All Saints Sunday



November 1, 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!

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 Fellowship Hall 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

"Shall We Gather at the River" - arr. Robert A. Hobby
"Behold the Host Arrayed in White" - arr. G. Winston Cassler

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 **"For All the Saints" (vs. 1-4)**





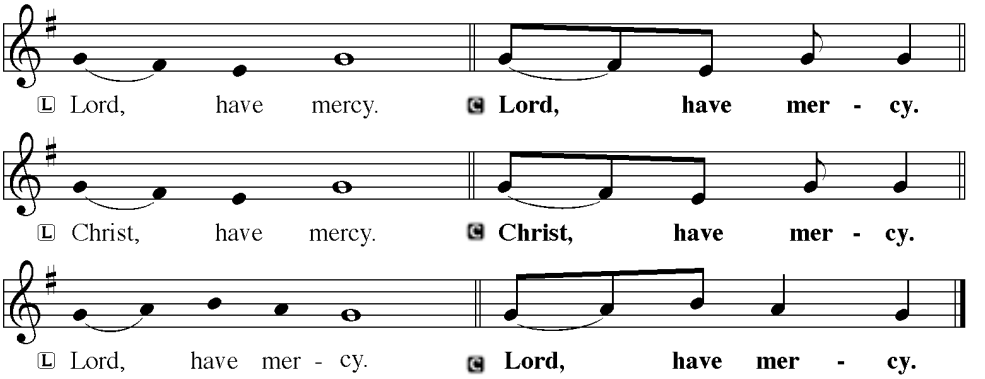
The Liturgy of The Word

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)*




℄ 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
slain has be- gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
℄ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God.
Al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one Church, the mystical Body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; 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: Revelation 7: 9-17

9After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10and crying out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11And all the angels
were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell
on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen." 13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes,
and from where have they come?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are
the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb. 15Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and
night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16They shall
hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
17For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs
of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L The Word of the Lord.

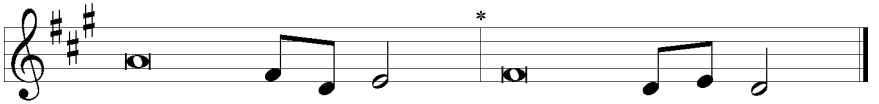
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Refrain



Psalm Tone



L [1]Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation | of the faithful.
C [2]Let Israel rejoice | in his maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their king.
L [3]Let them praise his name | in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with tim- | brel and harp.
C [4]For the LORD takes pleasure | in his people
and adorns the | poor with victory. Refrain
L [5]Let the faithful | rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful | on their beds.
C [6]Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand;
L [7]to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples;
C [8]to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron;
L [9]to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people. | Hallelujah! **Refrain**

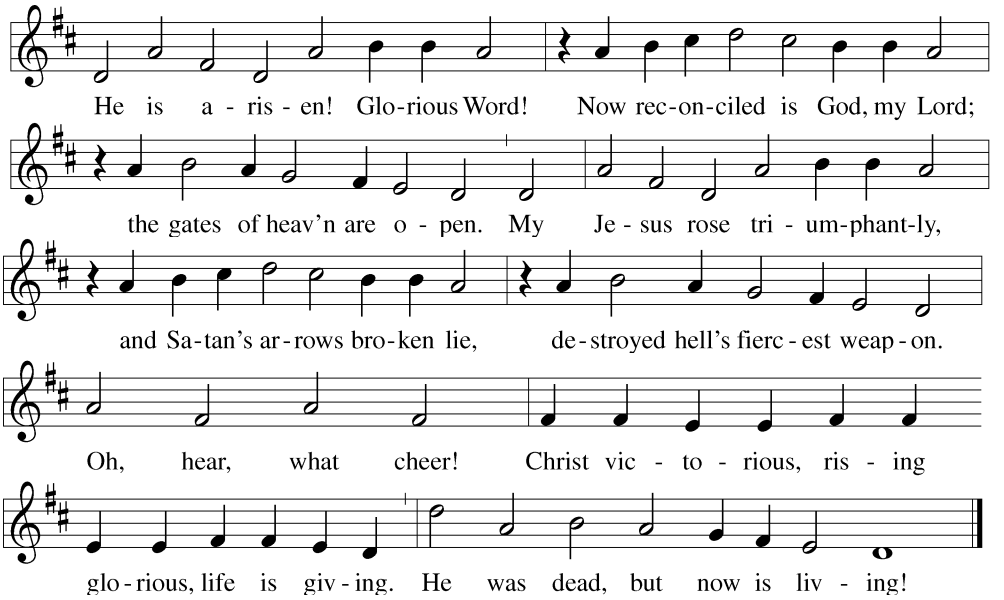
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

