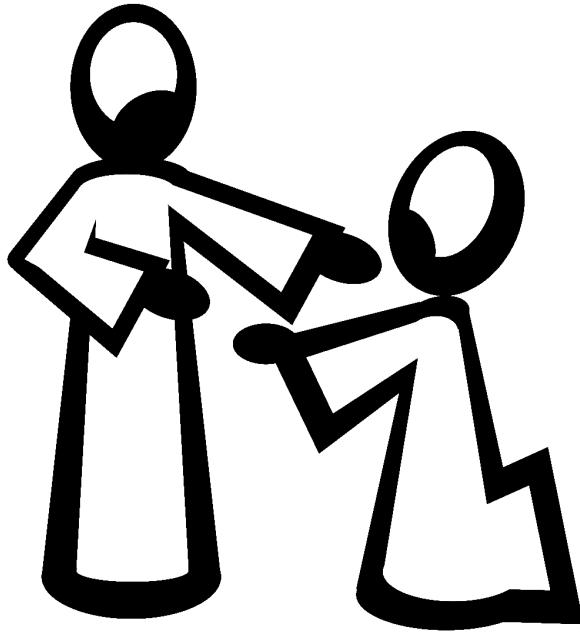


2nd Sunday of Easter



April 7, 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

Linda Hoch

"Dance on Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" - arr. Mary Beth Bennett

"Vignette on O Filii et Filiae" - arr. Rebecca Groom Te Velde

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence 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.**

Please turn toward the Processional Cross for the Entrance Hymn.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion
 Neith - er could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel-come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING


P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

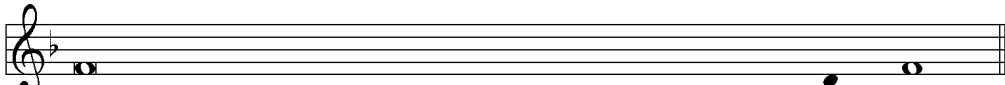
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C **And also with you.**


KYRIE (*Mark 10: 47, Luke 17:13*)



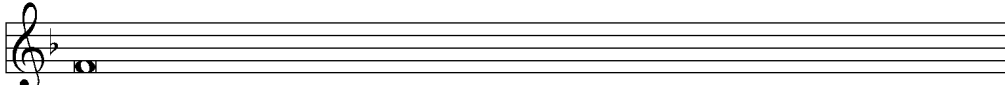
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



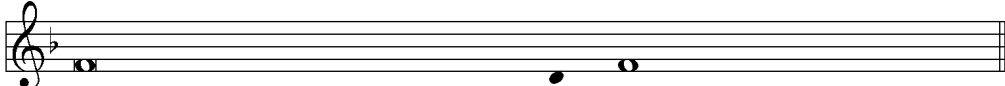
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



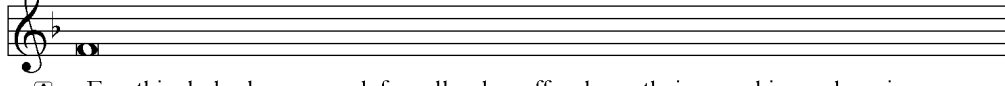
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



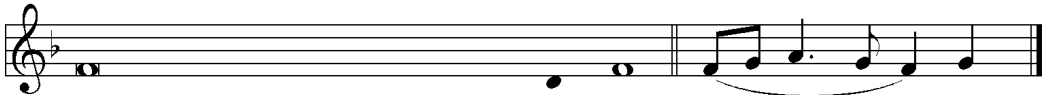
C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. Ⓒ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Worthy is Christ” (*Revelation 5:9-12*)
Men sing part I, Women sing part II, and All sing “C”



Ⓒ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⓘ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Ⓒ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⓜ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

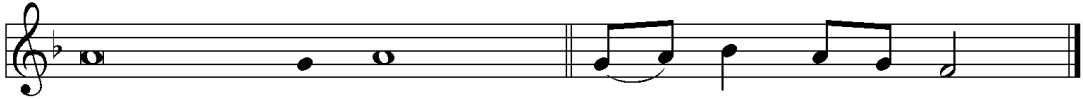
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☑ A - men

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Luke described the first century followers of Jesus as those who were committed to unity, a common purpose, mutual care, and bold, faithful proclamation of the good news concerning Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. This is a benchmark for all those of every time and place who claim to follow Jesus.

