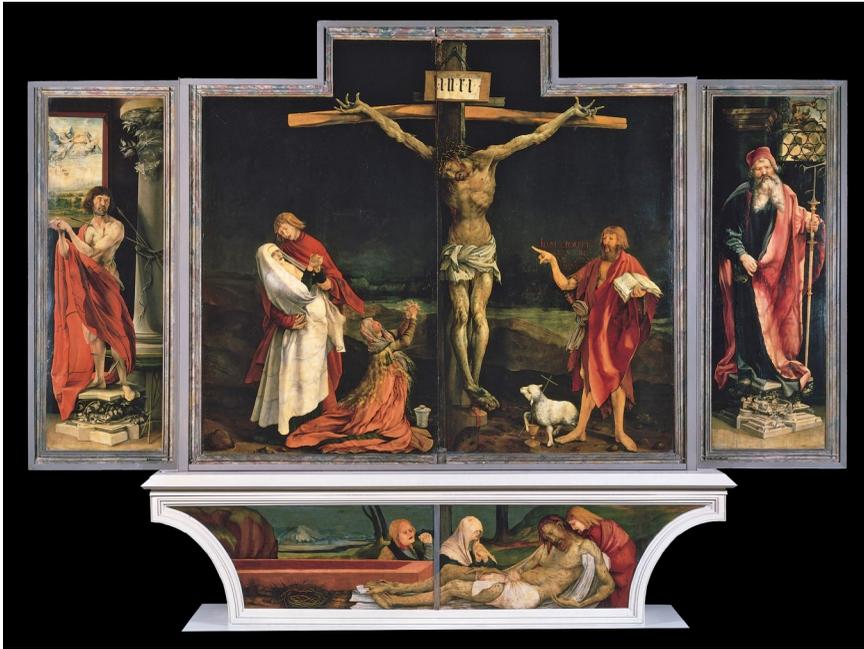


John the Baptist Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Baptism



June 24, 2018
11:00 am

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.

John the Baptist Sunday

John the Baptist is a unique figure in Christian memory, a hinge between the Old Testament prophets and the first Christians. In the gospel stories he recognizes Jesus as one greater than himself, one for whose coming he prepares the way. But still from his prison he asks if Jesus is truly the Expected One. He is a figure of perpetual Advent and in that way stands for all of us who may be Christian believers but still wait and wonder, discern and doubt.

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Trio and Plenum on *Rejoice on God's Saints*" - arr. David Cherwien

"By All Your Saints" - arr. James Mansfield

Please stand to face the Baptismal Font.

GATHERING HYMN

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own;
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

PRESENTATION

Please be seated.

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

R: **I do.**

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,
and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: **I do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support this child of God and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

To Parents.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

To All the Assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

To the congregation.

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C: **Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: **By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.**

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

P: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain those whom we baptize with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

WELCOME

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.*

BAPTISMAL HYMN "We Know That Christ is Raised"



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

GREETING

- L 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L Let us pray. Almighty God,
C **by your gracious providence your servant John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that the light of Christ may increase in us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARISH CONCERNS

The Word

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 1-4

The prophet Malachi announces the coming of one who will prepare a way for God's arrival. His burning program of reform will make God's people ready for salvation.

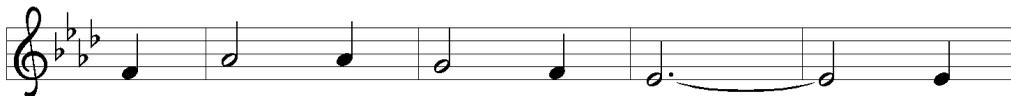
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.^[a]⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM 141

Refrain



My eyes are turned to you, my



eyes are turned to you, Lord God.

Psalm Tone



- L ¹O LORD, I call to you; come | to me quickly;
hear my voice when I | cry to you.
- C ²**Let my prayer rise before | you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the | evening sacrifice.**
- L ³Set a watch before my | mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door | of my lips.
- C ⁴**Let not my heart incline to any | evil thing.
Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, nor eat
of | their sweet foods. Refrain**
- L ⁵Let the righteous strike me; their rebukes, as oil upon the head, are not
to | be refused.
Yet my prayers are continually against the deeds | of the wicked.
- C ⁶**Let their rulers be thrown down up- | on the stones,
that they may hear my words, for | they are sweet.**
- L ⁷Just as one who tills the earth | breaks the rock,
so let their bones be scattered at the mouth | of the grave.
- C ⁸**But my eyes are turned to | you, Lord God;
in you I take refuge; strip me not | of my life. Refrain**
- L ⁹Guard me from the trap that they have | laid for me
and from the snares of | evildoers.
- C ¹⁰**Let the wicked fall into | their own nets,
while I a- | lone pass through. Refrain**

SECOND READING: Acts 13: 13-26

In Antioch of Pisidia, Paul preaches in the synagogue and recalls the ministry of John the Baptist, showing how John was the pivot point between history and the new acts God was performing through Jesus.

