12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 2024
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, please complete a visitor information sheet and/or record your visit in the red attendance book found in each aisle. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor or an usher.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Quiet Books for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available in the info kiosk, 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!

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ’s Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe.

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at www.grace43081.org and the NALC at www.thenalc.org!
PRELUDE

"O Living Bread from Heaven" - arr. Bradley Sowash
"I Am the Bread of Life" - arr. John Carter

Announcements
- Back to School Blessings

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19b)
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
C We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. 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.

Please turn toward the Processional Cross for the Entrance Hymn.
ENTRANCE HYMN

"All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"

1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
2. All who hunger, never strangers; seek,er, be a welcome guest.
3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from restless-ness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all around us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion’s love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

C And also with you.

KYRIE (Mark 10: 47)

HYMN OF PRAISE
highest and peace to God's people, God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are
seated at the right hand of the Father, receive

our prayer. You alone are the

Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the

Holy Spirit, in the glory, the

glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God’s

people, God’s people on earth. Glory to God in the
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:1-8

1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” 3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” 5 And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” 6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” 8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

L The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
Psalm 34: 1-8

Refrain

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Psalm Tone

L 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
C 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
L 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.
C 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. Refrain
L 5 Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
C 6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
L 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.
C 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him! Refrain

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ! — assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and
clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Speak, O Lord, your servant here is listening.

You have the message of eternal life.

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You have the message of eternal life.
HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:35-51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

35 Jesus said to {the crowd}, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” 41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 42 They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” 43 Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel
After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

1. O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes!

2. My Lord, you here have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,

3. You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
according to their needs.

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
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
Benny Hoch - Marimba, Linda Hoch - Piano
"Adagio" - W. A. Mozart/ trans. Peter Magadini

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered 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 The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
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 Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.


A time of silence...

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

C Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. (Revelations 19:9)
All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to commune. Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing. You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you. The common cup is offered for those who desire to use it. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you. Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided. (Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host.)

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
"I Am the Bread of Life"

Leader or All

1 “I am the Bread of life. You who
2 “The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 “Un - less . . . . you . . . eat of the
4 “I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . . I be - lieve that . . .
come to me shall not hunger, and who belief in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever.
flesh of the Son of Man and... believe in me, even though you believe in me unless the Father beckons."
even... you shall have life within you."
die, you shall not have life within you."
come into... the world."

Refrain

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

COMMUNION MUSIC
"Invitation Suite" - arr. Don Wyrtzen

Linda Hoch - Piano
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

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

C  Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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

C  Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN         "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil -grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloudy pil -lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death and hell’s de - struc - tion, land me safe on
THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE  Linda Hoch-Piano
"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" - arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Offering: An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

Flowers are given by…
Martha and Ken Crist in celebration of our wedding anniversary.

Remember in our prayers… John Troutman, Barbara Muller, Mike Johnson, Kathleen Betz, Jan Perry, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick and her family, the family of Evelyn Boughton

Notes & News

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 sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.
Upcoming Events

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Please keep Janis Kay Boughton and family in your prayers, as her mother Evelyn Boughton passed away July 30, 2024.
Romans 14: Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.

Financial Giving statements for Jan-June 2024 were emailed out last week to the main email address we have on file. If an email address was not on file, printed statements were mailed and therefore may not arrive until early this next week. If you have not received your giving statement or have questions, please contact Debbie Yoho, Finance Manager, 614-882-3026 or d.yoho@grace43081.org.

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

Flowers for 2024: Flowers have been a tradition in worship spaces for generations. They bring beauty and nature into our service and remind us of God’s wonderful creation. They can honor a loved one, celebrate a special event or give glory to God.
There are still dates available to sign up for flowers for the sanctuary. Since the
suggested donation of $30 does not cover the entire cost, the flowers are to be enjoyed by all, first in the service and the week following in the gathering space. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line through our giving page or call the office.

