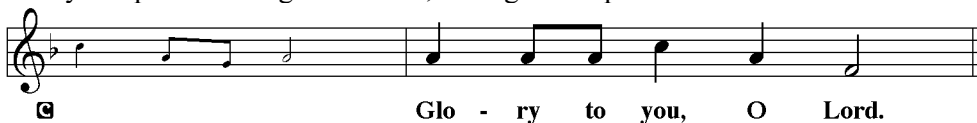
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ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6: 68*)



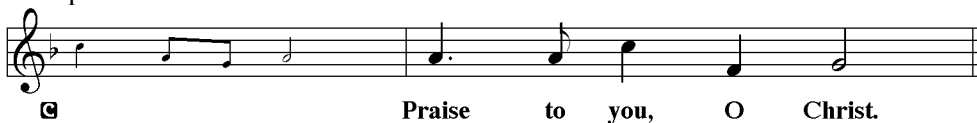
HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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: "Stick to Scripture!"

The Rev. David Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Church's One Foundation"

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,
 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (*Please see insert.*)

THE NICENE CREED

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

C **We believe in one God,**

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,

and was made man.

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

"God Is Our Refuge and Strength" - *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY



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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you

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

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **☩** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

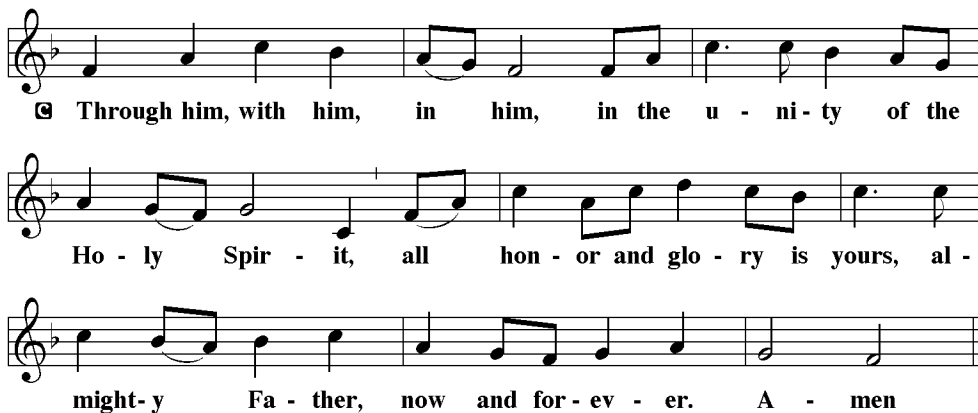
P We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation, in the calling of Israel to be your people, in your Word spoken through the prophets, and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so we offer our humble praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may become the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and His Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son, that we may be acceptable through Him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of our Lord, with Peter, Paul and all the apostles, with saints and martyrs, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



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

C **Our Father,**
 who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

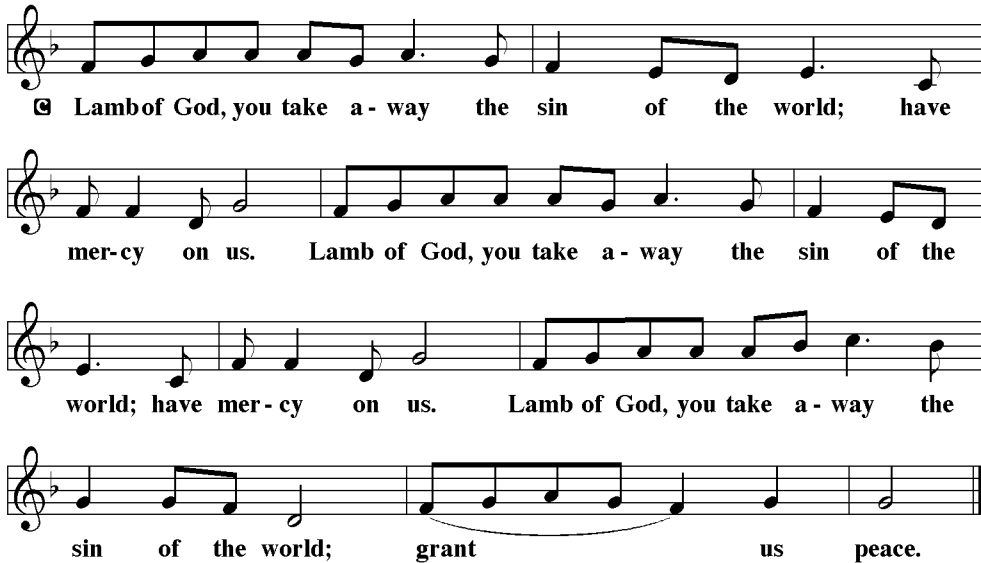
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

A time of silence...

