Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost



November 8, 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 **Ron Kenreich - Organ**

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" - *arr. Johann Pachelbel*
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" - *arr. Paul Manz*

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.

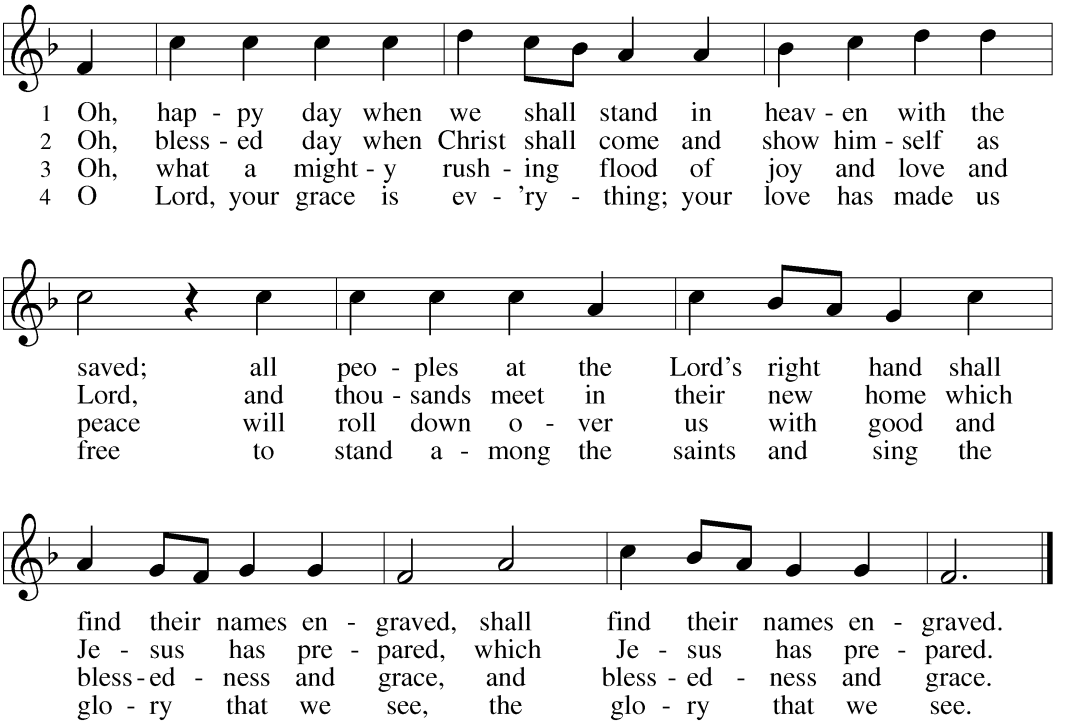
P Most merciful God,

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 "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"