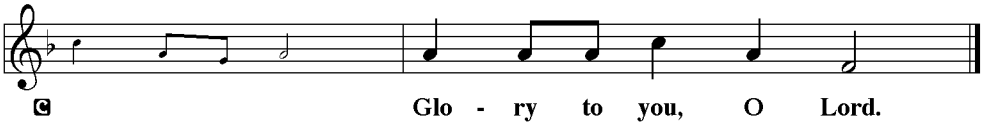
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ALLELUIA VERSE **"He is Arisen Glorious Word"**



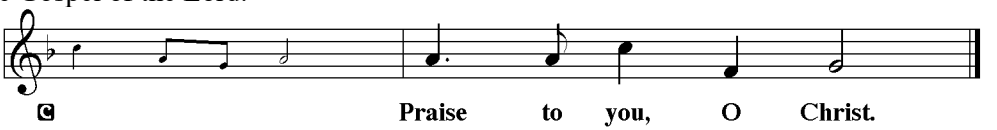
HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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



[1]Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: [3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4]Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [5]Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. [7]Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. [8]Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. [9]Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. [10]Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11]Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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.

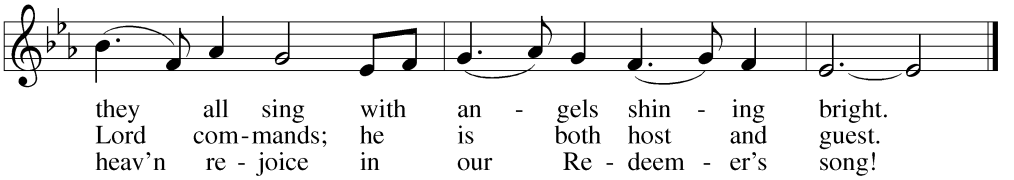
SERMON: "Both/And!" **The Rev. David Wendel**

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Who Is This Host Arrayed in White"





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 Litany for the Festival of All Saints

A Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for their example and pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.
Eternal God, make us this day to remember the unseen company of saints; For Mary, Mother of Jesus, and for her husband, Joseph;

C We give you thanks, O God.

A For Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and all your holy angels;

C We give you thanks, O God.

A For Saint Peter, and the others of the twelve; for Saint Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb;

C We give you thanks, O God.

A For Saint Paul and for the evangelists, Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke and John;

C We give you thanks, O God.

A For all martyrs, who by their death gave witness to faith in you;

C We give you thanks, O God.

A For our beloved dead who have died in the last year, as we remember, with love and gratitude their lives of faith: we give thanks for…
And for all our blessed dead, whom we name in our hearts before you... In Jesus' name;

C We give you thanks, O God.

A For the grace and strength to live for Jesus Christ;

C Lord, hear our prayer.

Other intercessions will be offered here, ending
A Lord, in your mercy; **C Hear our prayer.**

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to 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**