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 148

Refrain



The splendor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

Psalms
Tone



L ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹ from the heavens;
praise him ¹ in the heights.

C ²**Praise him, all you an-¹gels of his;
praise him, ¹ all his host.**

L ³Praise him, ¹ sun and moon;
praise him, all you ¹ shining stars.

C ⁴**Praise him, heav-¹en of heavens,
and you waters a-¹bove the heavens.**

L ⁵Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD;
for he commanded, and they ¹ were created.

C ⁶**He made them stand fast forev-¹er and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not ¹ pass away. Refrain**

L ⁷Praise the LORD ¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;

C ⁸**fire and hail, ¹ snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do-¹ing his will;**

L ⁹mountains ¹ and all hills,
fruit trees ¹ and all cedars;

C ¹⁰**wild beasts ¹ and all cattle,
creeping things and ¹ winged birds;**

L ¹¹kings of the earth ¹ and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

C ¹²**young ¹ men and maidens,
old and ¹ young together. Refrain**

L ¹³Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over ¹ earth and heaven.

C ¹⁴**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his ¹ loyal
servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. ¹ Hallelujah! Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

The first letter of John opens with eloquent descriptions of Jesus as the light and life of the world which the author prays that the readers will experience. The passage concludes with an exhortation to live in truth and light by confessing our sins and receiving the mercy and grace of God through Jesus.

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have

fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*John 6:68*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection offering them his peace, forgiveness, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Thomas, who was not present, had difficulty believing when the others told him of their encounter. Jesus appeared again with Thomas present and Thomas confessed him as Lord. The risen Christ promised blessing to those who believe without having seen.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to

them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



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 Sons and Daughters of the King" (all verses)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;

Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the
 The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the
 Who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will
 A - mong them came their mas - ter dear, And said, "My

grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

6 “My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless, but believing be.”
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days,
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!

THE NICENE CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge**

the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, with heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who gave us eternal life and joy, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord 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.***

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Grace Ringers Bell Choir

"The Day of Resurrection" - arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Please stand as the offering and First Fruits are brought forward.

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD (*Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7*)



☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Blessed are you,
 C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS *(Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)*

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

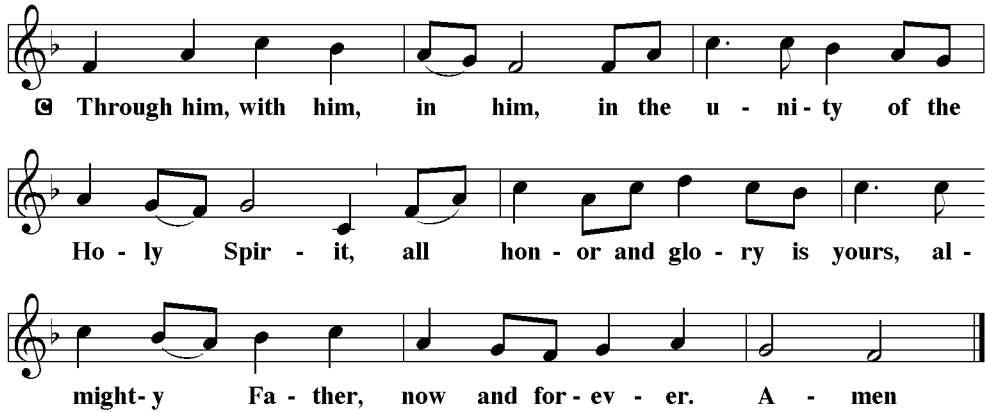
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



☐ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION *(Luke 24:30-31, 35; Acts 2:42)*

A time of silence...

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *(1 Corinthians 5:6-8)*

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please be seated.



*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 this morning.
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.

As always, 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.

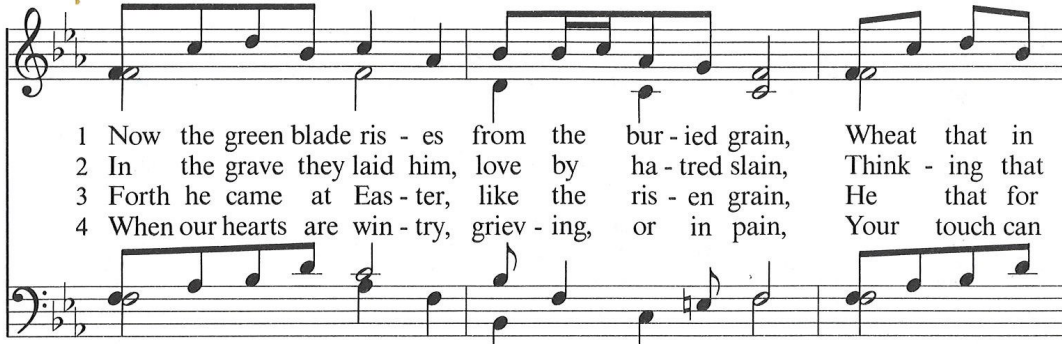
LAMB OF GOD (John 1: 29)