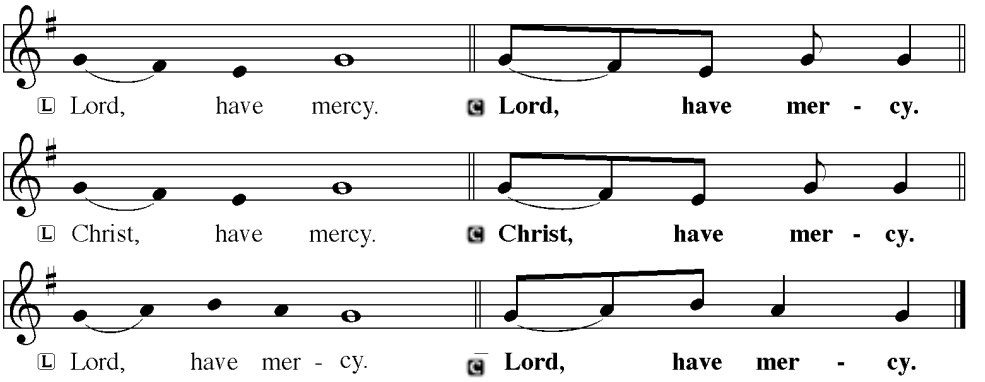
The Liturgy of The Word

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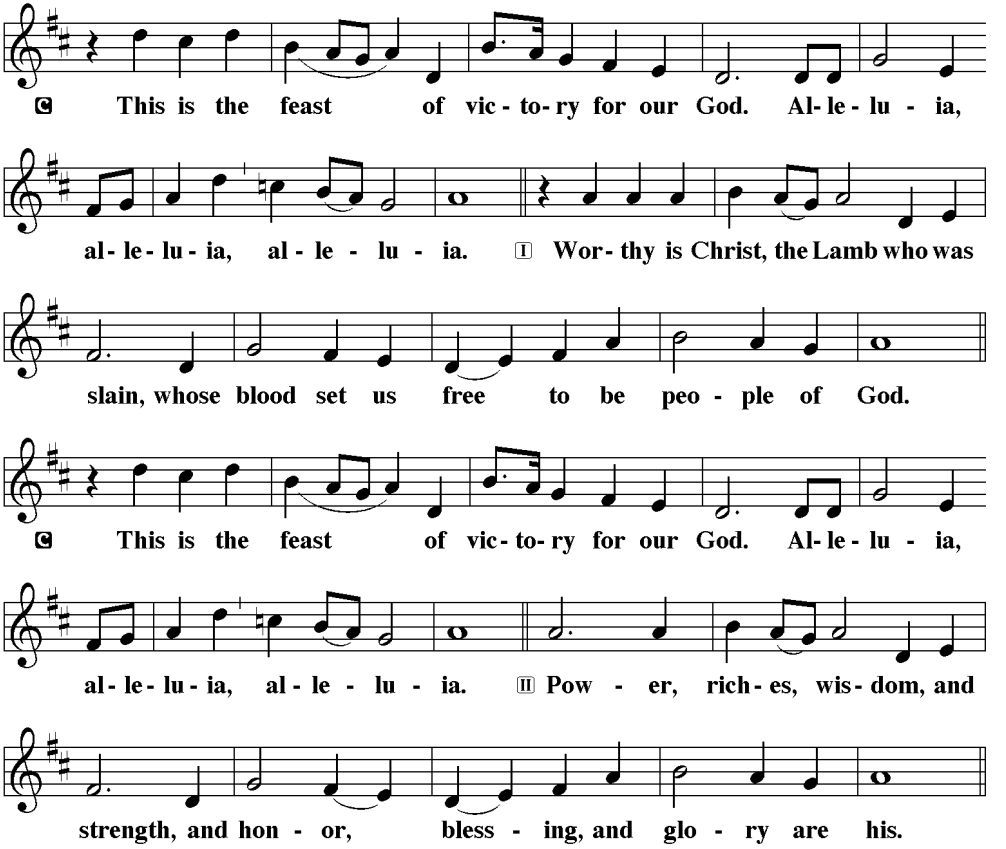
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
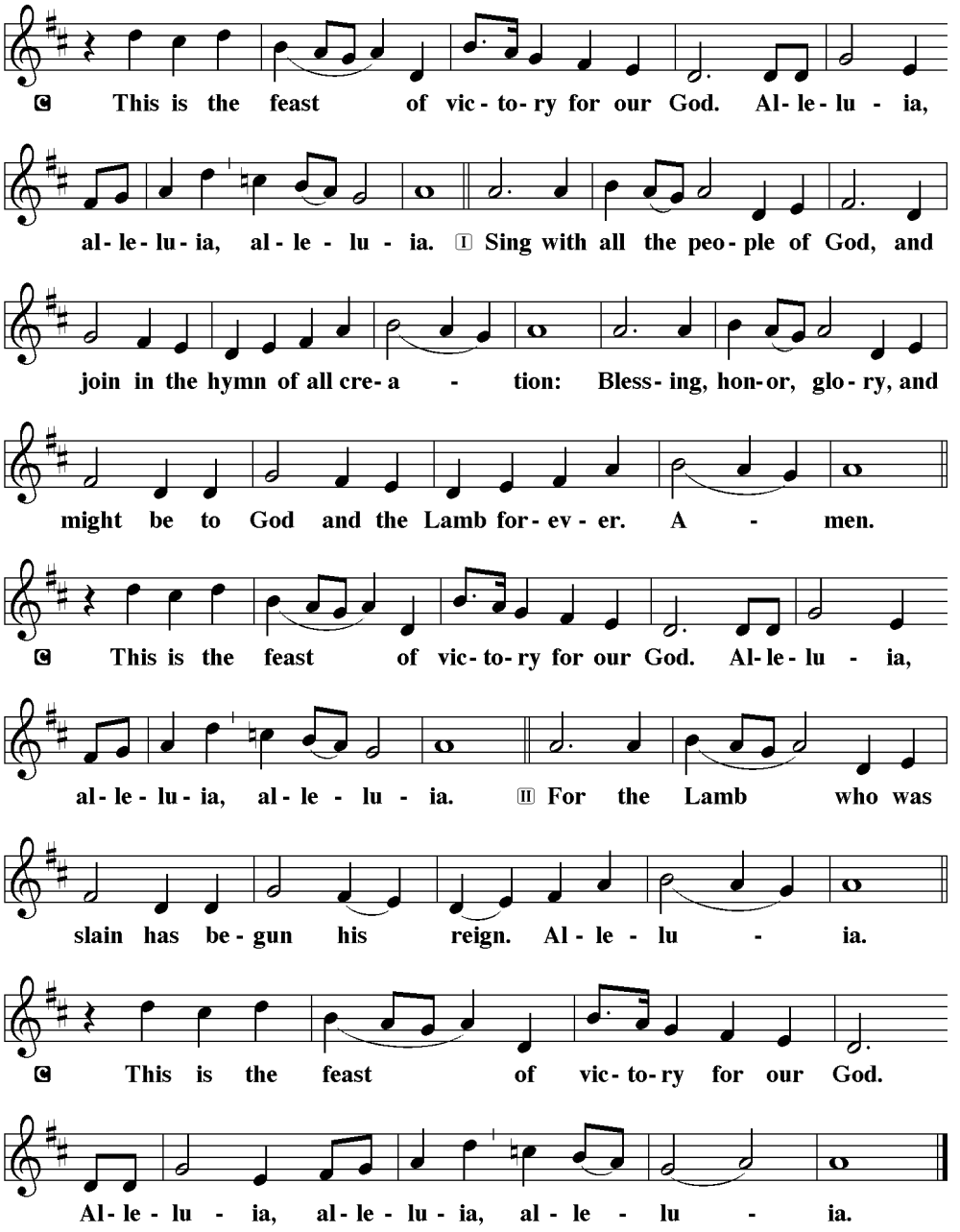
C And also with you.

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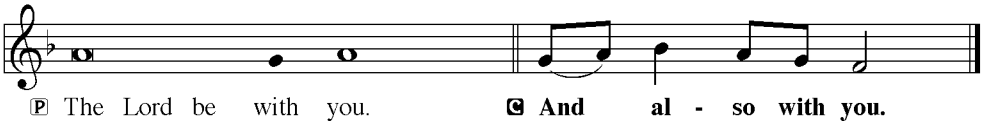


HYMN OF PRAISE *(Men verse I, Women verse II)*




℄ 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, your Son tells the parable of the wise and foolish maidens, calling us to watch, for we know neither the day or the hour of His return. Keep us wisely awake and watchful, that we never be lulled into comfort or complacency and be unprepared for His coming; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

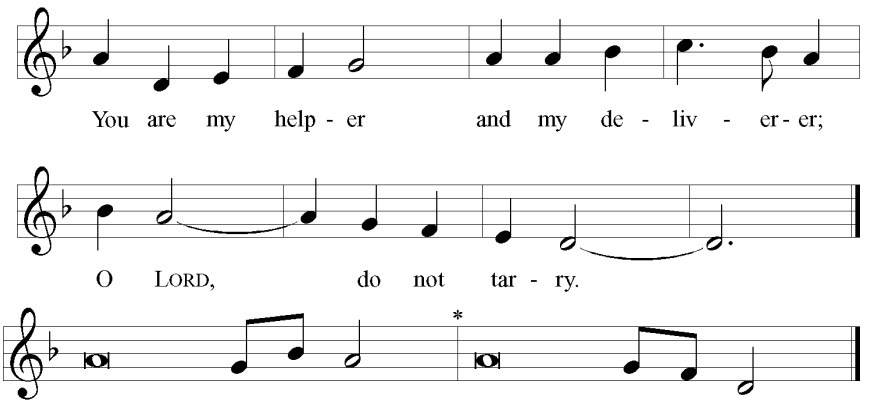
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house
and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness,
and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

Refrain



Psalm Tone

L [1]Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
C [2]Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. Refrain
L [3]Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,
because they | are ashamed.
C [4]Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
L [5]But as for me, I am | poor and needy;
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.
C [6]You are my helper and | my deliverer;
O Lord, | do not tarry. Refrain