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

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

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)



Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



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

The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Please place empty individual glasses in the basket provided to either side of the altar area. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who require them. Indicate your preference to the minister administering the hosts.

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but 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

Andrea Bush

Selected Communion Music by Andrea Bush

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.

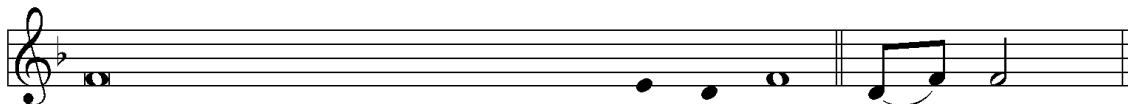
C Amen.

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 ✠

A - men

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Built On a Rock"



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing; high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Built on a Rock" - arr. David Cherwien

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...

Kathy Bobb in memory of Jerry Bobb.

Marge Cepek and family in memory of Larry Cepek.



Join us in welcoming the following new members to Grace:

Betsy McClain

Kathy McDaniel

Natalie Thompson

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.

The Festival of St. Luke, October 18: 8:15: 63; 11:00: 94; total: 157

MUSIC NOTES

"Pastorale on Aurelia" – arr. Janet Linker

AURELIA is the tune for the hymn "The Church's One Foundation." A mid-19th century controversy over a new way of studying and interpreting scripture advocated by Bishop Colenso of Natal was the source of this hymn, a defense of the traditional way of interpretation. Christ is

the foundation (I Corinthians 3:11), its members are his “new creation” (II Corinthians 5:17), and they are his “holy bride” for whom he gave his life (Ephesians 5:25). It is the most familiar statement about the church in hymn literature.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” – arr. Stephen DeCesare

This “Battle Hymn of the Reformation” was written by Martin Luther (1483-1546) and was first published in *Geistliche Lieder* (Wittenburg, 1529), though some sources place the hymn as early as 1527. Luther wrote it around the time of the Diet of Speyer, when the German princes made their formal protest against the attacks on their liberties and hence gained the name “Protestants.” Luther’s text is based on Psalm 46 (today’s psalm) and emphasizes comfort.

“God Is Our Refuge and Strength” – arr. Lloyd Larson

This festive arrangement by Lloyd Larson is based on Psalm 46, and it incorporates the hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” by Martin Luther.

“Built on a Rock” – arr. David Cherwien

This hymn written by Nicolai Grundtvig (1783-1872) originally consisted of seven stanzas when it first appeared in *Sang-Værk til den Danske Kirke*, (1837). Grundtvig was a contemporary of Søren Kierkegaard (with whom he disagreed theologically) and was more famous and influential during his lifetime. Based on Christ calling Peter the rock on which the church is built, the hymn is a reminder that we are the building blocks, the living stones which comprise the church. It is our duty to make that temple holy and to lead our children to God’s Kingdom.

Be Still and Know

Find the 49 **bold** words from Psalm 46:1-7, 10a (ESV).

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

God is our **refuge** and **strength**, a **very present help** in **trouble**.
Therefore we **will not fear** though the **earth gives way**, though the
mountains be **moved** into the **heart** of the **sea**, though its **waters**
roar and **foam**, though the mountains **tremble** at its **swelling**.
Selah There is a **river** whose **streams make glad** the **city** of God,
the **holy habitation** of the **Most High**. God is in the **midst** of **her**;
she shall not be moved; God will help her when **morning dawns**.
The **nations rage**, the **kingdoms totter**; he **utters his voice**, the
earth **melts**. The **LORD of hosts** is with us; the God of **Jacob** is our
fortress. **Selah** “Be **still**, and **know** that I am God.”

Volunteer Opportunities at Grace

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

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



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

Little Lambs Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy sharing God's love with children? Little Lambs is seeking caring volunteers to serve during the **11:00 AM worship service**. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade enjoy an age-appropriate Bible lesson during worship, and volunteers help make this ministry possible.



