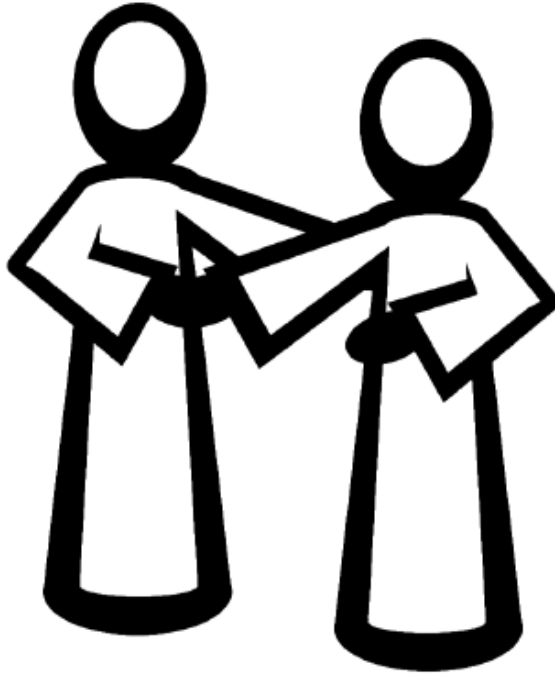


3rd Sunday of Easter



April 14, 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

"Three Settings on *In Babilone*" - arr. Michael Burkhardt

"The Day of Resurrection" - arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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

"The Day of Resurrection"

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING


P Christ is risen!

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

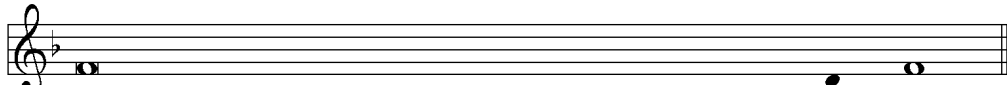
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C **And also with you.**


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



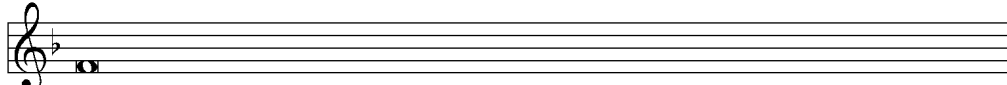
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



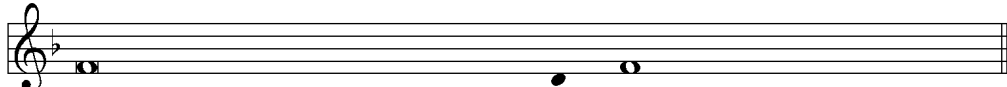
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



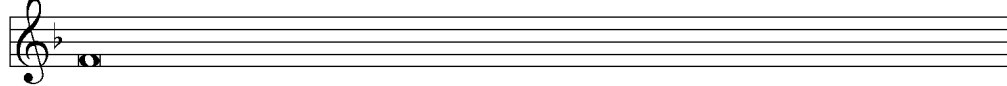
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



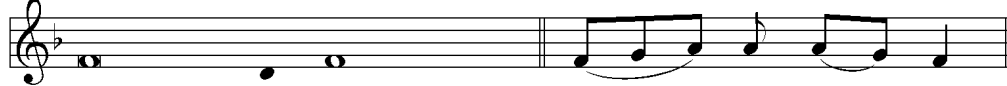
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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-tory 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-tory 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-tory for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C 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.



C A - men

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-21

Following a miraculous healing, Peter attracted a crowd and seized the opportunity to interpret what happened in light of faith in the name of Jesus. Giving glory to God for the healing, Peter then preached the good news that Jesus was, in fact, the Messiah and called those gathered to repent and turn to God.

¹¹While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Refrain

The LORD does won-ders, does won-ders for the faith-ful.

Psalm Tone

- L ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and ¹ hear my prayer.
- C ²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- ¹ ter false gods?”**
- L ³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful;
when I call upon the LORD, ¹ he will hear me.
- C ⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹ on your bed. Refrain**
- L ⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.
- C ⁶**Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see ¹ better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon ¹ us, O LORD.**
- L ⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and ¹ oil increase.
- C ⁸**I lie down in peace; at once ¹ I fall asleep;
for only you, LORD, make me ¹ dwell in safety. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

John declares the immense magnitude of God’s love by telling his readers that we are God’s children now. This adoption and new identity is not something for which we must wait. Nor is it something which we can earn, but it is God’s lavish gift to us in our present reality. While what we will be at Christ’s return is still unknown, this new reality as children of God is an unalterable fact of our identity.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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: Luke 24:36-49