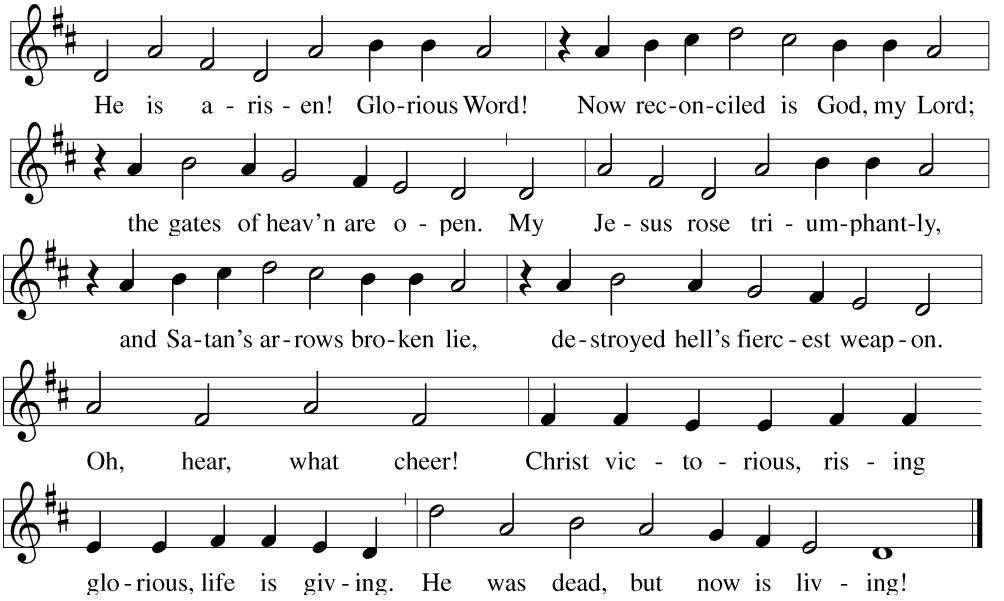
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13]We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

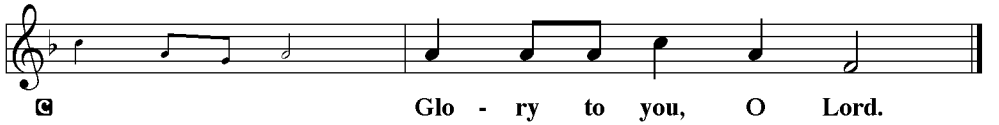
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ALLELUIA VERSE "He is Arisen Glorious Word"



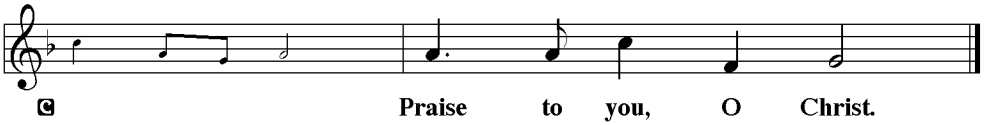
HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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



[1]{Jesus said to the disciples,} "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



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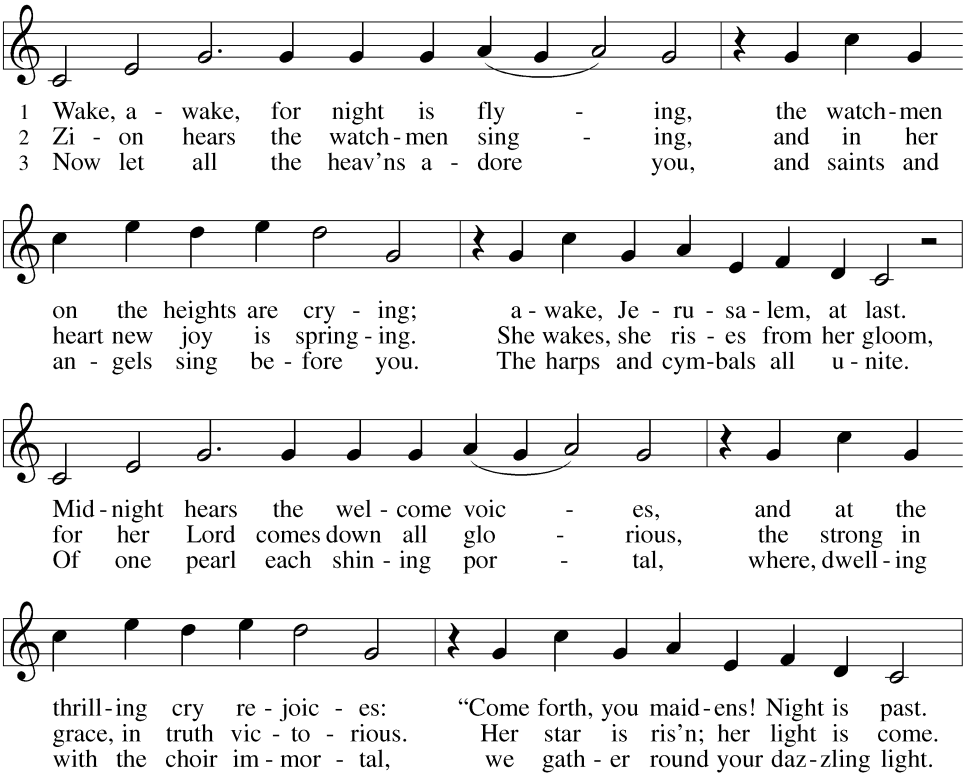
LITTLE LAMBS- At this time, Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services after the Gospel reading. The children leave the sanctuary with the teacher and enjoy an age appropriate Biblically oriented lesson and activity. They return during the offering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