"The Beatitudes" - *arr. Edward Eicker*

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY



OFFERTORY PRAYER

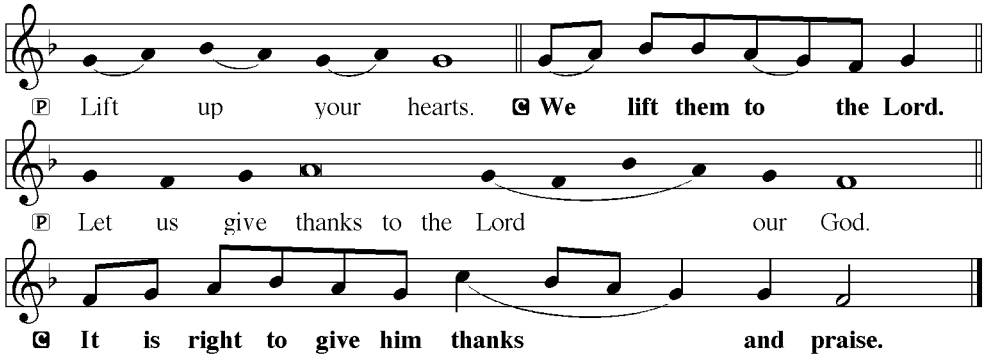
A Blessed are you

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

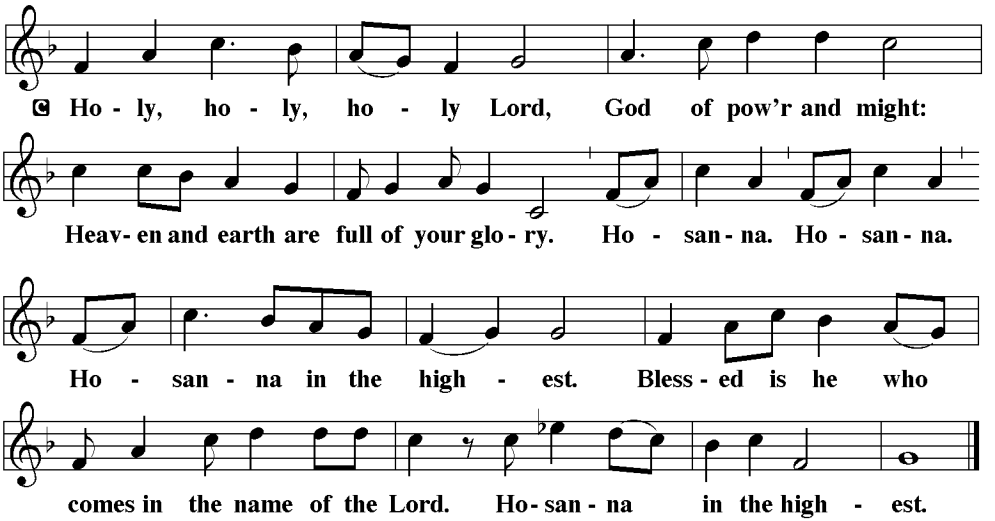
(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)





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

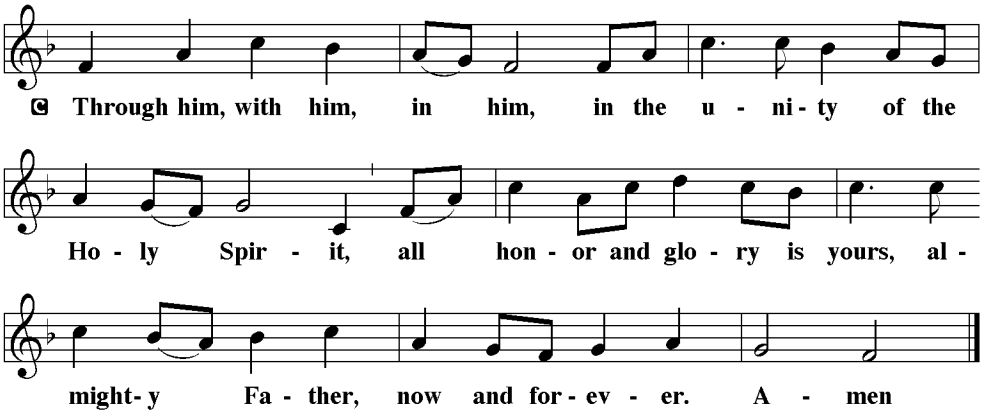
P We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation, in the calling of Israel to be your people, in your Word spoken through the prophets, and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent Him to be incarnate from 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.