**Christian Growth Announcements**

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

**Youth and Family Events: Mark Your Calendar**
- Back to School Blessing, August 11
- Golf Center/Batting Cage, August 17, 2-4pm
- Confirmation Meeting, 9:45am, August 18
- Rally Day, September 8
- Apple Picking, Lynds Fruit Farm, September 21
- October 4, St. Francis of Assisi, Pet Blessing
- Trunk or Treat, October 19
- PBJ Helpers, Y&F event, November 16
- Cards, Cookies and Caroling, December 7

**Calling ALL Parents/Grandparents of Catechism/Confirmation age young people!**

**Orientation meeting Sunday, August 18th, 9:45 AM.**

All parents, grandparents and others who are shepherding confirmation age young people, grades 7-8 are invited to a meeting and orientation Sunday, August 18, 9:45 AM in the Rose Garden 1 room. At this meeting, we will discuss expectations, review new materials being used, explain the schedule and answer questions. This will be an important orientation as we are using new curriculum this fall and Sunday School/Confirmation classes will have a new schedule. We are also hoping parents are willing to take turns being adult observers in the classes, as our policy is to have two adults in each class. Pastor Wendel will be the teacher, but having parents present on a rotating basis will be helpful, and may be interesting for parents! If you have questions, please contact Pastor via phone or text, 719-650-8171, or email d.wendel@grace43081.org. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting!

**Little Lambs Children’s time to restart Sept. 8th!**

We are excited to announce that a previous much appreciated ministry will be “re-started” on Rally Sunday, Sept. 8th! At either worship service, after the Gospel reading children ages 3 through third grade and their leader go to the Nursery where they 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 are in need of volunteers who will prepare and lead the Little Lambs time at either or both services. Materials will be provided weekly, with instruction and orientation for those willing to lead. For the safety and health of all, we request no toys or food be brought to the Little Lambs time. If you have any questions or interested in being a
leader contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers! Teachers are needed for the Elementary class. There are two teachers in each classroom. The Elementary class rotates teachers each month and then we work together to plan the Children's Christmas Program. If you have any question contact Molly, m.king@grace43081.org.

KINGDOM VOTING: We have come to a point in society where there is not only divisiveness in culture, but also in the church. Disharmony, disunity and conflict abound from the outside and from within. The result, Confusion from both believers and unbelievers about who God is and how God functions with regard to society and government. With an upcoming election and so many differing opinions, how Christians should vote becomes seemingly, even more complicated. The answer is not found by just choosing one side of the aisle to identify with, but rather by holding fast to a Kingdom agenda instead of a political one. Join the adult class on Sunday August 11 for a new series by Dr. Tony Evans on the topic of Kingdom Voting. We meet in the fellowship hall Sunday, beginning at 9:45am. This class is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

“Grace Sisterhood” forming—Wednesday, August 21, 7 PM, Wendell’s Pub, Westerville: All Grace “younger women/working women” are invited to the first gathering of a group similar to the new Grace “Band of Brothers!” Pastor Wendel will host the gathering at Wendell’s Pub, 925 N. State St., Westerville, & PM August 21st. (Meeting at a pub is at the request of several women who are interested in this group!) Meetings will not continue on Wednesdays, once fall programming resumes on Wednesday evenings. At the first gathering, the group will decide on best evening for meeting, location, etc. Questions? Contact Pastor Wendel, 719-650-8171 or d.wendel@grace43081.org.

Monday Night Bible Study, is focusing on the book of Revelation, Monday, 6:30 PM. All are invited and welcome! Please bring a Bible—any translation, however, not a paraphrase. A paraphrase is someone’s interpretation of Scripture. Fine for home use, but not for in-depth study. If you have questions, please feel free to email me at d.wendel@grace43081.org or text/call me at 719-650-8171! (No Study Monday, August 5)

Ladies Night Out: On Friday, October 18 at 7:00 Aspire is coming back to Grace. Come for an evening of fun, learning, music and fellowship! Aspire has three presenters for the evening. This year Barb Roose Author and Bible Teacher, Dorie Mclemore Comedy, and Music by Mia Koehne. Just like last year I need 14 women volunteers for the evening: 8 to greet and check wristbands, 6 to help with merchandise, and 1 photographer with a phone. If you have any questions let me know. You can sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center.