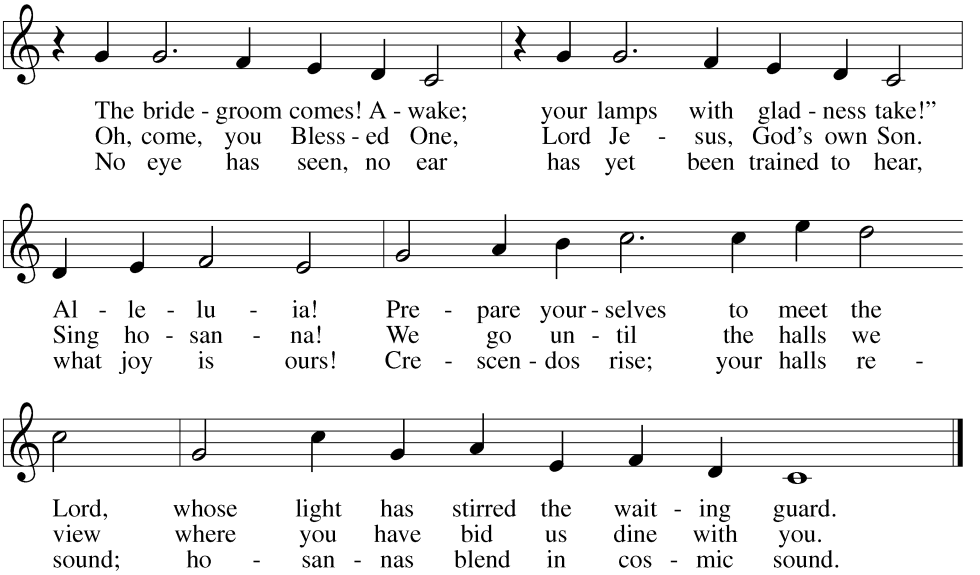
SERMON: "The Oil of Faith!" **The Rev. David Wendel**

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"





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.
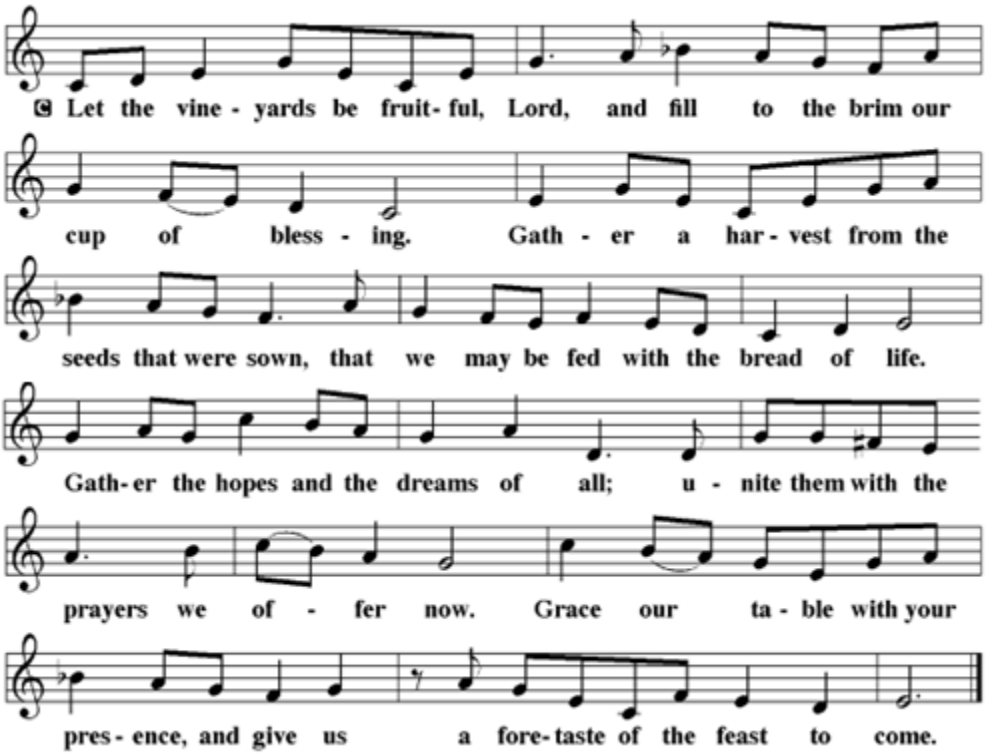
THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING **Ron Kenreich - Organ**

"Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness" - *arr. Johann Cruegger*

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY
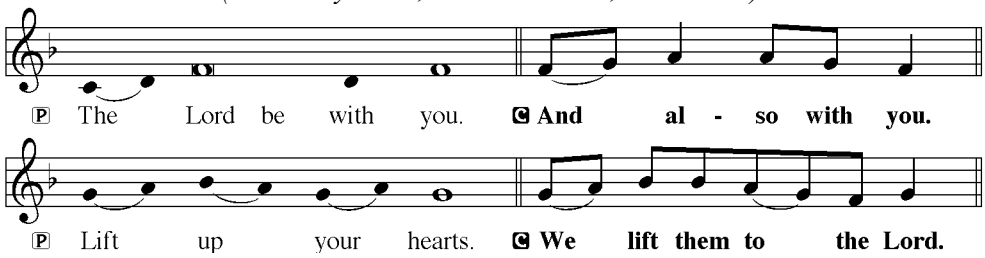


OFFERTORY PRAYER

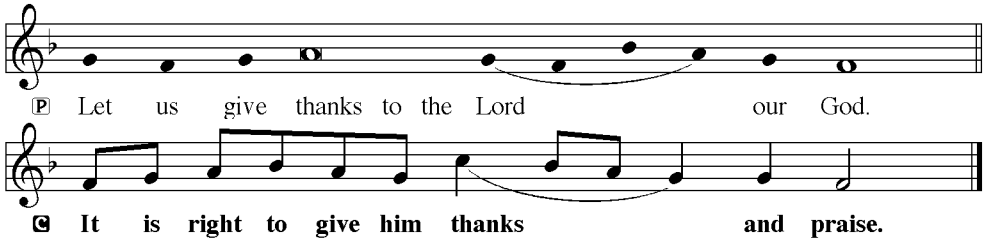
A Blessed are you

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

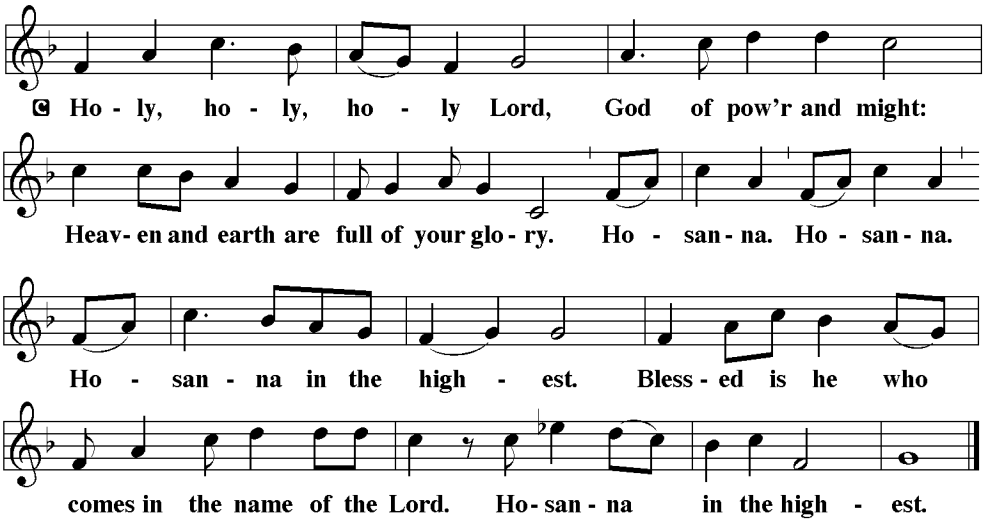
(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)