☐ 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Grace Ringers Bell Choir

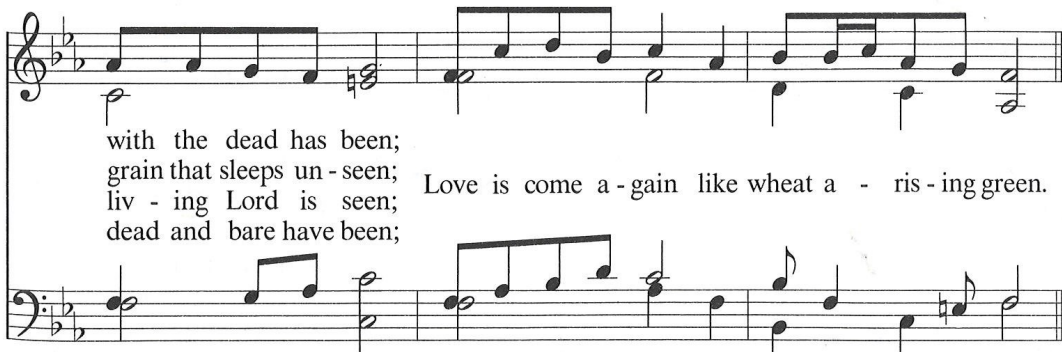
"The Strife is O'er" and "Thine Be the Glory" - arr. Frances Callahan

COMMUNION HYMN**"Now the Green Blade Rises"**


1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, Think - ing that
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, He that for
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Your touch can



dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that
 he would nev - er wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like
 three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my
 call us back to life a - gain, Fields of our hearts that



with the dead has been;
 grain that sleeps un - seen; Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
 liv - ing Lord is seen;
 dead and bare have been;

COMMUNION MUSIC*"We Walk By Faith" - arr. Valerie A. Floeter***Linda Hoch - Piano***After all have communed, please stand.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Almighty God, who gives the true Bread which comes down from heaven, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

SENDING OF OUR CARE TEAM

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

C **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

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, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The image shows a musical score for the benediction. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff. The first 'A' is marked with a square symbol. The melody is simple and homophonic, with a long note on the final 'men'.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

THE RITE OF SENDING

- A Christ is risen!
C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- A Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Voluntary on Thine Be the Glory" - arr. Matthew H. Corl

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...

Jim and Rella Kehl in celebration of Rella's birthday.

Remember in our prayers... *Joyce Strung, Mary Ross, John Hicks, Bryce Meneley, Evelyn Boughton, Betty Lou Miliner, Grace Sima, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick*

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** Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

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



Office closing early, Monday, April 8 the office will be open 9am-noon and resume normal hours Tuesday, April 9.

Columbarium Update: The new monuments for the Grace Columbarium expansion have been installed and are awaiting landscaping and hardscaping. The niches are available for members to purchase. Information packets are available on the south table at the entrance to the sanctuary and at the welcome desk. Please contact Jon Sweet in the church office with any questions.

Congregational Visitation by Pastor Wendel: Upon the beginning of his ministry at Grace in early December, Pastor Wendel has been focused on visiting every home to become better acquainted with all who are involved at Grace Lutheran Church. Council member, Becky Seifert, is scheduling and coordinating these visits. You may contact Becky at seifertbecky@yahoo.com or 614-378-6023. Should you need to contact



Pastor Wendel for a last minute change, feel free to call or text him at 719-650-8171. For anyone who may prefer to meet in pastor's office, please let Becky know when scheduling!

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.