Senior (Social) Moment: Monday, August 19, 10 AM

This new opportunity will be a monthly gathering of seniors (YOU decide if you're a senior!) is aimed at creating connections and community among our many seniors! Some are already well-connected and know one another, while
some seniors may be newer at Grace and not so familiar. Grace seniors are welcome to invite other seniors--neighbors, friends, who may not have a supportive church community. Each monthly gathering will begin with devotion, musical offering and coffee/tea and then, conversation!

**Grace Band of Brothers** for younger/working men is off to a great start, with 12 at the meeting in July! In August, the Band of Brothers will meet on Thursday, Aug. 29, 6:30 PM at the home of Vaughn Place, 7920 Meadow Chase Dr., Sunbury, with discussion led by Jeff Washburn. All Grace younger men/working men are welcome!

The Women’s Bible Study: Our next Women's Bible study is The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. This Bible Study starts Wednesday, July 10th. Join Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Sobel as they visit sites in Israel where Jesus, taught, healed, ministered, died for our sins, and rose again. We will learn fascinating background details into the language, culture and heritage that make the story of the New Testament come alive. This is a six week video series. The workbooks are $5. Contact Molly King (m.king@grace43081.org) if you are interested in attending.

**RightNow Media:** GRACE’S VIDEO LIBRARY CONTAINS OVER 10,000 TITLES Bible studies, leadership aids and kid shows are available to you in Grace’s study library at NO CHARGE! The videos are suitable for all ages and stages of life and can be viewed on any device wherever you may be. Family members can have their own account. Take advantage of this service provided by the church. Molly (m.king@grace43091.org) can help you set up your free account and put you into the system. Many members and study leaders make use of this gift. If you haven’t tried it, give it a shot. You are going to like it.

**Outreach Announcements**

**Buckets and Bibles Sunday:** NOW through August 18 Grace is collecting Flood Buckets and Bibles for NALC Disaster Response in the Gathering Space. $15 donations will also be collected to Fill-A-Flood-Bucket, just note “NALC Disaster Response” on the giving memo.

**Flood Bucket:**
- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach (1/2 gallon or smaller)
- 2 large trash bags (Contractor 2 mil.)
- 1 roll paper towels
- 2 rags
- Comet or Scouring Cleanser
- Scrub Brush
- Gloves (1 pair each, Size L preferred)
  - Reusable rubber gloves
Leather
cotton

Bibles can be (We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles):
- New or used (highlighted & underlined is acceptable)
- Children, teen or adult
- Bible stories for children
- Spanish, or any language
- Large print
- Prayer books

**KIROS COOKIES:** Jim Caldwell reports that the joy that these cookies bring to the complex is an amazing blessing. Your cookies and your prayers on behalf of the residents and the Kairos volunteers are very much appreciated. Jim is headed back to the prison on September 19th to the 22nd. He is counting on the Grace Cookie bakers again this year. Thank you for volunteering to bake Kairos Cookies!

Baking Guidelines are on the welcome desk.

**Walls Build 2024 SignUp (note our new building site)**

WARM Westerville Address: 150 Heatherdown Dr A, Westerville, OH 43081
- Fri. Aug. 23  5 PM - 7 PM: A light meal will be provided when we finish.
- Sat. Aug. 24  7:30 AM - 12 PMish: Snacks/coffee and water will be available.

SignUp online at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A82D650111923-whpwalls#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A8A82D650111923-whpwalls#/

Children under 16 are welcome so long as they are accompanied by an adult.
Through your efforts a family will be able to purchase a home.

Fun facts:
⇒ Habitat homeowners have jobs, must contribute 300 hours of sweat equity as their down-payment, and have a 20-30 interest-free mortgage.
⇒ They may not sell the house for 10 years without penalties and restrictions.
⇒ Your actions and donations allow the mortgage to be interest-free.
⇒ Each year. $$ from CA's Empty Bowls/Soup4Shelter event are used to purchase the lumber for the Walls Build.