¹³ Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; ¹⁴ but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.” ¹⁶ So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

“You Israelites,^[a] and others who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ For about forty years he put up with^[b] them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance ²⁰ for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. ²¹ Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years.

²² When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.’ ²³ Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴ before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his work, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals^[c] on his feet.’

²⁶ “My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us^[d] the message of this salvation has been sent.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Sung by Song Leader:

*“Your word is light for our footsteps and a lamp to guide our feet
on the pathway to our God.”*

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1: 57-80

P The Holy gospel according to Luke
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The birth and naming of John ends his father Zechariah's silence. He announces the child's name given by the angel and speaks a prophecy about the newborn infant.

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John."

⁶¹ They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." ⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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

Please be seated.

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY "By All Your Saints in Warfare"



1 By all your saints in war - fare, for all your saints at rest,
 2 We praise you for the Bap - tist, fore - run - ner of the Word,
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blest!
 our true E - li - jah, mak - ing a high - way for the Lord.
 and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you have won the bat - tle that they might wear the crown;
 The last and great - est proph - et, he saw the dawn - ing ray
 till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and now they shine in glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
 of light that grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
 as - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place,
praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

A By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers
In trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

We Worship God Through our Giving

MUSIC OFFERING

The Many Voices of Grace

“Psalm of Celebration” - Mark Hayes

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him the victory!

He is the Lord, Almighty God, the Holy One of Israel!

He has revealed His salvation among all the peoples.

Tell His salvation through all of the earth and sing His praises to all of the peoples.

For as we lift up our Savior and Lord, He will draw all men unto Him.

Proclaim to the captives their liberty now is at hand.

Celebrate freedom that comes through the Son of Man.

Minister healing to all of the blind and the lame.

Speak out the words of resurrection in Jesus' name.

He has revealed His salvation. Alleluia!

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful God,
C **you open wide your hand and satisfy the need
of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Meal

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

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”

Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Hea-ven 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 God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son
to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

C Amen.

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Dan Schutte

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come, un -
til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
The prayer continues.... Do this for the remembrance of me. →

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

Dan Schutte

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, we pro - claim your Death, your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'When We Eat This Bread'. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style.

The prayer continues.... Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

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.

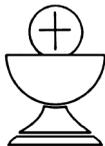
“Lamb of God”

Dan Schutte

you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on
(Final) world, O grant us peace, O grant us last - ing
us. peace, Lamb of God.

Sung by Song Leader:

1. *Lamb of God, offered for us ...*
2. *Bread of life, broken for us ...*
3. *Cup of hope, emptied for us ...*



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 and adults 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

"There's A Voice in the Wilderness Calling"
- arr. Christopher Hoch

Chris Hoch, trombone

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People" - arr. Anne Krentz Organ
"Prepare the Royal Highway" - Becki Slagle Mayo

Linda Hoch, organ

After all have communed, please stand.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
C **you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may
feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

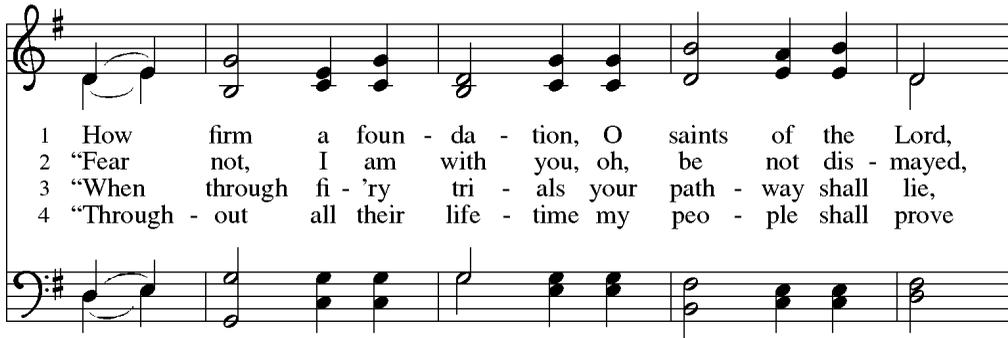
The Sending

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

DISMISSAL

Children
C

Go in peace. The Holy Spirit sends us to serve.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

“How Firm a Foundation” - arr. *Dennis Eliot*

Remember in our prayers... Elmer Stauch, Jill Morrison, Jerry Bobb, Roza Bernhardt,
Pr. Richard Walston, Russell Fichtelman, Ron Kerlee, Will Stoll

Today's flowers are given by...