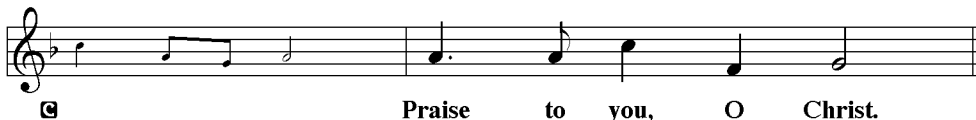
The resurrected Jesus appeared to the disciples bringing them his peace. He opened their minds to the scriptures so they understood that what had happened in his death and resurrection was a necessary fulfillment of the scriptures. Jesus then promised the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissioned the disciples to be his witnesses in all nations once they had received the Holy Spirit.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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.

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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:

8:15 "Canticle of Praise" - arr. Lloyd Larson

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

11:00 "He" - Richard Mullan and Jack Richards/ arr. Larry Seifert

Larry Seifert - Piano

Please stand as the offering is 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



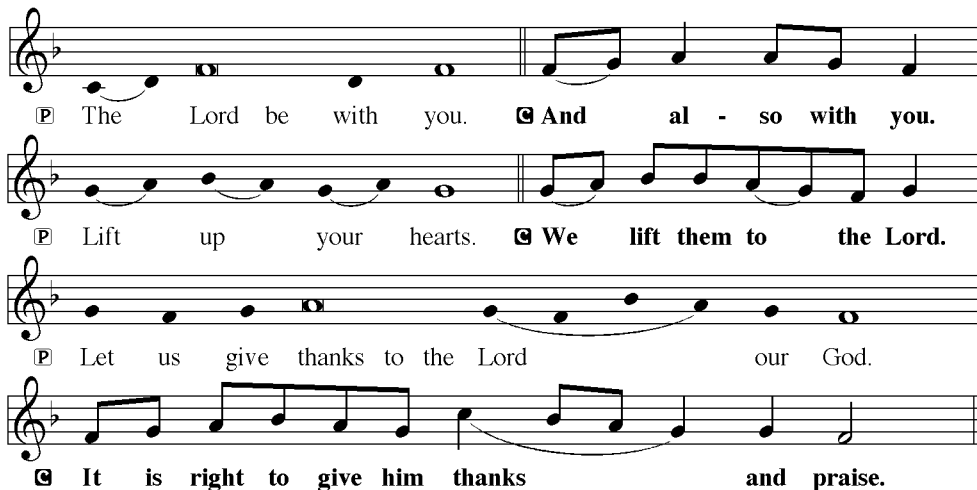
pres - ence. and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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)



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

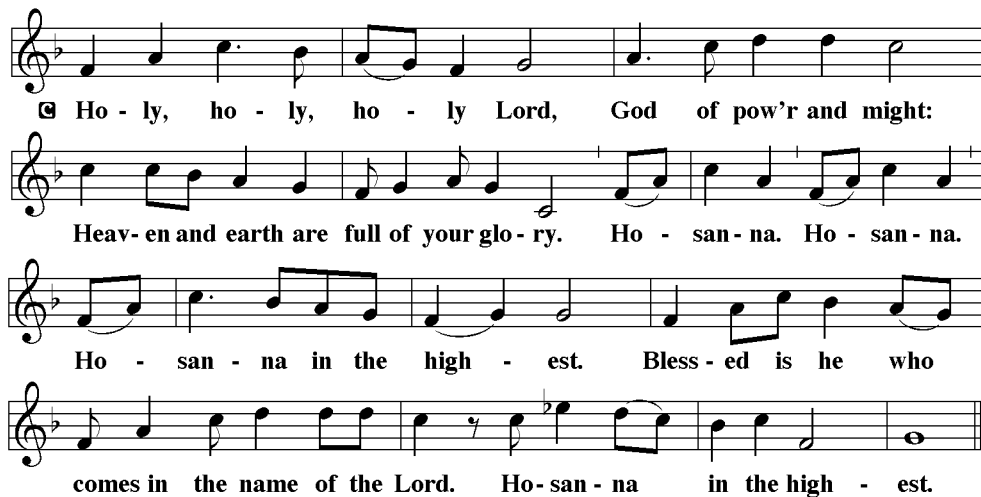
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. Ⓞ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ⓞ It is right to give 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

Selected Communion Music by Larry Seifert

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.

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.

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Fantasy on *Lasst uns erfreuen*" - arr. Flor Peeters

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...

Ruth Circle in loving memory of Carol Schlea.

Remember in our prayers... Harper Jean Tucker, Chuck Dettmann, Mary Ross, John Hicks, Evelyn Boughton, Betty Lou Miliner, Grace Sima, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick, the family of John Moffett

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.



