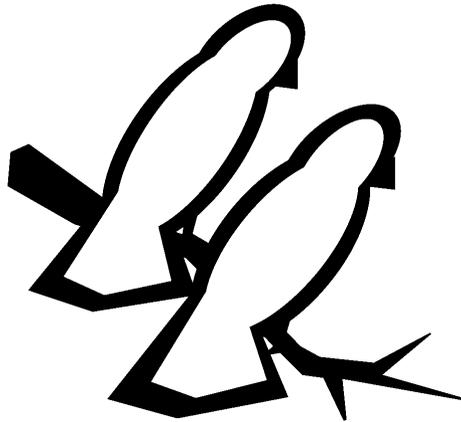


Third Sunday After Pentecost



June 21, 2020

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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Persecution for faith in God is inevitable. No one who follows Jesus in obedience will be spared the attacks of the enemy, Satan. Even so, those who love Christ are commissioned to go and share the good news without fear, for they will be protected by the Father in heaven who values them above all else. A life of discipleship is a risky one but through a life in Christ we find true and abundant life.

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"If You But Suffer God" - arr. Paul Manz

"Children of the Heavenly Father" - arr. Janet Linker

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

Please be seated.

GATHERING HYMN

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” (verses 1 & 2)

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

GREETING

- A 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!**

KYRIE

- A You are the treasured people of the Lord.
C **A people holy to the Lord our God.**
A Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.
C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**
A One does not live by bread alone,
C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A Let us pray. For those who love you, O God,
C **you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PARISH CONCERNS

The Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

The prophet Jeremiah speaks emotional words to the Lord saying, "You have deceived me!" He was mocked in public for proclaiming the Word of the Lord and now he struggles to stick with his calling from God. God will not let him go, however; on the contrary the Lord comes to his aid and puts his enemies to shame.

⁷O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the Lord is with me as a dread

warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:1-10 [11-16]

A ¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

C ²**He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

A ³He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence.

C ⁴**He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his
wings;
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

A ⁵You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

C ⁶**Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid day.**

A ⁷A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it shall not come near you.

C ⁸**Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.**

A ⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

C ¹⁰**There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

A [¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

C ¹²**They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

A ¹³You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

C ¹⁴**Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

A ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

C ¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.]**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Paul warned the Roman Christians to look out for those among and around them who would put temptations in their path. These are people to avoid as they lure others into evil and disobedience toward Christ. Stick to what is good and innocent and thereby you will faithfully serve the Lord, Paul commended.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus sent his twelve disciples out with instructions and warnings about how the world would treat them. Because they are coming in his name, they will be persecuted. He promised them that even though this would happen they had nothing to fear because every hair on their head was known by the Father. Proclaim the good news for all to hear and gain your life!

²⁴A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the



master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (verses 1 & 2)

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra äin Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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**

Please be seated.

We Worship God Through our Giving

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Linda Hoch - piano

"It Is Well With My Soul" - arr. Mark Hayes

Please stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

A brief silence.

A Gracious Father, you have called us through the waters of Baptism to be followers of Christ and servants in your name. Sometimes we want to set aside that call, especially when it becomes difficult or in the midst of persecution. Give us strength, we pray, that we would be faithful to your call on our lives. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A God and Father of us all, by whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named: Grant that all on earth who bear the earthly name of father and those who share a fatherly love for others, may reflect your grace and care. Strengthen their witness to the love that you have for all your children, and lead us by their example to be people of faith. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A We give thanks to you for the vocations you grant to all your people. Keep safe from harm and danger those who have answered the call to military service, that at the completion of their work, they may return home safely. Be present with families who eagerly wait and watch for their homecoming. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A God of mercy, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Restore our communities, workplaces, and families from the disruption of the pandemic that has affected the whole world. Give care to those suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Yvonne Cline, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Shawn Turnbull, Coleen Wooster, Phyllis Bale, Mary Lou Eppley, Steve Campbell, Kathleen High, and those we name out silently in our hearts or out loud with our voices.