Merl and Jan Breen, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; and by
The children and grandchildren of Rachel and Earle Gangestad, in celebration of
their 47th wedding anniversary.



*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for
Macy Jane Braatz, daughter of Julie and Michael Braatz.
This child of God is sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked
with the cross of Christ forever.*



JULY 1, 2018 ~ Question and Answer in between services

The Reverend Dr. David Wendel will be Preaching on July 1st.
He and a Council Member will be available to answer questions
during an Open Meeting which will be held between worship
services. The Open Meeting is open to all members.

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.

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)*

JUNE Grocery List: Canned pineapple, peaches, fruit cocktail; applesauce, hot dog sauce, BBQ sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, Miracle Whip, Salad dressings, baked beans, refried beans (no whole beans), salsa, boxed pasta salads, potato sides, flour, sugar, vinegar, baking soda, salt & pepper, coffee (decaf most needed),
Hygiene: 4-roll toilet paper, single roll paper towels.

- *Fresh produce is always welcome, especially early in the week.*

- *REMEMBER to place only non-perishable items in our grocery carts.*

Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM.

FIRST FRUITS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. This happens the 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.



LOAVES AND FISHES CAFÉ The Hospitality Committee is in need of a coordinator for the Loaves and Fishes Café. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Mike Shuman at any of the following: mshuman@speermecanical.com OR mjshuman@columbus.rr.com OR 614-348-1886.

* *The Hospitality Committee would like to thank Julie Hartfelder for her past service as coordinator for the Loaves and Fishes Café Ministry.*

TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

ADULT LEARNING

The Summer session of the **Faithweaver NOW** series of Adult Learning classes meets in Fellowship Hall, 9:45-10:45 am. The three-year scope and sequence covers the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Facilitator is Cathy Burner-Kerlee.

"THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH" - AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE

"Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity..." Hebrews 6: 1

STARTING RALLY DAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

See or contact John Westenhaver for more information at jwestenhaver@gmail.com.

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.
Facilitator: Molly King

The Women's Bible Study Summer session begins Wednesday, July 11th at 10:00am. We will be studying *"Finding I Am"* by Lysa TerKeurst. This study is a 6 week study with videos. Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. If you have any questions or want to participate email Molly King at m.king@grace43081.org. Deadline to sign up is July 6. Cost of workbook is \$15, payable at first class session.



All Youth Sunday School Classes and the Little Lambs Class are now observing a summer recess. These classes will resume on RALLY DAY, August 19, 2018.

SUMMER VACATION READING ... don't forget to pick up a copy of "Vacation Devotions for the Family" at the Welcome Center desk... daily readings for each day of your vacation!



Coming Up...
August 12, 2018



Blessing of the Backpacks



SAVE THE DATE ... JULY 22 through 26 **Vacation Bible School**

THEME: "Babylon—Daniel's Courage in Captivity"

FAMILY DINNER 5:30-6:00 pm, VBS 6:00-8:00 pm

(If you have dietary restrictions, email Molly King: m.king@grace43081.org)

This year's VBS is more interactive! We're traveling back in time...

For more information or questions Contact Molly King
(m.king@grace43081.org) or Sarah Odum (sarahodum@gmail.com)



→ **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** Go to Grace's website: www.grace43081.org, VBS info.,
or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center desk.

***Those who register by JULY 1 get a free Babylon music CD
to start listening to the music!***

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED!!

We will be re-creating a Holy Land "market place" setting and need several items:
(All donated/borrowed items will be returned! Be sure to mark your name on them
if you want them back.)

These items are still needed: Decorative pillows (most needed items)
Blankets -Patterned or plain Bed sheets (Queen or King flat)

*Please bring your items As Soon As Possible - Items are needed for
planning purposes. Remember to label your items and drop them off
in the bin outside of Molly King's office (lower level).*

Questions? Contact Molly at: m.king@grace43081.org.

