

4th Sunday of Easter



April 21, 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-organ

"The Lord's My Shepherd" - arr. Stephen Walters

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

11:00 "Hallelujah, Amen" - G. F. Handel/ arr. Jack Schrader

Sammy Gurgiolo - Trumpet, Jeff Daubenmire - Piano

"Come Christians, Join to Sing" - arr. Mark Patterson

Grace Youth Choir

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

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead, Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING


P Christ is risen!

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

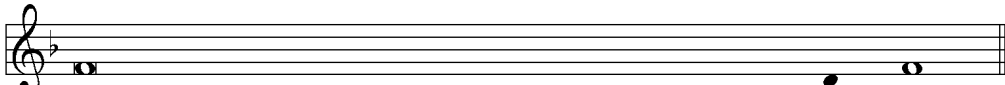
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C **And also with you.**


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



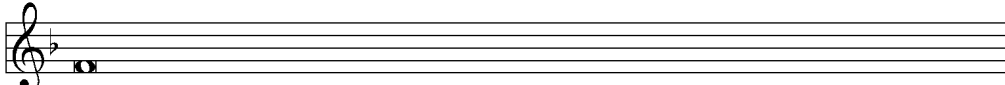
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**



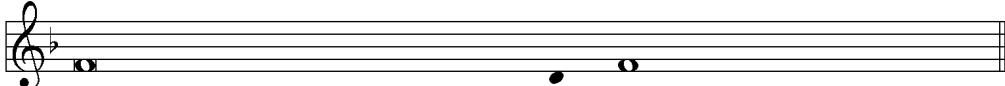
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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



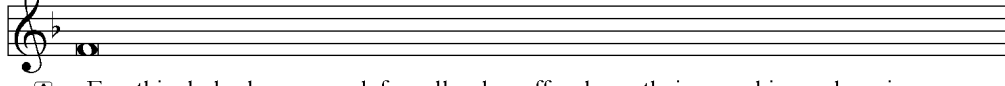
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



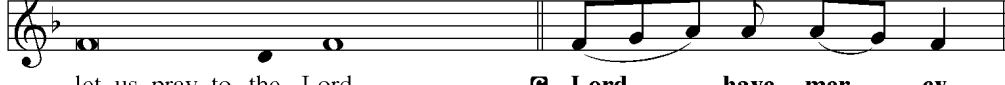
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; 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 4:1-12

Peter's preaching reached the hearts of around five thousand people who came to believe because of his witness, but it also reached the ears of the religious authorities who had him and John imprisoned for preaching that the resurrection had already come through Jesus. When interrogated, Peter boldly declared that Jesus was the only way through which salvation has or will come.

¹As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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

Psalm 23

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”



1 The Lord’s my shep-herd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e’en for his own name’s sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God’s house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e’en for his own name’s sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God’s house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.



SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹¹{Jesus said,} "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down 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:

8:15 "Hallelujah, Amen" - G. F. Handel/ arr. Jack Schrader

Sammy Gurgiolo - Trumpet, Jeff Daubenmire - Piano

11:00 "Canticle of Praise" - arr. Lloyd Larson

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

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)

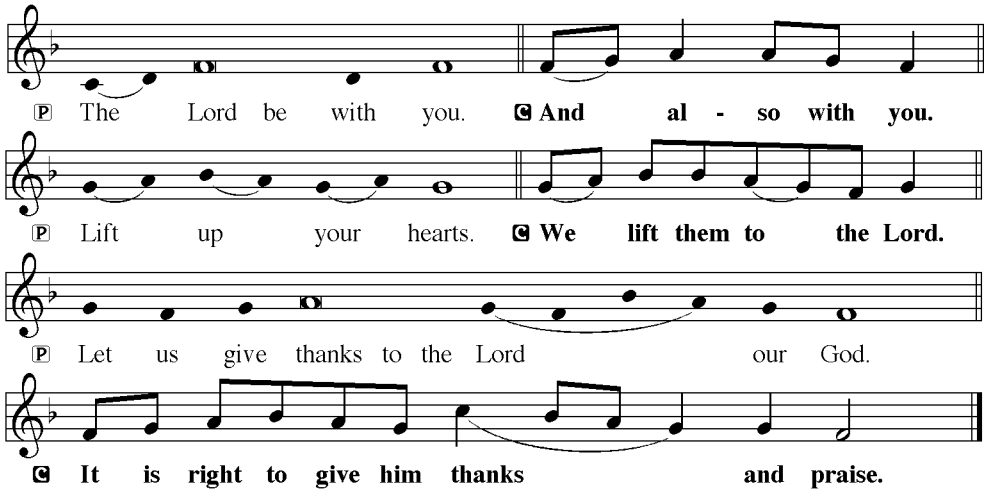


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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.