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

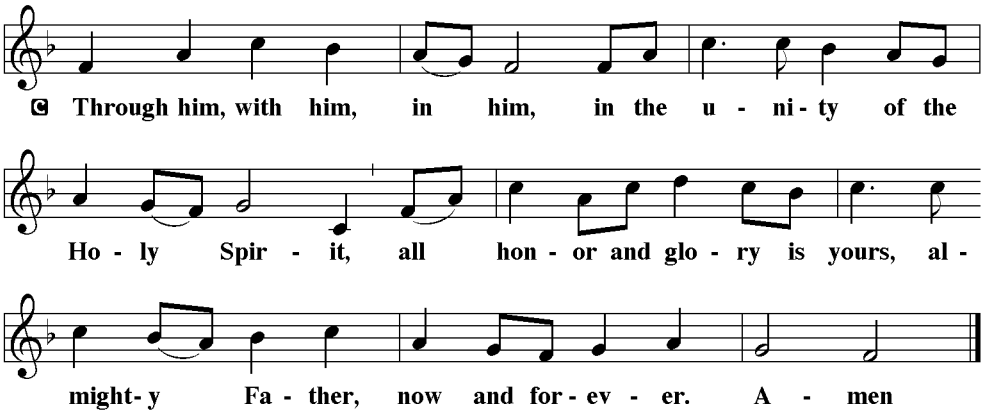
P We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation, in the calling of Israel to be your people, in your Word spoken through the prophets, and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent Him to be incarnate from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

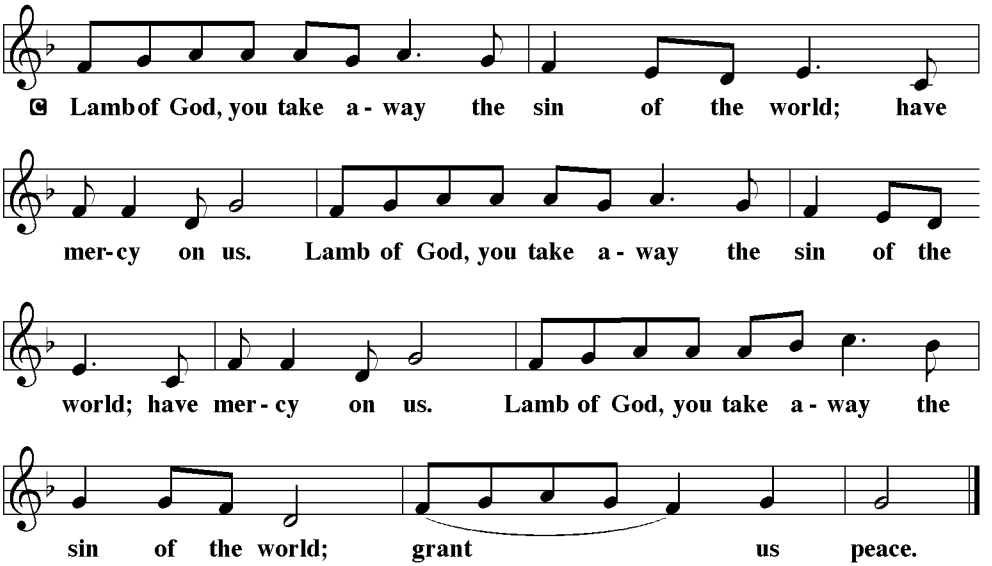
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

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!
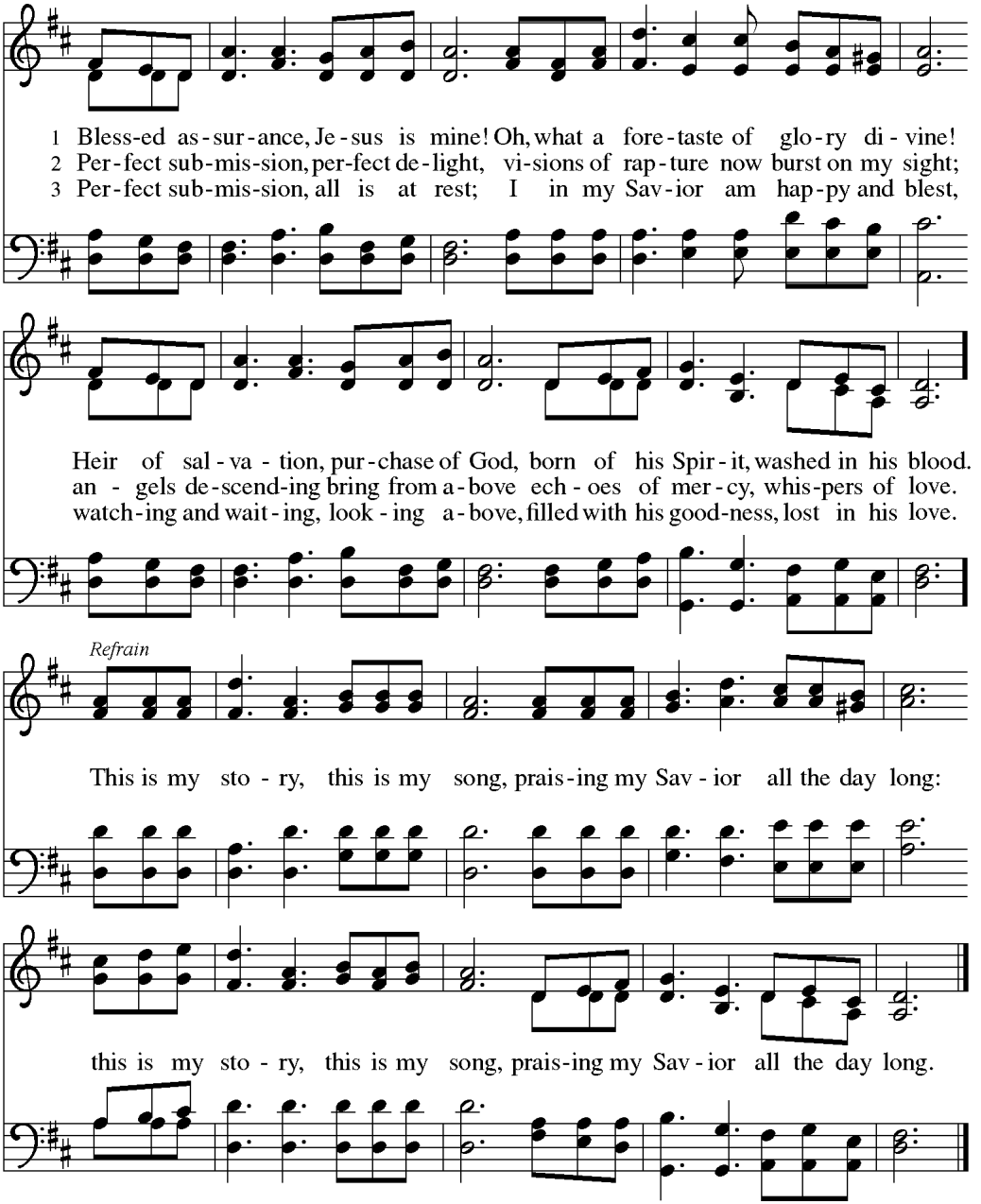
The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Pleases place empty individual 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 **"Blessed Assurance"**