Upcoming Events

April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30pm– VBS Craft Day • Deadline to signup for Crew2 Game April 21 • Mr. Carmel Street Medicine item drop off deadline
April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00pm Ruth Circle • 6:30pm Sunday Worship of the Lutheran Church Study (6 week study)
April 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm Men's Gathering @ Wendell's Pub
April 12 & 13	Council Retreat
April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Sunday School putting together Mt. Carmel Street Medicine kits • Secret Sister Luncheon
April 20	8am Men of Grace
April 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC Disaster Response Sunday (School Kit items due) • 9:30am Q&A with Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response • Youth and Family: 3pm Crew game (sign-up at the welcome desk) • 11am Youth Choir Sings
April 28	New Member classes at 9:30am and 12:30pm (New Member Welcome: May 5)
May 3 & 4	Ohio Mission Region Convocation (Registration open now)
June 10-13	Scuba VBS, 5:30-8:30pm



Calling all visitors and those considering membership at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church! We will be receiving new members Sunday, May 5, at both services! A New Member Class will be offered with two sessions Sunday, April 28 at

9:30am during the Sunday School hour and the second session the same day after the 11am service. A light lunch will be provided in the Loaves and Fishes fellowship area, followed by the session in the Sanctuary. The class will be led by Pastor David Wendel and facilitated by Vanessa Stewart. If you have questions regarding Grace Lutheran Church or membership, please contact Pastor Wendel, d.wendel@grace43081, or by phone or text 719-650-8171. Those wishing to participate in the new member class and planning to join in membership, please register at www.grace43081.org or call the office at 614-882-3026, or email at office@grace43081.org.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Sunday Worship of the Lutheran Church: Have you wondered why we do what we do in Sunday worship? Have you been curious about the history and development of Christian worship from the early church life today? Pastor Wendel will lead an in-depth 6 week study being Monday, April 8, 6:30pm at the church. Please sign-up if you plan to participate. Questions? Call or text Pastor Wendel 719-650-8171.



The Women's Bible Study: We are studying The Gospel of John: Part 1 by Tony Evans. Description: Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciples book- that we would believe in Jesus and find life in his name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you don't already have a RightNow Media account contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.



Adult Bible Class: "The Seven Mountains" Every nation has seven primary areas of culture, or mountains, that are meant to be the format, or context in which we receive God's ever-increasing Kingdom. They are Media, Family, Arts & Entertainment, Economy, Religion, Education, and Government. How can we, as Christians, effectively impact the areas of culture in which we have influence or a passion for? Join the class for a study on the "Seven Mountains" beginning on April 28 at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. And is facilitated by Bill Kulju.



Youth and Family Event with the Columbus Crew: Come join us for Faith and Family Night with the Columbus Crew. The game is with Crew 2 and played in the old stadium. Crew 1 will not be having Faith and Family Night this year because tickets are sold out for the home games. If you are interested you can sign up at the Welcome Center. All are welcome to join us as we cheer on the Columbus Crew 2 for Faith and Family day, April 21 at 3pm. Tickets are \$12. Sign-up at the welcome desk by TODAY. Please let Molly King know if you have any questions.



Choirs at Grace:

- **Grace Youth Choir** rehearsals are part of the Sunday School opening which takes place Sundays from 9:30-9:50am in the 2nd floor Sunday School room. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.
- **Grace Chancel Choir** rehearsals are 7:00-8:15 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Jeff Daubenmire with questions or interest in singing.
- **Grace Ringers Bell Choir** rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7PM. Contact Maria Laderman with questions or interest in ringing.



RUTH CIRCLE (Rose Garden 1) Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 9**, at 1:00 p.m. in Rose Garden Room #1. We will be studying Lesson 4, "Respect for the Name" in our study guide on The Ten Commandments. Jan Perry will lead the lesson and Marge Zimmermann will provide light refreshments. We hope you will join us, For more information please call Dorothea Fuhrman at 614-205-8111.



Please note the date change from Monday, April 8 to Tuesday, April 9 for this month's meeting.

Scuba VBS Registration is now OPEN! Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13,



5:30-8:30pm kids dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2024gracevbs>

Vacation Bible School Donation Requests: The VBS donation board is up in the Gathering Space. Check back each week at items are added leading up to VBS.

**HELP
WANTED**

- **The first Creation Day for VBS TODAY at 12:30pm, signup at the Welcome Desk.**

- Items currently on the board due April 28 to prepare for Creation Day #2 on May 5 at 12:30pm as we dive head first into creating a memorable VBS, immersing kids in the Word and discovering with living water is really all about!

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.



Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes Cafe) The men of Grace met on March 16 to discuss future plans for the group. Led by Pastor Wendel, the group first wrestled with the question of "Would you be willing to die for your faith?", and "What else would you be willing to die for?". The questions prompted deep and



meaningful discussion. Pastor Wendel has announced plans for two meetings in April. The first will be held at Wendell's Pub on N. State St. on Thursday, April 11. This meeting will be oriented to younger men/working men. The second will be the regular meeting time - third Saturday of the month at 8 am.

HELP WANTED NEEDED! THE SECRET TO THE PAST SUCCESSES WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR VOLUNTEERS - ADULTS AND OLDER TEENS THAT CAN RELATE TO THE YOUNGSTERS ATTENDING. - Crew Leaders: Elementary- An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (10 adults needed)- Crew Leaders: Preschoolers- An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (5 adults needed)- Assistant Leaders: Rising 6th graders thru adults to assist Crew Leaders and Station Leaders (15 volunteers needed) VBS IS A GREAT CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR GRACE LUTHERAN. Sign up in the Gathering Space or Call Sarah Odum in the Grace office. 614-882-3026

HELP WANTED

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Disaster Response

NALC Disaster Response Sunday will be April 21. We will be collecting school kits on this day. Items can be placed in bins in the gathering space. Mary Bates will be available between services for a Q&A on NALC Disaster Response. School kit Items include:

<p>School Kit: Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 backpack or duffle bag • 4 notebooks • 4 pocket folders • 1 blunt scissors • 1 ruler • 1 pencil sharpener • 4 pencils • 2 pens • 1 eraser • 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers 	<p>School Kit: High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 backpack or duffle bag • 4 notebooks • 4 pocket folders • 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser -or- 4 mechanical pencils • 4 pens
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Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team: The Sunday School classes are making Blessing Bags for the Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team. The collection is ends TODAY. The children will be putting together the Blessing bags and making encouragement cards Sunday, April 14 during the Sunday School hour. The items being collected are: **Wet Wipes, Individually wrapped toothbrushes, tooth paste, bar of soap and washcloth and hand sanitizer.** Any questions see Molly or email at m.king@grace43081.org.

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



WARM

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

April Shopping List: Mustard; BBQ Sauce; Jello/ Pudding Mixes – Sugar Free and Regular; Juices – Apple, Cranberry, Grape, Tomato; Soup – Bean or Tomato; Tomato Paste or Sauce; Green Beans, Corn ****LOW SALT ONLY****; Cereal; Kids Diapers – sizes 4,

5, 6; Hand/Soft soap; and Fabric Softener. 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.

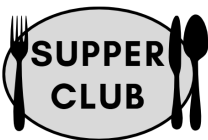
The Grace Stitchers have planned a meeting Tuesday, April 23, 1-3pm meeting in Rose Garden 2, to focus on the Quiet Books that are available to young children during services. Jeanice Alexander was a part of creating them 19yrs ago and has been lovingly maintaining them ever since. At this time Jeanice needs to pass on this ministry and It is our privilege to take it over. We will focus on these 11 books to becoming familiar with them and all the supplies

Jeanice gave us to maintain them. Please join us if you are interested in helping with this ministry or in the others projects the Grace Stitchers are active in - no RSVP needed! Check out our Little Dresses for Africa closet in the gathering space and share the happiness they will bring to the little girls who will receive them! Questions regarding the Grace Stitchers? Please call or email Vanessa Stewart 614-588-2712, vschpn55@gmail.com.



HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Supper Club had a wonderful evening at Villa Nova Ristorante last month. For April, we have a reservation at Cap City Fine Diner and Bar on Thursday, April 18 at 6:15 p.m. Cap City is located at 6644 Riverside Drive, DUBLIN 43017. 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.



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

“Dance on Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” – arr. Mary Beth Bennett

This Greek Easter hymn by one of the most important of the early Greek hymnists, John of Damascus (c. 675-c. 749), includes references to the Song of Moses (Exodus 15) where deliverance through the Red Sea is related to deliverance by Christ from death. The hymn also uses Spring (the Queen of Seasons) as an allegory of the resurrection.

“Vignette on O Filii et Filiae” – arr. Rebecca Groom Te Velde

“L’aleluya du jour de Pasques” (The Easter Alleluia) was written in Latin by Jean Tisserand, a Franciscan monk who died in 1494 in Paris. It was first discovered in a small untitled book printed sometime between 1518 and 1536. After an opening call to praise, the text reminds us of the women coming to the tomb, the angels’ message to them, Christ appearing to the disciples at the evening, and even the story of doubting Thomas.

