

# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 15, 2017

# Welcome to *Grace*

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin.  
Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.  
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

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 and the NALC.

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*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

### PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" - arr. David Cherwien

"Give Me Jesus" - arr. Richard Billingham

*Please stand to face the Baptismal Font.*

## 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 is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful Father,

**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.**

## **The Gathering**

**PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**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.***

GATHERING HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

1 Re - jice, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*

Re - jice! Re - jice! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - jice! Re - jice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
 the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

## GREETING

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

C **And also with you!**

## GLORY TO GOD



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

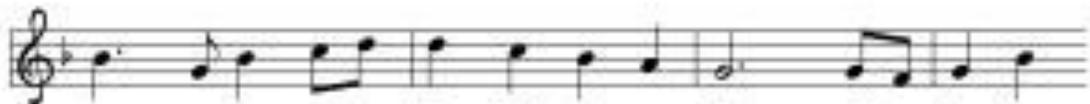
*ritrato*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*ritrato*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. Lord of the feast,  
C you have prepared a table before all peoples  
and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again  
to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable,  
just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness  
and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## PARISH CONCERNS

### The Word

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 25: 1-9

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

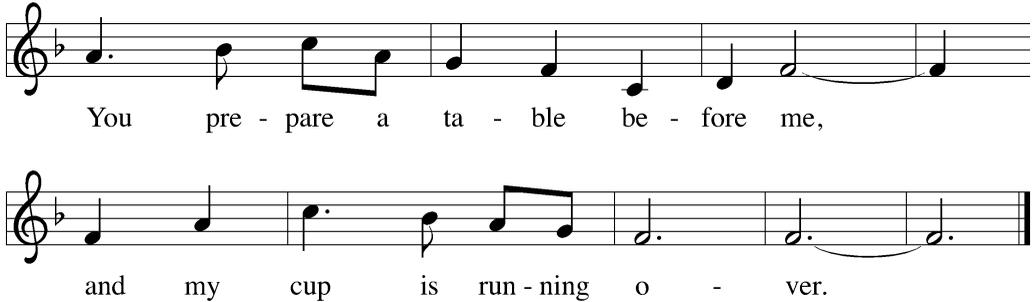
<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

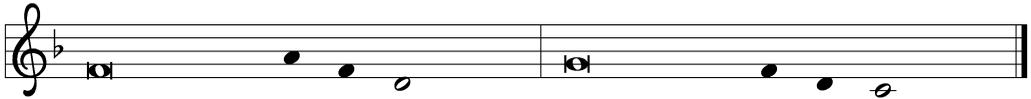
## PSALM 23

### Refrain



You pre - pare a ta - ble be - fore me,  
and my cup is run - ning o - ver.

### Psalm Tone



- L <sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.
- C <sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- L <sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. *Refrain***
- L <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- C <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever *Refrain***

## SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 1-9

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

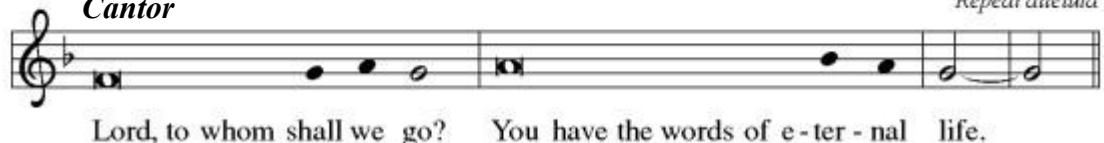
*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Cantor*

*Repeat alleluia*



## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>"For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE "RSVP"**

**Pastor Richard Walston**

*Please stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Give Me Jesus”

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died,  
and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A** Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,  
the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# We Worship God Through our Giving