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.

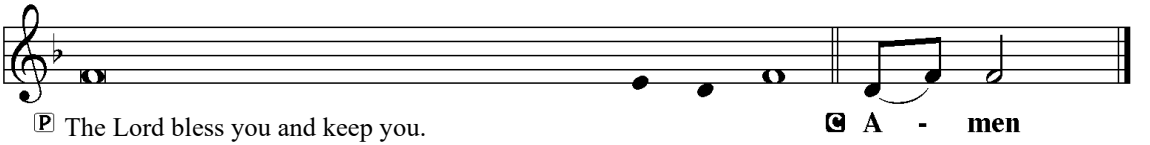
C Amen.

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.

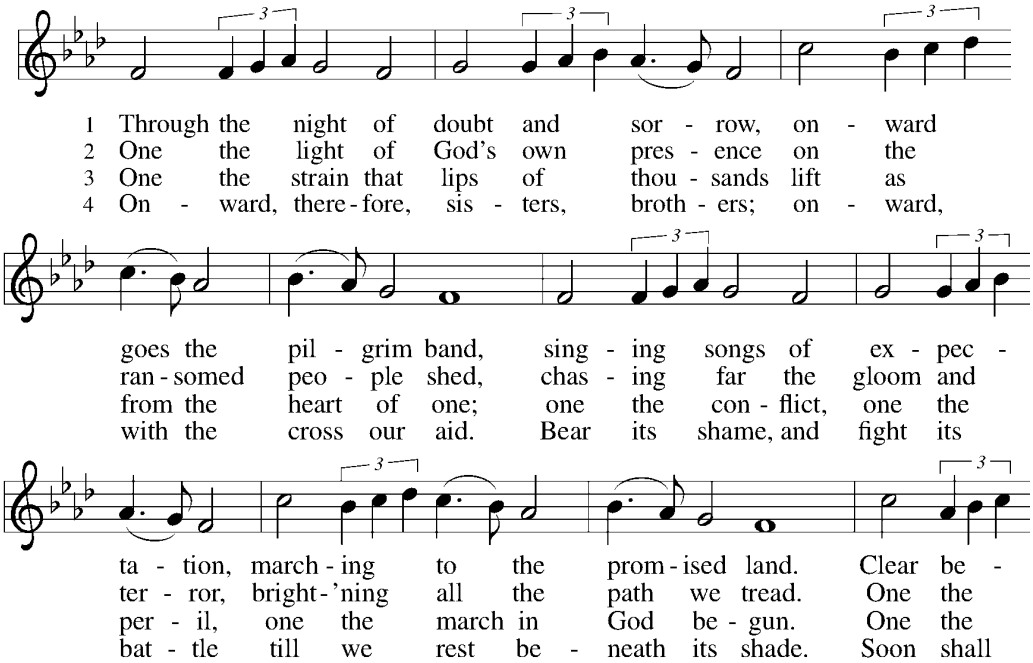
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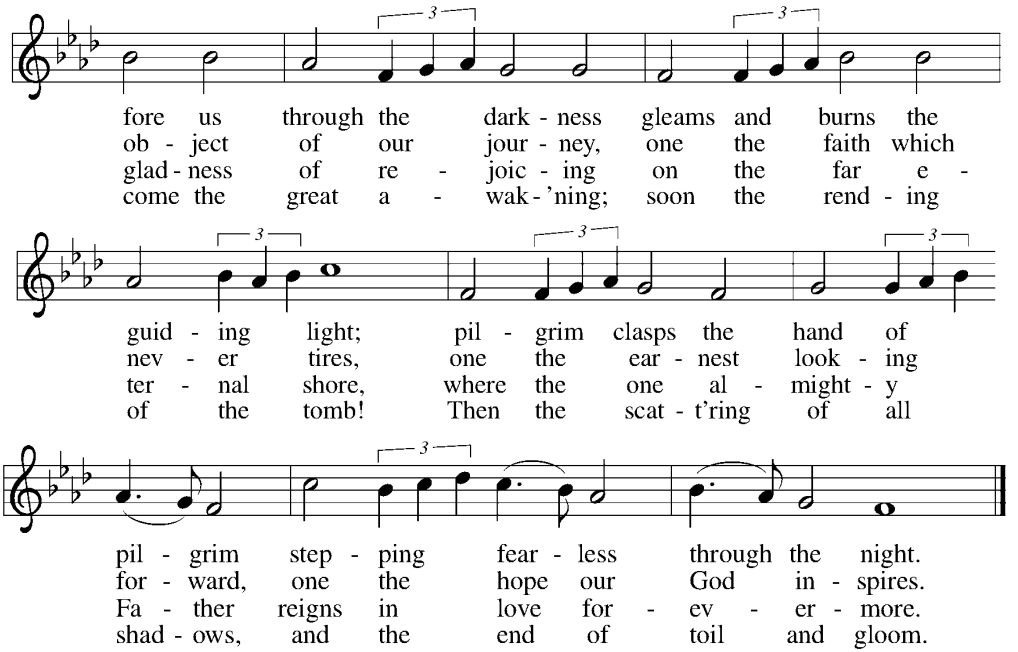
THE BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6: 24-26)*



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 "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"





THE RITE OF SENDING

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **Ron Kenreich - Organ**

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" - *arr. Charles Ore*

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.