★ **DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Sat., JULY 21, 10 am**

A light lunch will be provided! Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Celebration of Sound! *Summer Music Series 2018*

TODAY Lora Moore, vocal solo

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| JULY 1 | Dave McMahan, woodwind |
| JULY 8 | Linda Hoch/Lora Moore, piano/organ duet |
| JULY 15 | Andrea Bush, violin solo |
| JULY 22 | Dennis Crill/Linda Hoch, piano/organ duet |
| JULY 29 | Daniel Winfield, viola |
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| AUGUST 5 | Chris and John Troutman, vocal duet |
| AUGUST 12 | Marissa Banks/Linda Hoch, piano/organ duet |
| AUGUST 19 | David and Lora Moore, vocal duet |
| AUGUST 26 | David Kile & Stephen Kile, vocal duet |
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| SEPTEMBER 2 | Carolyn Via, violin solo |
| SEPTEMBER 9 | Voices of Grace returns to worship services |

ATTENTION LADIES: *China Service Ventures (CSV), a Ministry Partner of the NALC, are planning a Hearts for Henan Tour, October 13-27, 2018. They are asking if any ladies would be willing to crochet red heart bookmarks - the goal is 500! Contact Molly King for the pattern and more information at m.king@grace43081.org.*



ONLINE GIVING A giving line item for *Living Stones Build the Future* has been added to the Grace online donation form. Access Grace's website, www.grace43081.org, click on GIVING, scroll down to the blue bar and click to launch Grace's donation form. For those who have been using online giving to donate to *Founded in Faith, Forward in Hope*, be sure to cancel that donation effective 6/30/18.

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Serving Today

PREACHER Pr. Will Hartfelder
LITURGIST Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
ASSISTING MINISTER Fred Pfanz
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Lora Moore
ORGANIST Linda Hoch
SONG LEADER Lora Moore
CANTOR Lora Moore
SACRISTAN Fred Pfanz

ACOLYTES 8:15 Owen DeTemple 11:00 Rhett Godwin

ALTAR GUILD *Team 6* Natalie Arthur, Karen Bale, Janet Breen, Julie Hotchkiss,
Rosemarie Litzinger, Regina and Vaughan Place, Kathy Reedy

COMMUNION 8:15 Chris Banks, Lisa Stoll, Dan George
ASSISTANTS 11:00 Sue Monroe, Jim Monroe, Rhett Godwin, Rachel Gangestad

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

LECTORS 8:15 Caroline Stoll 11:00 Tom Seamon

NURSERY ATTENDANTS Miranda Jones, Michelle Ulrich (during both services)

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

USHERS 8:15 Randy Stoll, Katherine Stoll, Caroline Stoll, Katie Singleton
11:00 Melissa Hodek, Robert Bassett, Dave Fuhrman, Dave Menges

Bus Drivers Today: Joe Moleno July 1 Fred Pfanz July 8 Paul Hotchkiss



This Week at Grace: June 24 through July 1, 2018

JUNE 24

JOHN THE BAPTIST SUNDAY / BAPTISM SUNDAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Reception for Pr. Hartfelder in between services

8:15 am Holy Communion
9:45 am Adult Learning Class
11:00 am Holy Communion
4-7 pm Open House Reception for Pr. Hartfelder @ Medallion Club—Wstrv

MON. 9am-12 pm BUDDY CAMP 9 am—12 pm

TUES. 9am-12 pm BUDDY CAMP 9 am—12 pm
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 9am-12 pm BUDDY CAMP 9 am—12 pm
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

THURS. 9am-12 pm BUDDY CAMP 9 am—12 pm
No Boy Scouts

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

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

JULY 1

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:15 am Holy Communion
9:45 am Adult Learning Class
11:00 am Holy Communion

Grace is on Facebook!

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



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Holy Communion

Every Sunday Morning — 8:15 & 11 am

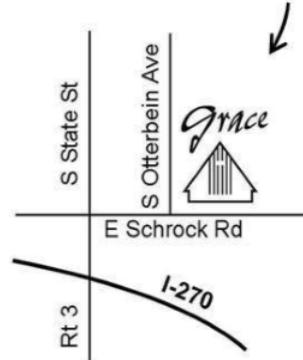
*Join us for fellowship
and refreshments after
each service.*



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.

GRACE
is home to...

Little Blessings



Preschool

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

Mission Statement

Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus
to grow disciples and serve our community.

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

has been serving the Westerville community
for more than 109 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.