Please keep Jodie Arreguin and family in your prayers, as her father Pr. John Moffett passed away April 5, 2024.

Romans 14: *Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.*

Intercessory Prayer Team: How can we pray for you?



- * ... the funeral, when everyone has left and your emotions held at bay come crashing in.
- * ... the email announcing a new round of layoffs appears in your inbox.
- * ... the Doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing else we can do."
- * ... after the baby comes home, demanding more than was ever imagined possible.

The Grace Church IPT is here to pray for any need you have.

Confidentiality of your prayer request is very important to the intercessors. Each prayer request is prayed every day for 2 weeks by the IPT. If you would like more prayer time just fill out another request form.

Ways to ask for prayer. Your name is optional.

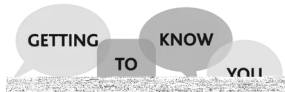
- Prayer Chest - pens and request forms are at the back of the church.
- Use the Grace website: grace43081.org – the link is found on the first page, top right side, “Prayer Request”.

Let the IPT join you in asking God for your need.



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.

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.

Upcoming Events

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member classes at 9:30am and 12:30pm (New Member Welcome: May 5) • 12:30pm– VBS Craft/Creation Day #2
May 3 & 4	Ohio Mission Region Convocation (Registration open now)
May 31 & June 1	“Weaving a Threefold Cord” @Westerville North High School
June 10-13	Scuba VBS, 5:30-8:30pm

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 is leading an in-depth 6 week study at 6:30pm at the church, which began Monday, April 8. 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.

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.

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.

- **Creation Day #2 for VBS is April 28 at 12:30pm, signup at the Welcome Desk.**
- Items currently on the board due April 21 to prepare for Creation Day #2 on April 28 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.

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

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:



Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team: The children will be putting together the Blessing bags and making encouragement cards TODAY during the Sunday School hour. 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.

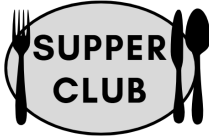
MONTHLY FOOD/HYGIENE=314lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE=1,275 lbs.
MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,205.00; YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$3,540.00



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.



Scan to *Simply Give*

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 Credit Union) is an automated stewardship program that helps members give generously. Scan to *Simply Give* today.

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.

2nd Sunday of Easter: 8:15am: 81; 11:00am: 113; Total: 194

Serving Today

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The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

ASSISTING MINISTER
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
ORGANIST
SACRISTAN
CANTOR
LECTOR

Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
Jeff Daubenmire
Linda Hoch
Fred Pfanz
Chris Troutman

ACOLYTE

8:15 Vanessa Stewart
11:00 Ron Hoch

COMMUNION
ASSISTANT
GREETERS

8:15 Evan Crain
11:00 Molly Young
8:15 Steve Miller
11:00 John Westenhaver
8:15 Joyce & John Knappe

USHERS

11:00 Shirley & Bob Klingensmith
8:15 Bill Kulju, Aaron Singleton, Jim Caldwell
11:00 Aaron Bally, Jim Monroe, Eric Bush


ALTAR GUILD *Team 1*

Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claflin,
Dorothy Crain, Denise Reynard, Lou Swanson, Barb and
Tom Moser

SOUND TECHNICIANS
NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush
Michelle Ulrich, Cassidy Reese

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



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

**2024 ANNUAL
WESTERVILLE COMMUNITY
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Benefiting the Mission of



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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 7AM-8:30AM
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
JENNIFER BULLOCK
WCMH-TV, NBC4 News Anchor

A story of faith in hardship, loss, and resilience



This Week at Grace: April 7-14, 2024

April 14

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pr. David Wendel

8:15 am Worship Service

9:30 am Youth Sunday School and Mt. Carmel Street
Medicine Kit Put Together

9:45 am Adult Learning, High School Sunday School, and
Confirmation

11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Secret Sister Luncheon

NALC Disaster Response School Kit Collection Begins

MON

6:30pm Worship of the Lutheran Church Study

TUES

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 pm Grace Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Grace Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS

6:15 pm Supper Club @ Cap City DUBLIN

FRI.

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

8:00 am Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes Café)

8:00 am AA Anniversary Meeting Set-up (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

April 21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ DISASTER RESPONSE SUNDAY

Pr. David Wendel

8:15 am Worship Service

9:30 am Youth Sunday School

9:30am Q&A Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Adult Learning, High School Sunday School, and
Confirmation

11:00 am Worship Service

NALC Disaster Response School Kit Collection Ends

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 115 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly meeting space for four AA groups.

Vision Statement: We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

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