## MUSIC OFFERING

8:15 "Variation 3 from 'Partita on *Come, Let Us Eat*'" - arr. *Tim Fields*

Linda Hoch

11:00 "A Living Sacrifice" - arr. *Mary McDonald*

Voices of Grace

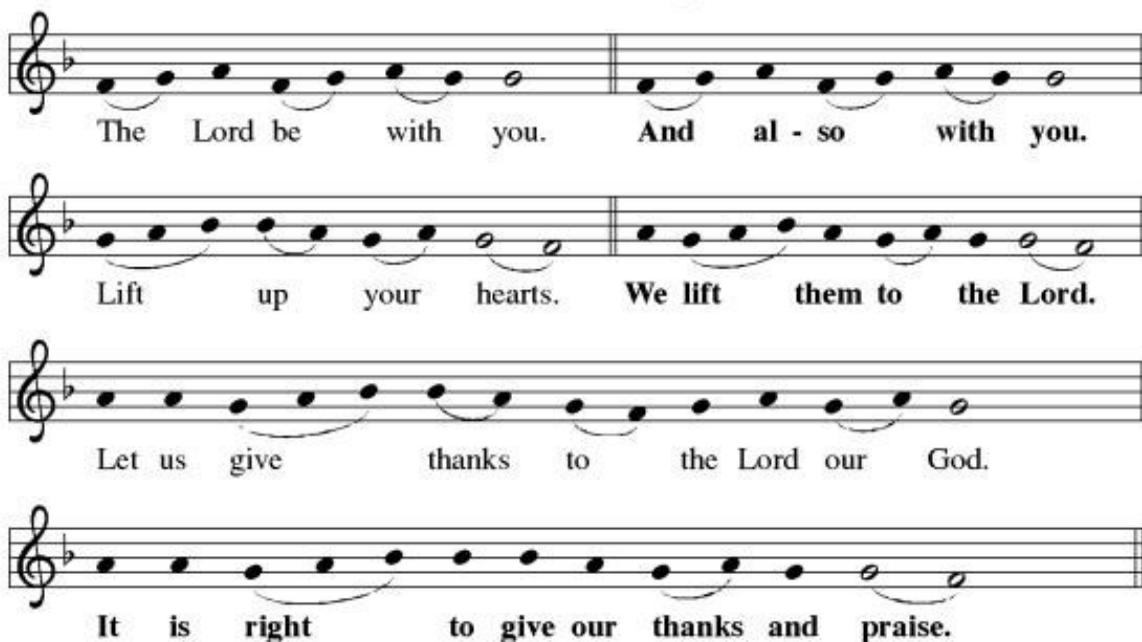
*Please stand.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
C **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts;  
Our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world  
with your love, through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## The Meal

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

*The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:*

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor, and who,  
on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*The prayer continues....*

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

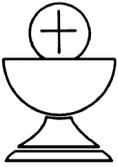
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

### “Lamb of God”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.



*Believing in the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sin, we practice Eucharistic hospitality.*

*All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.*

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

*You may receive the Communion Wine from the Red Chalice (Common Cup) as it is offered to you or by taking a communion glass from the tray.*

*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*

*When giving the host and wine, the ministers say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*And each person may respond: **Amen.***

*(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" - arr. Carol Wahl

"One Bread, One Body" - arr. John Carter

*After all have communed, please stand.*

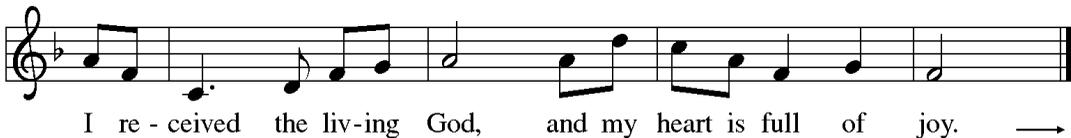
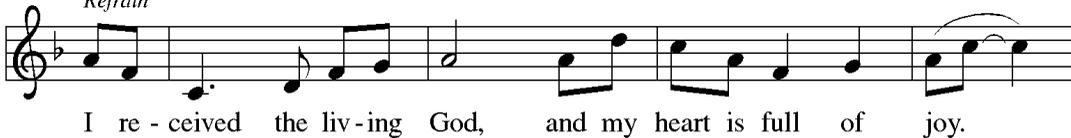
## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Refrain*





1 Je-sus said: I am the bread, knead-ed long to give you life;



you who will par-take of me need not ev - er fear to die.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God,  
**C** **in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us  
to be humble and courageous.  
May your words come to life  
in our serving and in our witness,  
that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice  
to all the world, through Jesus Christ,  
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