**NALC Disaster Response needs YOU!** Do you have a strong prayer life? Do you love sharing God’s Word? Are you a gifted listener? Are people gravitated to you for conversation? At disaster sites, Spiritual Care providers play a crucial role alongside those assisting in rebuilding lives. You could be the person who brings solace to someone whose world has been shaken. If you believe that God may be calling you to this important ministry, contact Bob Dernbach at 954.882.1044 or rjdernbach@gmail.com for training details.
Intercessory prayer is available to all ages, young people, older OWL folks (Older Wiser Lutherans) and all ages in-between. Your prayers are welcome for family, friends, co-workers, travel, health, safety, surgery, guidance on a decision, thanksgiving for an answered prayer and so much more. There are many ways to make your prayer request:

1. The Prayer Chest at the back of the church - on a table with prayer request forms and pens.
   a. Whatever you have available to write a prayer on, we’ll take that too! A paper napkin, the back of a grocery list, any scrap of paper will work.
   b. Put your request in the Prayer Chest anytime. Prayers are sent out on Monday morning.
2. What about the Grace website? You can use it from your home, office - anywhere you want: Grace website: grace43081.org
   The link for “Prayer Request” is found on the top right-hand side of the first page. Your name is optional.
   Only the IPT leaders see the original requests.
   Members are sent prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks.
   Let the IPT join you in prayer, asking God for your need.

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

August Shopping List: Canned Chicken; Cereal; Coffee Juices – Cranberry, Grape, etc.; Pasta Noodles; Salad Dressings; Shampoo; Sugar – Granulated, Brown; Laundry Detergent; Toilet Paper; and Paper Towels. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date.

Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to 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.

REMINDER: PLANTING A GARDEN THIS SUMMER? Here is a chance to grow vegetables in your garden for Westerville residents who have food anxiety and need nutritious food to enjoy? If anyone has garden produce coming on and they would like to donate it to WARM, they can’t put it in the grocery cart at the church. It has to be taken directly to WARM. Call Joanne Figge (614-207-1061) or Karen Bale (614-506-3331) and we will run it down for you, or we'll give you direction.

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Outing to Amish Country, September 27th! As we seek to develop our ministry with and to seniors, we are planning a one-day trip to Berlin, OH and Amish country! The plan is to travel in 15 passenger vans, driven by Pastor Wendel and if needed, Larry Seifert. Attendees will share the cost of van rental and lunch will be, appropriately, “Dutch treat” or more historically accurate, “Deutsch treat,” meaning we each will pay for our own lunch! Watch for more information and a sign-up sheet! (Keep the date:...
tentative plans are to have a similar overnight trip for seniors to Frankenmuth, MI Oct 28-29!

**Grace Supper Club** enjoyed great food and fellowship at Liberty Tavern in Powell last month. For August, we have a reservation at Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern on Thursday, August 15 at 6:15 p.m. Rusty Bucket is located at 400 Polaris Parkway, Westerville 43082. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center Desk. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.

**NURSERY is OPEN!** The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or m.king@grace43081.org.

**Euchre Group:** Monday, August 26 at 1pm, all are welcome to come. Please sign up at the welcome center, so we know how many tables are needed. Euchre Group will meet in Loaves and Fishes Café. Contact: Lois Rumph

**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 Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with any questions or concerns.

**Music Notes**

“O Living Bread from Heaven” – arr. Bradley Sowash
Johann Rist (1607-1667) included this hymn in his *Neuer Himlischer Lieder* (1651). It had nine stanzas and was called “A Hymn of heartfelt praise and thanksgiving after the reception of Holy Communion.” Rist was born near Hamburg and studied at Hamburg, Bremen, and Riteln, where his teacher, Josua Stegman encouraged him to write hymns. He became a prolific hymn writer, writing about 680 hymns published in six collections. He also studied Hebrews, mathematics, science, and medicine and became a Lutheran pastor and physician.

“I Am the Bread of Life” – arr. John Carter
This hymn and its tune were written by Suzanne Toolan, RSM (b. 1927) in 1966 when she was a high school teacher. Her room was next to the infirmary “where kids came to avoid exams and other pressures of the school world.” One day, during her free period, she composed it. When the bell came for the next period, she “tore the manuscript in half thinking that the music was rather sentimental and [she] would have a go at it later.” However, as she was leaving her classroom, she was “confronted by a little blond freshman who came out of the infirmary saying, ‘What was that? It was beautiful.’ I went” she says, “immediately to the waste basket, took it out, taped it together, and it has had a life of its own ever since.” It was first published in *Music for the Requiem Mass* (1966). The hymn is a close paraphrase of John 6:35, 44, 51 and 53. With the
exception of stanza 5, it’s the words of Jesus.