“The Day of Resurrection” – arr. Douglas E. Wagner

This hymn is a translation of Ode I in the Golden Canon of Easter by John of Damascus (ca. 657 -ca. 749)– a Greek hymn from before the 8th century. It is sung in Greek churches at midnight before Easter as the congregation lights candles to dispel darkness, and the silence is shattered by sounds of drums and trumpets. The hymn moves from the Exodus to the New Testament story of Easter morning, ending with a call to all to be joyful and to rejoice.

“The Strife if O’er” and “Thine Be the Glory” – arr. Frances Callahan

This selection for bell choir is an arrangement of two Easter hymns:

“The Strife is O’er” – The Latin antecedent of this hymn has been traced to the *Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum* (Cologne, 1695), where it appears anonymously. In the original version, two “Alleluias” begin each stanza. Francis Pott (1832-1909) translated it about 1859 and published it in his *Hymns Fitted to the Order of Common Prayer* (1861). The music is an adaptation of the opening phrases of “Gloria Patri et Filio” from Palestrina’s *Magnificat Tertii Toni* (1591). William H. Monk arranged it for the original musical edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). The title comes from the second phrase, stanza one of the English text.

“Thine Be the Glory” – (see notes for “Voluntary on *Thine Be the Glory*”)

“We Walk By Faith” – arr. Valerie A. Floeter

Henry Alford (1810-1871) included this hymn in his *Psalms and Hymns* (London, 1844) and his *Year of Praise* (London, 1867). He wrote it for the commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. Not surprisingly it begins with 2 Corinthians 5:7 (“We walk by faith, not by sight”) and then quotes from the account of Jesus and Thomas – about our Emmaus walk (Luke 24:13-35) and our meeting with the resurrected Lord in water, word, bread, and wine.

“Voluntary on Thine Be the Glory” – arr. Matthew H. Corl

The French hymn, “*A toi la gloire*” (dated 1884) by Edmond Budry (1854-1932), pastor in Vevey, Switzerland, was first published in the *Y.M.C.A. Hymn Book* (Lausanne, 1904). It was translated into English by Richard B. Hoyle (1875-1939) in 1923 and appeared in *Cantate Domino* (1925), the hymnal of the World’s Student Christian Federation. In England, the first line is sung “Thine be the glory.” The hymn tune is adapted from a chorus in the original version of Handel’s oratorio *Joshua* (1748). The music was transferred from *Joshua* to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751 and there it has remained, set to the words “See, the conquering hero comes.”



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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.

Maundy Thursday: 12:15pm: 24; 7:00pm: 72; Total: 96
Good Friday: 12:15pm: 22; 7:00pm: 90; Total: 112
Easter Sunday: 8:15am: 166; 11:00am: 189; Total: 355

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



"LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD"
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

2024 ANNUAL WESTERVILLE COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Benefiting the Mission of
WARM
Westerville Area Resource Ministry

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 7AM-8:30AM
(Registration begins at 6:30 AM)

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JENNIFER BULLOCK
WCMH-TV, NBC4 News Anchor

A story of faith in hardship, loss, and resilience

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/ PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Jeff Daubenmire
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CANTOR	Jeff Daubenmire
LECTOR	8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Shirley Moleno
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:15 Vanessa Stewart 11:00 Tami Stone
GREETERS	8:15 Mike and Carol Russell 11:00 Kyle Lamb
FIRST FRUITS	8:15 The Place Family 11:00 The Arreguin Family
USHERS	8:15 Chris Banks, John Kotik, Dan George, Béla Bernhardt 11:00 Joe Moleno, Merlin Breen, Dick Jones, Brice Graves
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 4</i>	Vanessa Stewart, Marge Cepek, Kristi George, Nancy Kleberg, Barb and Tom Moser, JoAnn Slemmer
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kathleen Betz, Cassidy Reese
CARE TEAM	Joanne Figge, Susan Miller, Janet Breen, Tami Stone, Coleen Wooster, Vanessa Stewart, Cindy Odum, Christine Troutman, Sue Monroe, Margery Zimmermann, Paul Whitacre, Peggy Jones, Marge Cepek, Eloise Collier, Donna Dettmann, Shirley Hodek, Charlotte Schaller

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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.