### SENDING OF COMMUNION

**P** O God,  
Whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,  
Bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament  
with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.  
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom  
we bring this communion, in the body and blood of your son,  
that we may feast upon your abundant love made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Sending

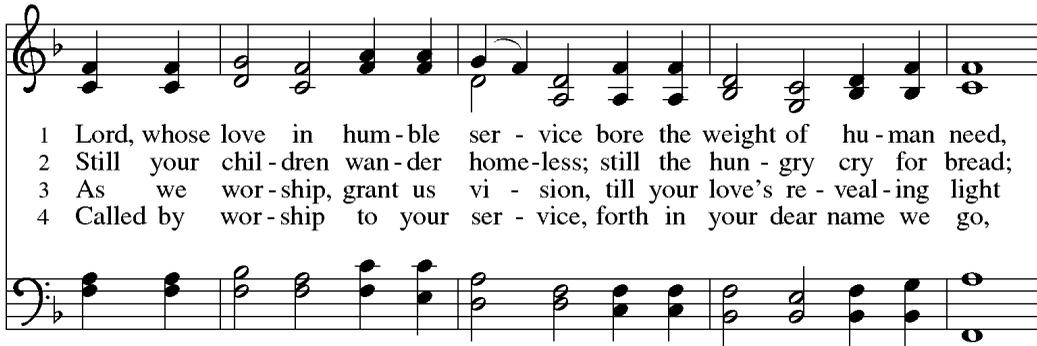
### BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

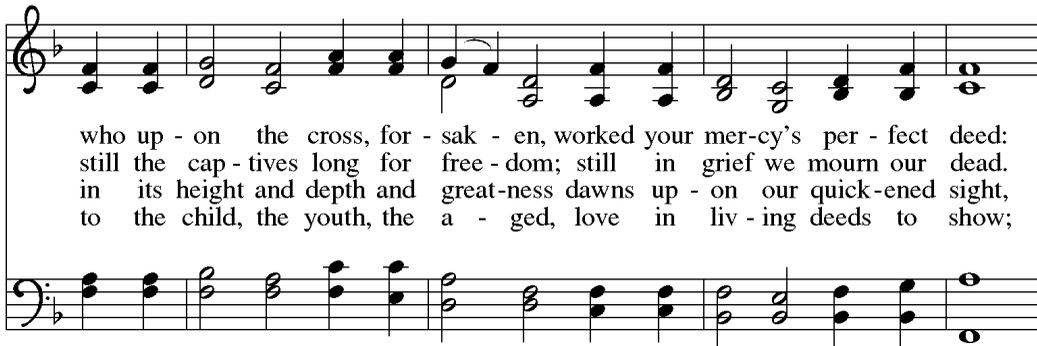
**C** **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

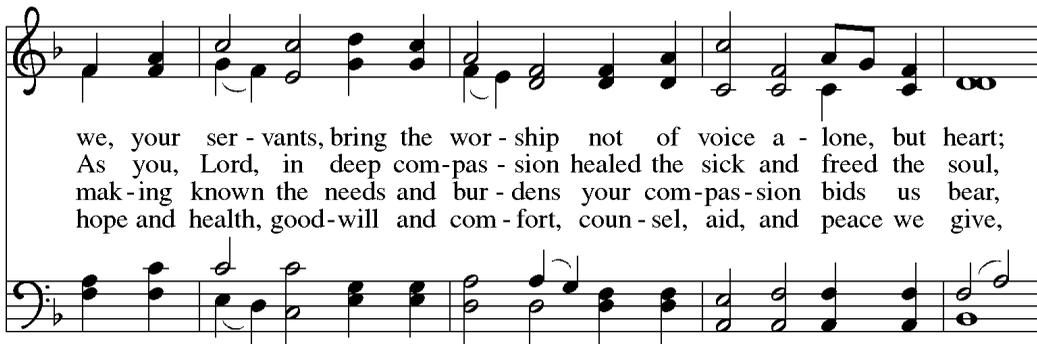
## "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