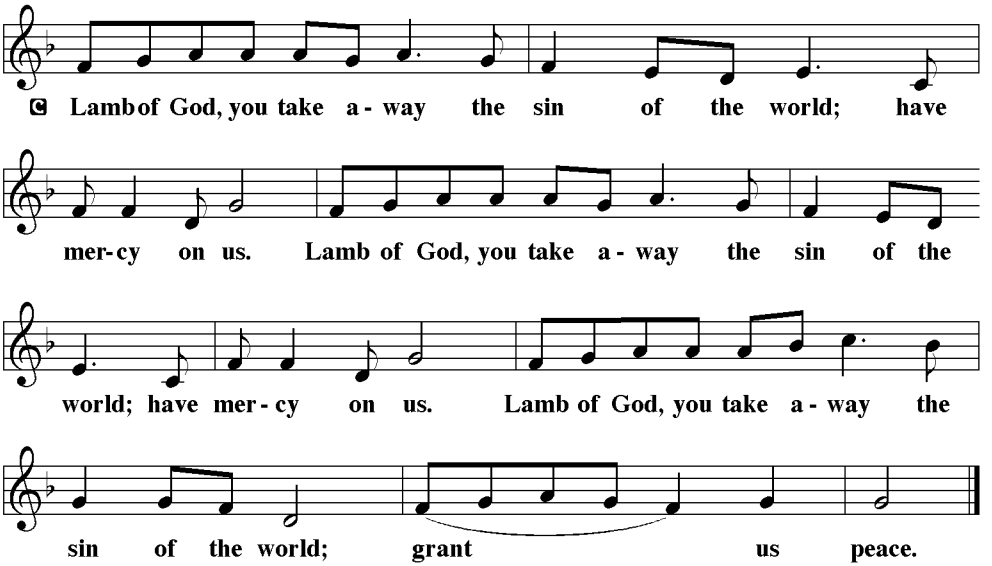
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

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. 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 HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River"





COMMUNION MUSIC **Linda Hoch - Organ**

"Deep River" - *arr. Wilbur Held*

After all have communed, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

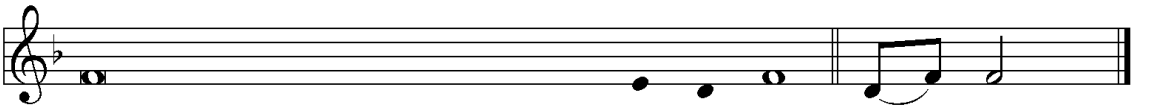
C Amen.

SENDING OF OUR CARE TEAM

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

C Amen.

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



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

RECESSIONAL HYMN "For All the Saints" (vs. 5-8)



THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **Linda Hoch**

"For All the Saints" - *arr. Arthur Hutchings*

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.

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.

Amazing Grace Concert Youth Philharmonic of Central Ohio, October 19, 4pm: 124

Reformation Sunday, October 25: 8:15: 93; 11:00: 129; total: 222

Annual meeting announcement

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 12:30 pm, following the second service.

Music Notes

"Shall We Gather at the River" – arr. Robert A. Hobby

A sultry July day in Brooklyn, New York, would do nothing to stem the tide of an epidemic disease that swept the area in the summer of 1864. Robert Lowry's (1826-1899) hymn, written while he was pastor of Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn, answers the questions raised by many people as their loved ones were dying: "Shall we meet again? We are parting at the river of death, shall we meet at the river of life?" (Hughes 1980). In his home at Elliot Place, Lowry wrote down the words as quickly as they came to him, words about a crystal river of life (Revelation 22:1), composed in the midst of heat and death. Lowry answered his own question with a resounding "Yes" in the chorus – "we'll gather with the saints at the river." He then composed the tune at this parlor organ.

"Behold the Host Arrayed in White" – arr. G. Winston Cassler

From the Danish heritage, "Who Is This Host Arrayed in White" was one of seventy hymns Hans Adolf Brorson (1694-1764) wrote in the last year of his life and which his son published posthumously. The text is generated by the description in Revelation 7:9 of the multitude robed in white, comparing it to the Scandinavian landscape of snow-clad mountains. The text itself picks up Revelation 7:13-17, where the ordeal, cleansing, and tears are not forgotten.

"The Beatitudes" – arr. Edward Eicker

Based on Matthew 5:3-12 (The Beatitudes), this arrangement highlights themes of comfort, discipleship, faith and mercy, and it won The Association of Catholic Publishers 2025 Song of the Year.

"Deep River" – arr. Wilbur Held

"Deep River" is an anonymous African-American spiritual that was popularized by Henry Burleigh in his 1916 collection *Jubilee Songs of the USA.* The song was first mentioned in print in 1867, when it was published in the first edition of *The Story of the Jubilee Singers: Wither Their Songs* by J.B.T. Marsh. Today it is one of the best known and best-loved spirituals:

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Oh, deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.

"For All the Saints" – arr. Arthur Hutchings

This hymn by William W. How (1823-1987) is based on the picture of a "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). The hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church. The tune SINE NOMINE is by English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams.

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.