If you have a heart for children and would like to serve, please contact the Little Lambs Amy Quinn or Susan Riches.

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.



Serving Today

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SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Pfanz
COMMUNION	8:15 Bill Kulju, Donna Dettmann, Regina Place
ASSISTANTS	11:00 Nelson Grover, Tami Stone, Vicki Morrison
ACOLYTE	8:15 Maddie Nickoli 11:00 Nate Holmes
CANTOR	Steve Kile
LECTOR	8:15 Randy Stoll 11:00 Karen Holmes
USHERS	8:15 Bela Bernhardt, Chris Banks, Dan George, John Kotik 11:00 Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick, Jim Monroe
GREETERS	8:15 Jim Caldwell 11:00 Jackie and Jeff Washburn
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Susan Riches 11:00 Amy Quinn
ALTAR GUILD	Sue Miller
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

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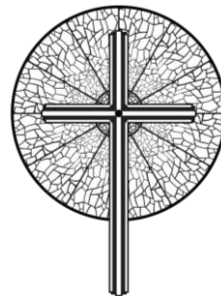
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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. 25- Nov. 1, 2026



Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

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

MON 1:00 pm Euchre Group (Loaves and Fishes Café)
 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15 pm Grace Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
 7:30 pm Scioto Valley B&PC Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THUR 7:30 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 No Dartball

FRI 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Nov. 1 All Saints Sunday

8:15 am Worship Service
9:40 am Ministry Fair Continues (Gathering Space)
9:40 am Sunday School and Confirmation: Christmas Program Rehearsal
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 through Nov. 8
Commitment Card Collection Continues

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.

Day / Date	Event
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 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

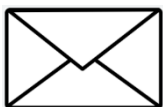
Each Sunday we enjoy seeing flowers on the bema. It reminds us of the beauty of God's creation. The arrangement can honor an event, a loved one or give thanks and glory to God. To help cover the cost, we are asking for a minimum donation of \$40.00. The flowers are not the property of the donor, but 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.



Remaining timeline for our fall stewardship emphasis:

- **Reformation Sunday, October 25** Pledge/Commitment Sunday and ministry fair displays
 - **November 15** Annual Meeting/Presentation and approval of 2027 spending plan
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As you know, there is more than one way to give to Grace--via envelope, online via [Grace's website](#), and/or via your financial institution's bill pay are the most popular ways. The new 2027 **giving envelopes** have arrived and will be assigned later to those who choose to give via envelope. Last year's list of those who received envelopes will be used, but if you prefer not to receive a box, please let Debbie Yoho (d.yoho@grace43081.org) know by November 1.

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.

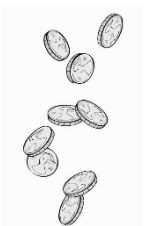
CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/8050D44AEAF2CAAF7-66569434-2026#/>) 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.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING TRUNK OR TREAT SO MUCH FUN!



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Grace Lutheran's Trunk or Treat a wonderful afternoon of Merry, Not Scary fun! We're grateful to everyone who attended, decorated a trunk, volunteered, donated candy and supplies, helped with setup and cleanup, or spread the word. Because of you, our parking lot was filled with smiles, costumes, games, treats, and community fun! And thanks to your generosity, extra candy was donated to WARM (Westerville Area Resource Ministry) to help share the sweetness with our neighbors. Thank you for helping Grace share Amazing Grace with our church and Westerville community!



- **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.

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 29 No Games
- Nov 5 @ Bye/New Team

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**



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.

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.



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.

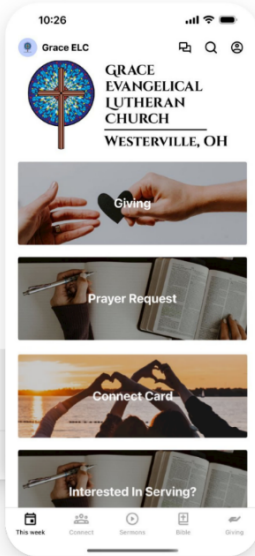
CROP Hunger Walk Update: Thank you, Grace! More than **\$2,234** was raised for the CROP Hunger Walk through Team Grace’s fundraising efforts—including a **\$1,000 matching gift from Grace’s Mission Reserve Fund!** Congratulations to **Jodie Arreguin**, winner of our CROP basket raffle, and thank you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



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





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