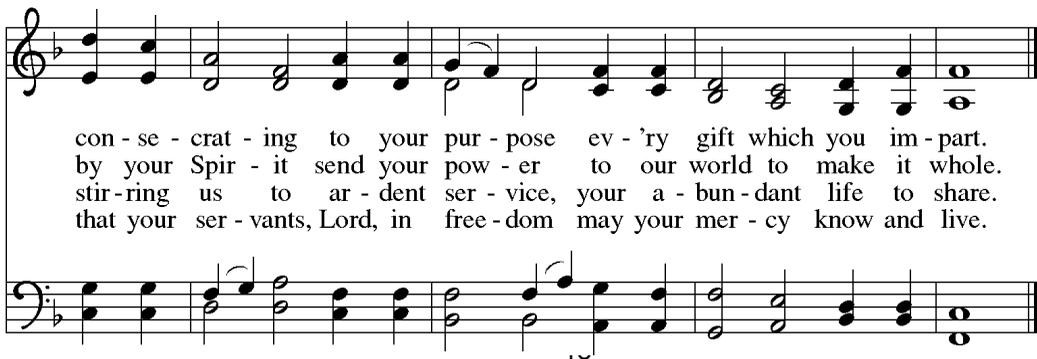
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## DISMISSAL

Children      Go in peace. Live the good news.  
C              **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" - arr. Gordon Young

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**Remember in our prayers...** Elmer Stauch, Ann Szarkowski, Ray Althoff,  
Janice Hardick, Gary Clapham

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## Notes & News

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. Please accept a "guest bag" at the Welcome Center, containing information about Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please see an usher for assistance.

**NURSERY IS OPEN!** The Nursery is open Sunday mornings for both services, 8:15 am and 11:00 am, and during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 am. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages infant through 5 years old.

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### **THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH (NALC)** **Disaster Response Opportunities**

In addition to our prayers, the many victims of recent hurricanes are in dire need of material support made possible by your generous gift. You may do so by going to the website listed below or you may mail your financial gift, payable to the North American Lutheran Church, 2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220, New Brighton MN 55112-2202. Your gift will help provide both immediate and long-term help.  
<https://www.thenalc.org/projects/hurricane-harvey/>



## A Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

NOVEMBER 18, 2017 at FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Keynotes by Dr. Jim Nestingen, nationally recognized Luther scholar, speaker and lecturer. Sponsored by the Ohio Mission Region of the NALC.

All-Ohio NALC Congregations Choir to sing during worship.

**Registration due by November 5th** — Registration forms, schedule and more information is available at the Welcome Center desk.

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### **TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP**

#### **ADULT LEARNING**

The ***Faithweaver NOW*** series of Adult Learning classes meet in Fellowship Hall, 9:45-10:45 am. The three-year scope and sequence covers the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. This age graded curriculum will be used in all Sunday School classes, for infants through adults. Learning the same Bible point, families can be united in placing God at the center of their busy lives. Facilitator is Bill Kulju.

**REFORMATION ROOTS** Do you ever wonder why there are so many Christian denominations and if there really is that much difference between them? This course provides a broad introduction to the stories and struggles of the Reformation that continue to have an impact on us today. Each session begins with a DVD presentation featuring scholars who introduce the characters and major events without “drowning” you in endless details. The class will meet in the Rose Garden Library. Facilitator is Pr. Hartfelder

**WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. PAUL: Apostle to the Nations takes a look at Paul's influence on the growth and development of the Christian faith. Pastor Walston is facilitator.

**MEN OF GRACE** resumes their monthly breakfast meetings on OCTOBER 21 at 8 am. The study selected for this season is “7 Letters to 7 Churches.” It is a seven lesson group sermon series that takes on a voyage into the book of Revelation. Jesus speaks through the pen of the apostle John with urgent and practical words, that remain full of application for us today. Men of Grace meets the third Saturday of each month through June. All male members of Grace, high school age and older, are invited to attend for breakfast, fellowship and spiritual growth



## FLOWER MEMORIAL ~ ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Roses in honor of All Saints' Sunday or in memory of loved ones may be purchased for \$2 each. Completed forms with money may be placed in the Offering plate through OCT. 29. You may also order and pay online on our church's website. **DEADLINE TO ORDER:** Sun., October 29. All Saints Flower/Memorial forms are available at the Welcome Center desk, or on Grace's website: [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org).