Sing to the Lord a New Song

Find the 38 ***bold*** *words from Psalm 149 (ESV).*

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P U R T W E N S W L X N A M E

Praise the **LORD**! **Sing** to the LORD a **new song**, his praise in the **assembly** of the **godly**! Let **Israel** be **glad** in his **Maker**; let the **children** of **Zion rejoice** in their **King**! Let them praise his **name** with **dancing**, making **melody** to him with **tambourine** and **lyre**! For the LORD takes **pleasure** in his people; he **adorns** the **humble** with **salvation**. Let the godly **exult** in **glory**; let them sing for **joy** on their **beds**. Let the high praises of God be in their **throats** and **two-edged swords** in their hands, to **execute vengeance** on the nations and **punishments** on the peoples, to **bind** their kings with **chains** and their nobles with **fetters** of **iron**, to execute on them the judgment **written**!

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BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman	
ASSISTING	8:15	Jim Caldwell
MINISTER	11:00	Roger Retherford
COMMUNION	8:15	Bill Kulju, Ted Ray, Vanessa Stewart
ASSISTANTS	11:00	Cheryl Bush, Heather Bush, Sue Monroe
ACOLYTE	8:15	Miguel Arreguin
	11:00	Hannah Halderman
CANTOR	Sue Mahrt	
LECTOR	8:15	Donna Dettmann
	11:00	Roger Retherford
USHERS	8:15	Bela Bernhardt, Chris Banks, John Kotik
	11:00	Eric Bush, Gregg Rearick, Jim Monroe
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15	Julie Young
	11:00	Amy Quinn
ALTAR GUILD	Joanne Figge, Marge Cepek, Vanessa Stewart	
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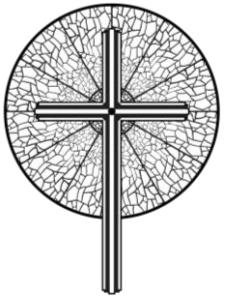
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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: Nov. 1-8, 2026



Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

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 (***Grace will match up to $1,000 donation from The Mission Reserve.)***
Commitment Card and Time and Talent Sheet Collection Continues

MON	1:00 pm	Katharine Circle (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
	6:30 pm	Monday Night Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	6-9pm	Polling Location Set-up (Loaves and Fishes Café)
TUES	5am-11pm	Set-up/Polling Location/Clean-up (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	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	1:00 pm	Art and Environment (Loaves and Fishes Café)
	6:30 pm	Dartball @ Bye/New Team
	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)

Nov. 8 **Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**
Substitute Organist: Ron Kenreich
8:15 am Worship Service
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)
Last Day of WARM Thanksgiving Blessing Bag Collection
Commitment Card and Time and Talent Sheet Collection Concludes

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

Day / Date	Event
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	All are invited! 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.

WORSHIP SPACE FLOWERS

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

Stewardship Corner

Remaining timeline for our fall stewardship emphasis:

- **Nov. 1:** Pledge/Commitment Cards and Time and Talent Sheets continue to be collected. Last week of ministry fair displays
- **November 15** Annual Meeting/Presentation and approval of 2027 spending plan

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!

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. Our next meeting will be Nov. 1, 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, now 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. 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.



- **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

Pies Needed for Our Annual Meeting

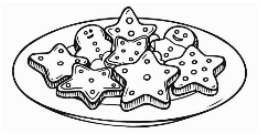


Help us make our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15 a little sweeter! We are looking for homemade or store-bought pies to share during our gathering in the Fellowship Hall. If you can donate a pie, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk and then bring it to the Fellowship Hall on November 15. Thank you for helping provide a sweet treat for everyone!

A dozen members of **Grace Supper Club** dined at The Cheesecake Factory on October 15 for food and fellowship. Because it was Pastor Wendel's birthday, Bev Grubb brought a cupcake and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to him. **Next month we have a reservation at Bru Burger Bar on Thursday, November 19 for 6:15 p.m.** located at 691 North Cleveland Avenue, Westerville 43082. In order for us to have an accurate headcount, we ask that you please sign up in advance and include the total number in your party. A sign up sheet is available at the Welcome Center Desk. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. If you have a recommendation for a restaurant, please let either Bev or Tami know. We are always looking for new locations which are willing to seat our group. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



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:

- Nov 5 @ Bye/New Team
- Nov. 12 vs Grace of God

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**
· **Nov. 15 through Dec. 8 – WARM Adopt-A-Family gift card 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**

CROP Hunger Walk Update: Thank you, Grace! More than **$2,634 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! 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

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

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.