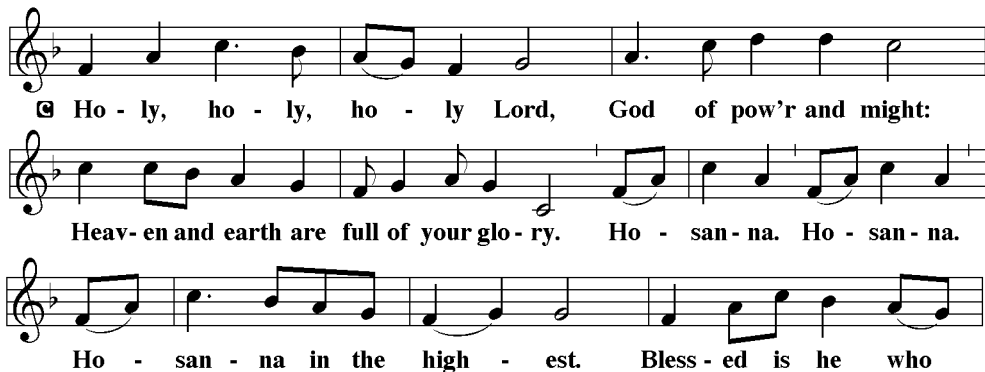
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ 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



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)

G 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

"There is a Redeemer" - Melody Green/ arr. Jack Schrader

Sammy Gurgiolo - Trumpet, Jeff Daubenmire - Piano

"Shepherd Medley" - arr. Penny Rodriguez

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.

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.

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, with a square box around the first 'A'. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (Bb and Eb) 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 are written below the treble staff, with four lines of text. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" - arr. Benjamin Culli

Linda Hoch

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...

*Marie Melick in celebration of Rev. Rudy Kolberg's 93rd birthday.
 Susan Riches Wendel in celebration of the spring and Resurrection.
 Paul and Karen Grant in celebration of granddaughter Ellis' Birthday.*

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

Upcoming Events

April 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC Disaster Response Sunday • Y&F Event: School Kit items due for NALC Disaster Response • 9:30am Q&A with Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response • Y&F Event: 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– Y&F Event: VBS Craft/Creation Day #2
May 17	Y&F Event: Columbus Clippers Baseball game
May 19	Y&F Event: Graduation Sunday Music Sunday
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	Y&F Event: Scuba VBS, 5:30-8:30pm
July 20	Y&F Event: Family Hike and Picnic

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.



Please keep JoAnn Slemmer and family in your prayers, as her husband Don Slemmer passed away April 16, 2024.
Romans 14: *Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.*

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

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.

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

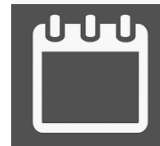
fellowship area, followed by the session in the Sanctuary. The class will be led by Pastor David Wendel and facilitated by Vanessa Stewart. If you have questions regarding Grace Lutheran Church or membership, please contact Pastor Wendel, d.wendel@grace43081, or by phone or text 719-650-8171. Those wishing 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.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Youth and Family Events:

- April 21- Columbus Crew Faith and Family Day, 3:00pm.
- April 21- Disaster Response Sunday with Mary Bates. Collecting back to school items.
- April 28- Craft Day #2
- May 17- Columbus Clippers Baseball game
- May 19- Graduation Sunday
- June 10-13 Scuba Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:30
- July 20- Family Hike and Picnic
- The rest of the year is coming soon.



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.



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HELP WANTED

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



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.

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



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.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Disaster Response

NALC Disaster Response Sunday is TODAY. Mary Bates will be collecting school kits and other items collected to take back to the NALC Disaster Response Warehouse. Mary Bates will be available between services for a Q&A on NALC Disaster Response.



Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team: Last Sunday the Sunday School children made encouragement cards and put together 94 Blessing bags. The donations collected the last 4 weeks and items purchased through a Thrivent Action Team grant were prayed over by the children.

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

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.



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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.

3rd Sunday of Easter: 8:15am: 89; 11:00am: 105; Total: 194

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
LECTOR	8:15 Fred Pfanz 11:00 Roger Retherford
ACOLYTE	8:15 Jack Young 11:00 Emily Odum
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:15 Chris Banks 11:00 Heather Bush
GREETERS	8:15 Vanessa Stewart 11:00 Mary Wolf & Alan Slack
USHERS	8:15 Bill Kulju, Aaron Singleton, Jim Caldwell 11:00 Aaron Bally, Jim Monroe, Eric Bush
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 1</i>	Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claflin, Dorothy Crain, Denise Reynard, Lou Swanson, Barb and Tom Moser
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Michelle Ulrich, Cassidy Reese



This Week at Grace: April 21-28, 2024

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
- 3:00 pm Columbus Crew 2 @ Historic Crew Stadium
- 6-9pm Lakeside Forest HOA (Fellowship Hall)
- NALC Disaster Response School Kit Collection Ends

MON

6:30pm Worship of the Lutheran Church Study (Fellowship Hall)

TUES

- 1-3pm Grace Stitches
- 6:30 pm Yarn Matters
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

- 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 pm Grace Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS

- 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Music and Worship Meeting (Loaves and Fishes Café)

FRI.

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

- 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 10am-noon First Communion Instruction
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

April 28

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pr. David Wendel

- 8:15 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am New Member Class #1
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School
- 9:45 am Adult Learning, High School Sunday School, and Confirmation

- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm New Member Class #2

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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.