All Saints Sunday, November 1: 8:15: 83; 11:00: 109; total: 192

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.

Volunteer Opportunities at Grace

There are many meaningful ways to get involved, share your gifts, and spread God's love through service at Grace! Consider joining one of these ministries. Whether you can serve regularly or occasionally, your time and talents make a difference.

Altar Guild Leaders Needed: Our longtime and much-appreciated Altar Guild leader, Vanessa Stewart, is preparing to step down, and we are seeking an individual, a team, or perhaps two couples to serve as leader or co-leaders. The Altar Guild lovingly prepares our sanctuary for worship, helping create a welcoming and prayerful space where we gather to receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament. Current Altar Guild members and anyone interested in becoming involved are encouraged to consider this opportunity. Training will be provided. **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 looking for 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. **Interested in helping nurture young faith? Please contact Amy Quinn or Susan Riches.**

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: Help nurture the faith of our children and young people by serving as a Sunday School assistant! We are especially looking for volunteers to support classes for **grades 1–4 and 5–6**. Whether you can help regularly or occasionally lend a hand, your presence can make a meaningful difference. **Please contact Cindy Odum or Denise Reynard to learn more.**

Communion Assistants Needed: Would you like to become more involved in worship at Grace? We are looking for confirmed members of all ages to assist with Holy Communion at one or two services each month. Serving at the Lord's Table is a meaningful way to participate in worship and share in this important ministry. No experience is necessary, and brief training will be provided. Scheduling is flexible based on your availability and preferred service. **Interested in serving? Contact one of our Communion Assistant team leaders:**

- **8:15 AM service:** Chris Banks – cbanks5@gmail.com
- **11:00 AM service:** Tami Stone – stone8059@sbcglobal.net

Your gifts matter! Whatever your interests or availability, there is a place for you to serve and make a difference in the life of Grace.

Serving Today

PREACHER/ OFFICIATING	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel	
ORGANIST	Ron Kenreich, *substitute*	
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz	
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang	
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Maria Laderman	
ASSISTING MINISTER	8:15	Donna Dettmann
	11:00	Fred Pfanz
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15	Lisa Kuhar, Regina Place, Vanessa Stewart
	11:00	Nelson Grover, Tami Stone, Vicki Morrison
ACOLYTE	8:15	Leah Place
	11:00	Nate Holmes
CANTOR	Chris Troutman	
LECTOR	8:15	Aaron Singleton
	11:00	Gregg Rearick
USHERS	8:15	Aaron Singleton, Bill Kulju, Jim Caldwell
	11:00	Jeremy Clark, Jim Claflin, Paul Hotchkiss
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15	Cathy Burner
	11:00	Susan Riches
GREETERS	8:15	Karen Bale
	11:00	Tami Stone
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Reasoner	
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves	

God is Great

Find the 29 ***bold*** *words from Psalm 70 (ESV).*

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

Make haste, O **God**, to **deliver** me! O **LORD**, make haste to **help** me! Let them be put to **shame** and **confusion** who **seek** my **life**! Let them be **turned back** and **brought** to **dishonor** who **delight** in my **hurt**! Let them turn back because of their shame who **say**, "Aha, **Aha**!" May all who seek you **rejoice** and be **glad** in you! May those who **love** your **salvation** say **evermore**, "God is **great**!" But I am **poor** and **needy**; **hasten** to me, O God! You are my help and my **deliverer**; O LORD, do not **delay**!

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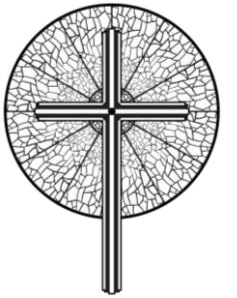
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. 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. 8-15, 2026



Amazing God-- Amazing Grace-- Amazing Worship!

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

MON	**8:00 am**	**Frankenmuth Trip departure-returns 11/10**
	1:00 pm	Ruth Circle (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
	Annual Reports Due	
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	6:30 pm	Band Of Brothers @ Old Bag of Nails
	6:30 pm	Dartball vs. Grace of God
	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. 15 **Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost/Annual Meeting**
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
12:30 pm **Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)**
3-5pm Grace Youth Group (GYG)
Kick-Off WARM Adopt-A-Family Gift Card Collection
Last Day to sign-up for 12/6 Cookie Exchange

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

Day / Date	Event
Tuesday, November 17	Care Team Meeting- 3PM Blood Drive — Noon–6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Eve Services- 12:15 and 6:30PM
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 (11/15 sign-up deadline)
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



Thanksgiving Eve Services: November 25, 12:15 & 6:30 PM

O Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy endures forever!" Psalm 136:1

It is altogether right and fitting that we should gather together to offer thanks and praise to God for the many gifts and blessings He showers upon us! This year, we will offer two identical services on Thanksgiving eve, November 25, 12:15 and 6:30 PM. These will be services of the Word, hymns and prayers, with Pastor Wendel preaching. It's surprising how many churches do not offer Services of Thanksgiving, even though the national proclamation for a Day of Thanksgiving is to give thanks to God for His divine providence! If you have family, friends or neighbors who may be interested, please invite them to worship with us!



Midweek Advent Communion and Holden Evening Prayer, December 2, 9, 16

As we approach the season of Advent, we will again offer midweek services on Wednesdays, with a spoken, simple service of Holy Communion at 12:15 PM and Holden Evening Prayer, 6:30-7 PM Wednesdays December 2, 9 and 16. Homilies will be offered by Pastor Wendel, Pastor Emeritus Will Hartfelder and retired Pastor (and member) Eric Riesen. Please make time in your schedule for these quieter, more meditative services as we make additional time for prayer and inner preparation for our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas!



Advent Daily Devotionals by Pastor David Wendel

Pastor Wendel has prepared a daily devotional booklet for Advent, 2026! It is titled, "Waiting for the Light," with a Scripture reading and devotion for each day from the first day of Advent through Christmas Day. Included this year are Martin Luther's simple prayers for morning and evening, for those who would like additional prayer each day. The devotional booklet is available at the church in print form or electronically via email and on the church website and Subsplash app! Feel free to make them available to friends and family who may also appreciate Advent devotions!



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.