C Hear our prayer.

A Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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.

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

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (verses 1 & 2)



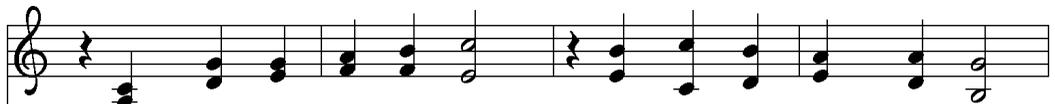
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Fanfare on Ein Feste Burg" - arr. James Pethel

Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service

Remember in our prayers... Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Yvonne Cline, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Shawn Turnbull, Coleen Wooster, Phyllis Bale, Mary Lou Eppley, Steve Campbell, Kathleen High

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.

Reopening: Grace is resuming corporate services TODAY both 8:15am and 11:00am. The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org.

Church Hours: During this time, access to the church will be restricted so please contact the church office ahead of any visit, 614-882-3026.

Our Daily Bread: The June shipment was delayed, but are now available for pick-up in the gathering space.

Music at Grace: Join Lora Moore Fridays at 9:30am for a Facebook Live broadcast at <https://www.facebook.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranWesterville/> ! She will be sharing prayer, a short devotion and some singing. Hope you will sing along! Invite your friends and family! Don't worry if you missed last week or don't have FaceBook, it will also be at our website: <https://www.grace43081.org/facebook-live-replays>.

YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"Anchored, Deepening Faith in God" is this year's Vacation Bible School program. At Anchored VBS, kids will go on an underwater adventure where they'll discover that God is faithful! This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. Cool Bible songs, Sea Crafts, and Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Participants registering before June 17, 2020 receive an extra surprise in their VBS pack. Due to shipping deadlines we cannot accept registrations after June 28. We are limiting VBS to 50 kids. To register: vbspro.events/p/grace43081anchored

Registrants will receive an email the week before VBS with VBS packet pick up information.

The Invitation: With all that is going on in the world right now we need to be praying and reading our Bibles for encouragement. I would like to invite you to do a 30 day challenge. I have booklets "The Invitation, 30 Days To A Changed Life" by Navigator Church Ministries.

"Life today is like a three-ring circus, with work, life, or family demands competing for our attention. In the midst of this busyness, God quietly and compellingly issues "The Invitation", asking us to "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). We're invited to enjoy a relationship with our Heavenly Father, the Lord of the universe!"

I have been doing this booklet each day. It has been comforting and helps me slow down. You read one Bible verse and answer some meditative questions. If you are interested contact Molly King, (m.king@grace43081.org)

REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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

June Grocery List:

Canned chicken/tuna; peanut butter, canned soups, cereal, mac and cheese; spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, frozen chicken or beef, quart Ziploc Bags; shampoo and body wash; diaper sizes 5 & 6; and fresh produce is always welcome, especially early in the week. We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. WHILE THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PLEASE TAKE ALL ITEMS DIRECTLY TO W.A.R.M. along with any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products 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.



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This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our webpage without having to type out a long web address.

Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. The *Simply Giving*® Program (endorsed by Thrivent Federal

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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.

April 2020	Pledged	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 32,060	\$ (4,607)
YTD	\$146,668	\$ 135,335	\$ (11,333)

Serving Today

PRESIDER/ PREACHER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
SENIOR PASTOR	Pastor Nick Hopman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Pfanz
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Lora Moore
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
LECTOR	8:15 John Hicks 11:00 Karen Holmes
USHERS	8:15 Paul Whitacre, Martha Barnes-Whitacre, Bob Ayers, Ted Ray 11:00 Mike Grubb, Barb Moser, Tom Moser, Bev Grubb
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush, Jack Rockwood

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Holy Communion

Every Sunday Morning — 8:15 & 11 am

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



Learning for Children & Youth- 9:30 am
Learning for Adults— 9:45 am

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 108 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.

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.