### WELCOME TO GRACE!

*We will welcome new members on Sunday, November 19th*

Participation in two classes is expected of all who desire to become members. Session 1 will meet Sun., NOVEMBER 5, 3:00-6:00 pm, Session 2 will meet Sun., NOVEMBER 12, 3:00-6:00 pm. A fellowship supper is provided and Nursery care is available on request. The first class provides an overview of a Lutheran expression of the Christian faith. The second class introduces Grace and its ministries as ways to serve God's people and our Lord through your new church family. Please call or email Grace's secretary, Marjie Penn (614-882-3026; [office@grace43081.org](mailto:office@grace43081.org)) to register for the classes and to let us know if you need nursery care.

### REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

**FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS** *"Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)*

**OCTOBER Grocery List:** Baked beans (not pork & beans; canned kidney, pinto or navy beans, Lentils, Creamed Soups: chicken, mushroom and celery; boxed pastas, potato & rice sides; canned pineapple, peaches, mandarin oranges and applesauce; 2 lb. bags of flour, 1 lb. boxes of sugar; Personal Hygiene: deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, conditioner, dish/laundry soap, tissues. *Fresh produce is always welcome, especially early in the week. REMEMBER to place only non-perishable items into our grocery carts.* Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church, memo line notation for W.A.R.M.

**FIRST FRUITS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** This involves one first Sunday of the month at the service of your choice. Information and a sign up sheet can be found at the Welcome Center desk. If you have questions, please call Karen Bale at 614-506-3331. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.



This past Tuesday's blood drive was another winner for Grace and the American Red Cross! We collected 47 units, which was urgently needed due to many cancelled drives from hurricanes in the south where stockpiles were very low. Thank you for all who donated their time and life-giving blood. Also, a huge thank you to all of the volunteers from Grace that help to make this drive and all others a success; without them it would not be the same. Mark your calendars for our next drive to be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

## YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY for PRESCHOOLERS ~ 11:00 am Service Only

*Ages 3—Kindergarten.* During Parish Concerns, our Pre-schoolers and their leaders go to the Youth Room where they enjoy age-appropriate activities during the sermon, prayers and creed. They return during the offering to join us for Holy Communion. For safety and health of all, we request no toys or food be brought to the class. Please contact Molly King at [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org). if you have any questions or would like to be involved.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Opening at 9:30 am with music & singing, Class 9:45-10:45 am  
Parents of Sunday Schoolers are welcome to attend the Adult **Faithweaver** class held in Fellowship Hall; the curriculum is the same for infants through adults

*Next Week:* No Sunday School classes due to Stewardship Breakfast

CONFIRMATION **TODAY 5:30 PM** Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)

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### **FALL FAMILY EVENT - OCTOBER 22**

**at Freeman's Farm Festival**

**2 to 5 pm**

*6142 Lewis Center Road, Galena*

The Fall Festival offers many activities to choose from, including apple butter making, wood fire kettle corn and hayrides.

There will be concessions where you can purchase hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks; a country market that sells fall decorating items, pumpkins, fall squash, gourds, decorations, jams, apples, apple butter, cider, candy and fall gifts. The market accepts credit cards; everywhere else is cash only.

There is a \$20.00 fee for scarecrow making. Last year our group had a great time making the scarecrow!

We will make another one and display it at church.

Meet at 2:00 pm at the Fall Festival entrance.

Hayride at 3:00 pm, Scarecrow Making at 4:00 pm.

**RSVP to Molly King by Friday, October 20** at [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org)



# A Joyful Noise!

Grace Lutheran Community Concerts

## The 2017-2018 Concert Season

November 12	Otterbein String Orchestra
December 10	Scioto Valley Brass & Percussion Co.
January 28	Singing Buckeyes
February 18	Otterbein String Orchestra
April 15	Capital University Chapel Choir

All concerts will be held in the Worship Space at 7:00 pm, except for December 10, which is at 5:30 pm. A reception in our Gathering Space will follow each event.

We depend entirely on sponsorships and donations for financial support.

Any donation of support is greatly appreciated!

Thanks in advance for your support!

## **DARTBALL** It's **DARTBALL SEASON!!!**



We are short handed this season and could use a few good folks to help us defend our Division Championship as we try to go back-to-back this year.