For Giving Tuesday this year--December 1--Thrivent has committed $3 million to boost donations made via their online platform that day to organizations such as ours. If you'd like your support for Grace to go further, please consider making a gift through Thrivent that day! Donations made from midnight to 11:59 pm EST on Dec 1 with credit/debit card or by Google/Apple Pay will be increased up to 1-to-1 match, based on how many people take advantage of this grant. Thrivent will cover all online processing fees so that your full donation will come to us, along with their additional contribution. The link to choose Grace is https://choice-org-search.apps.thrivent.com/details/100244354964 or you can go to Thrivent.com/organizations and search for Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Westerville Ohio.



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 or 614-882-3026) know by November 15.

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 Grace Youth Group will meet November 8th and 15th ! No gatherings on Nov. 22 or 29th, due to Thanksgiving. No GYG meetings in December! We will resume meetings January 10th 2027! All middle school and high school youth are invited to participate, as all youth of our church are part of Grace Youth Group! Each meeting, there is biblical devotion and discussion, activity planned by youth, and snacks!
- **Katharine Circle will meet on Monday, December 7 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

- **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) who 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

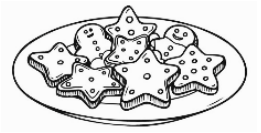


Help us make our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15 a little sweeter! We are looking for homemade or store-bought pies to share during our gathering in the Fellowship Hall. If you can donate a pie, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk and then bring it to the Fellowship Hall on November 15. Thank you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



"Calling all Elves!" December 5 at 9:00 am. Be a part of our team for a day. Just like Santa needs help from all his elves to prepare for Christmas, the Art and Environment Team needs extra help to decorate our church for Christmas. They are asking anyone who can spare an hour or more to come on December 5 at 9:00 to be part of the team for a day. No special skills are needed, just willing hands and hearts. We are all busy during the holiday season, but you can help us all get in the spirit as we prepare our church and our hearts to receive our Saviour. If you have any questions, contact Karen Grant or Sue Mahrt



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-The Care Team are members, of Grace Lutheran Church and are trained to make Eucharistic visits to the sick and recovering, homebound, those in rehab, and those who cannot regularly attend Sunday services. We are thankful for the dedication of our members and the leadership of Pr. David Wendel.



The Care Team has quarterly meetings where we review and coordinate visits. Most visits take place in the first and/or the third week of each month. (once or twice a month).

If you would like to have communion brought to you or know of someone that would like to receive the Eucharist, and they are members of Grace Church: the Care Team is ready.

Call: Sarah Odum at the Grace office – 614-882-3026 ext. 1; Peggy Jones at – 614-354-6884 or r.jones.uverse@att.net; or Donna Dettmann at – 703-447-7760 or donnadett@aol.com

If you would like more information about joining the Care Team, call or email one of the numbers above.

Dartball Season - from Captain Chris Banks. Grace's dartball team had a successful month of October as they went 8 - 4. The month included an 8 game winning streak including sweeps of Epiphany and Bethel. The month ended on a sour note as Grace was swept by Grace Lutheran - Pickerington. Offensive leaders for the team include Andy Laderman with 13 doubles and 36 total hits, Dan Morrison with 4 triples, Chris Banks with 11 Home Runs, and Gregg Rearick with 17 runs scored. Mike Grubb had a night to remember October 15 when he went 10 for 22 on the night with 3 singles, 5 doubles and 2 home runs. The team is leading division 2 with a 15 - 9 record.

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. 12 vs Grace of God
- Nov. 19 @ Grace Pickerington

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**

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.

Grace to Adopt-a-Family for Christmas- We will be assigned a family or two who are guests of WARM to make this Christmas brighter. They will sign up in mid November, and we will receive our assigned people in late November along with their wish list. Families usually ask for clothing for adults and children (including shoes or boots), they ask for toys or games for children, and they will ask for gift cards for additional food for the holiday. We will ask the congregation to donate gift cards from Kohls, Walmart, Meijer or Visa from Nov. 15- Dec. 8. so that our "elves" -- Tami Stone and Janice Will - will go shopping the wish list once received!



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 Beans
- □ Canned Meat Chicken, Tuna, etc.
- □ Canned Veggies
- □ Cereal
- □ Sugar-White, Brown
- □ Condiments Ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, etc.
- □ Paper Products
- □ Toilet paper, paper towels
- □ Detergent Laundry, dishwasher
- □ Canned Yams
- □ Disinfectant Wipes.

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

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.



WARM's Annual HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

You are needed to ensure our neighbors recieve the hope of nutritious meals!

Help us reach our goal of 40,000 pounds of food!

Two ways to help your neighbors:

Fill the provided grocery bag with food donations.
WARM volunteers will pick up your donation on Saturday, December 5. Place bags outside before 8:30am that day. You can find a list of our most needed items below.

DONATE TODAY!

Too busy to shop? You can make a monetary donation to help us fill our shelves. Scan the QR code to donate or use the provided donation envelope. Please send envelopes in the mail, as envelopes can get lost in donation bags.

Most needed items:

- Canned meat [Chicken/Tuna/Etc.]
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Detergent [Laundry/Dishwasher]
- Soups
- Condiments
  - Ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.
- Canned Beans
- Rice [Brown/White]
- Canned veggies
- Coffee
- Helper meals
- Soap [Soft/Hand]
- Canned fruit
- Juices

Miss your donation pick up?

Drop off is available from 9am-12pm on Saturday, December 5.
Westerville Central High School [North Lot], Annehurst Elementary, Westerville North High School [West Lot], WARM [West Lot]

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Westerville Area Resource Ministry

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WARM's Vision

A Westerville community free of hunger where every person achieves their God-given potential.

How We Achieve It



Choice Market



Employment Support



Child Nutrition



Spiritual Care

At WARM we believe in offering a hand up, not a handout. Whether we are providing a meal, teaching a class, or offering prayer, our goal is to restore dignity, encourage lasting transformation, and remind every neighbor we serve that they are seen, valued, and cared for.

You Can Help!



Give Food or Funds



Host a Food & Fund Drive

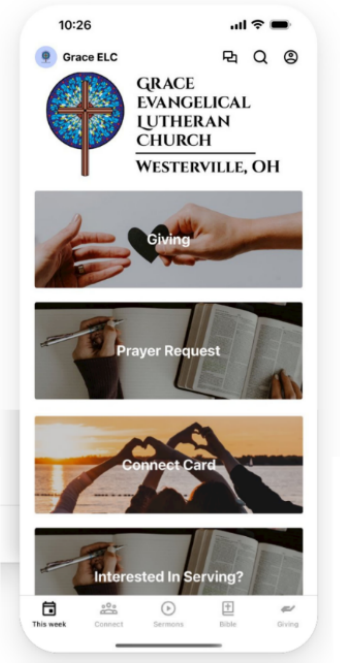


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