“Adagio” – W. A. Mozart/ trans. Peter Magadini
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791) was a prolific and influential composer of the Classical period. Despite his short life (he died at the age of 35), he composed more than 800 works, many of which are acknowledged as the pinnacles of symphonic, chamber, operatic and choral repertoire. He is regarded as one of the greatest composers in the history of Western music.

“Invitation Suite” – arr. Don Wyrtzen
This arrangement combines two well-known hymns: Just As I Am - The author of this hymn, Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871), became a semi-invalid at the age of 32, and she felt her life was useless. A visiting Swiss evangelist, Dr. Cesar Malan, asked her if she were a Christian – a question which she (as the daughter of a clergyman) resented and told him so. Later she apologized and said she did not know how to come to Christ. “Come to him just as you are,” was the answer. Twelve years later, she wrote this highly personal witness to salvation. I Need Thee Every Hour – This text by Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918) was written in April 1872. Mrs. Hawkes said that she was so filled with a sense of nearness to the Master that, wondering how one could live without Him, either in joy or pain, the words “I need Thee every hour” flashed into her mind. She put her thoughts down on paper, resulting in the stanzas of the hymn.

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” – arr. Anne Krentz Organ
The world beyond Wales knows a number of Welsh hymn tunes, but because of translation problems, it knows basically one Welsh hymn, this one – a hymn of pilgrimage. It was written in Welsh by William Williams (1717-1791) in five six-line stanzas and published in his Caniadau y rhai sydd ar y Mor o Wydr (Aberhonddu, 1762) – “The songs of those upon the sea of glass.” There it was called “A Prayer for Strength to go through the Wilderness of the World.” William Williams is for Welsh hymnody what Paul Gerhardt is for German and Isaac Watts is for English. He wrote about 800 Welsh hymns, plus some English ones.

11th Sunday After Pentecost: 8:15am: 68; 11:00am: 102; Total: 170

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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, Melissa Hodek, at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/
PREACHER

The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

DEACON

Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister

ASSISTING MINISTER

8:15  Kyle Lamb  11:00  Fred Pfanz

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jeff Daubenmire

ORGANIST

Linda Hoch

SACRISTAN

Fred Pfanz

CANTOR

Sue Mahrt

LECTOR

8:15  Aaron Singleton  11:00  Chris Troutman

COMMUNION

8:15  Steve Miller, Chris Banks

ASSISTANTS

11:00  Nelson Grover, Eric Bush

GREETERS

8:15

11:00

USHERS

8:15  Paul Whitacre, Bob Ayers, Ted Ray, Jim Caldwell

11:00  Mike Grubb, Tom Seamon, Joe Moleno

ALTAR GUILD Team 2

Phyllis Drakulich, Karen Bale, Tami Banks, Carolyn Rearick, Sue Miller, Julie Hartfelder, Bonnie Sawyer, Marge Cepek, Janis Boughton

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves

NURSERY ATTENDANTS
Aug. 11  

**12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS**
Pr. David Wendel
8:15 am  Worship Service
9:45 am  Adult Learning
11:00 am Worship Service

**MON**
Floor work (Sanctuary)
6:30pm  Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

**TUES**
Floor work (Sanctuary)
1:00 pm  Grace Stitchers (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
8:00 pm  AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**WED.**
Floor work (Sanctuary)
10:30 am  Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

**THURS**
Instrument work (Sanctuary)
Floor work (Sanctuary)
6:15 pm  Supper Club

**FRI.**
Floor work (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm  AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**SAT**
9:30 am  AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
2-4 pm  Youth and Family: Golf and Batting Cage Outing @ Westerville Golf Center
8:00 pm  AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Aug. 18  

**13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/BUCKETS AND BIBLES SUNDAY**
Pr. David Wendel
8:15 am  Worship Service
9:45 am  Adult Learning
9:45 am  Confirmation Meeting (Rose Garden 1)
11:00 am  Worship Service

NALC Buckets and Bibles Collection Deadline
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 supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly meeting space for four 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.