### 2017-2018 Schedule

10-19	At Grace	12-21	Home v. Grace of God
10-26	Home v. Trinity	1-4	Home v. Epiphany
11-2	Home v. Lockbourne	1-11	At Emmanuel
11-9	At Grove City	1-18	Home v. Grace
11-16	At Rome	1-25	At Trinity
11-30	Home v. Reynoldsburg	2-1	Home v. Grove City
12-7	At Obetz	2-8	At Lockbourne
12-14	At Christ	2-15	Home v. Rome

Meet at the church at 6:30 pm. **Everyone is welcome!** For questions, contact Robert Bassett at 419-236-4293 or: [rgbassettiii@gmail.com](mailto:rgbassettiii@gmail.com)

Thrivent Announcement

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## Serving Today

PREACHER	Pastor Richard Walston
PRESIDER	Pastor William Hartfelder
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Pfanz
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Lora Moore
GUEST DIRECTOR	Kelsey Burkett
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
CANTOR	Chris Troutman
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz

ACOLYTES      8:15 Logan Brenning      11:00 Lily Hicks

ALTAR GUILD *Team 4*      Marge Cepek, Kimberly Haynes, Kirsten Hicks, Ann Taylor  
Nancy Kleberg, Jill Morrison, Barb Moser, Tom Moser

CARE TEAM      Lisa Coulter, Sue Miller, Bob Klingensmith, Marge Zimmernann,  
Peggy Jones, Paul Hotchkiss, Coleen Wooster

COMMUNION      8:15 Paul Whitacre, Lisa Kuhar, Steve Miller  
ASSISTANTS      11:00 Tom Shannon, Norm Grover, Lily Hicks

GREETERS      8:15 John and Nancy Kleberg  
11:00 Jim, Carol and Mark Schlea

LECTORS      8:15 Bill Kulju      11:00 Shirley Moleno

NURSERY ATTENDANTS      Emma Hassell, Mia McElroy (during both services)

SOUND TECHNICIANS      Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant,  
Eric Bush, Jack Rockwood

USHERS      8:15 Steve Miller, Vanessa Stewart, Sue Miller  
11:00 Dave Patterson, Kent Patterson, Steve Himes, Jim Monroe

*Bus Drivers TODAY: Aaron Bally      Oct. 22 Mark Will      Oct. 29 Fred Pfanz*



## This Week at Grace: October 15 – October 22, 2017

OCT. 15

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:15 am Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Adult Learning Opportunity: *Faithweaver NOW* (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 am Adult Learning Opportunity: REFORMATION ROOTS (Rose Garden Libr.)
- 9:45 am Thrivent Presentation (Old Choir Room)
- 9:45 am Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 5:30 pm Confirmation (Fellowship Hall).

MON

TUES. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30-8 pm Reformation Choir Rehearsal  
8 - 9 pm Voices of Grace Rehearsal (Rose Garden Rms. 2 & 3)

THURS 6:30 pm Dartball @ Grace church  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT. 8:00 am Men of Grace Breakfast/Meeting (Fellowship Hall/Café)  
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

OCT. 22 **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

- 8:15 am Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Stewardship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
(*No Sunday School or Adult Learning Classes*)
- 11:00 am Holy Communion
- 12:30 pm Stewardship Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 2-5 pm Youth & Family Event at Freeman Farm Festival
- 5:30 pm Confirmation (Fellowship Hall).

## Grace is on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranWesterville>



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### Holy Communion

Every Sunday Morning — 8:15 & 11 am

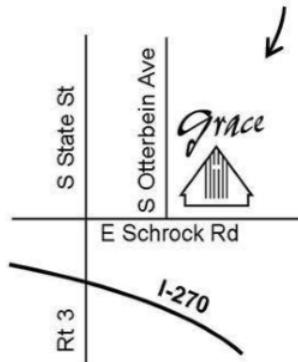
*Join us for fellowship  
and refreshments after  
each service.*



### Sunday School

Learning for children, youth  
and adults - 9:45 am

### You're invited! Here's how to find us.



### 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.

*Grace*  
is home to...

*Little Blessings*



*Preschool*

...encouraging educational, social, emotional  
and spiritual growth of children in a loving,  
secure environment.

### GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

has been serving the Westerville community for more than 107 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 Boy Scout Troop 007 and three AA groups.



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