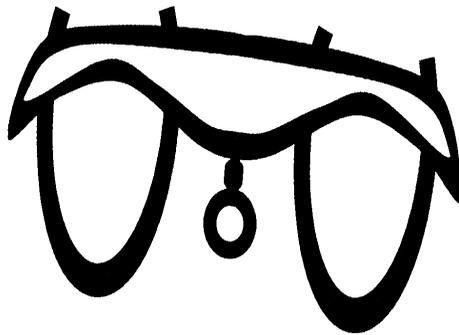


# **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**



**July 5, 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.

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## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*Human life is filled with burdens of many kinds. We are captive to our sinful natures, which cause us, as St. Paul says, to do the things we do not want to do. With God on our side, we are promised to have One who will look out for us, who will free us from our burdens. Jesus promises all those who are weary and heavy - laden with stress, conflict, suffering, and the pains of life that he will give us rest.*

### PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Softly and Tenderly" - arr. Don Hustad

"Meditation on How Great Thou Art" - arr. John Carter

*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.*

### **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. O God,

**C you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Linda Hoch

"Meditation on America" - arr. Janet Linker

## PARISH CONCERNS

### The Word

#### FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

*When the Israelites returned from Babylon and their situation of captivity they found more difficulties at home. Fraught with religious, economic, social, and political issues, God pronounced his glorious vision of Israel's future: God will act on their behalf and send a new King to save them.*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 145:1-15

L <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.



**C** <sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you

**and praise your Name forever and ever.**

L <sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to his greatness.

**C** <sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another  
**and shall declare your power.**

L <sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

**C** <sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**

L <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**C** <sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

L <sup>9</sup>The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his compassion is over all his works.

**C** <sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, O Lord,  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

L <sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power;

**C** <sup>12</sup>That the peoples may know of your power  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L <sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**C** <sup>14</sup>The Lord is faithful in all his words  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**

L <sup>15</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall;  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:14-25a**

*Paul described the conflict within him concerning following the law and giving in to sin. He said he does things he doesn't want to do but is unable to do the good he would like to do. The flesh is held captive to sin, but the mind and heart are slaves to the law of God. We are rescued from this inner conflict by Christ our Lord.*

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in

me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on

doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

<sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:25-30**

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

*The yoke that connects two evenly matched animals together makes their task much easier to accomplish. Jesus, who is stronger than we are, invites those who are weighed down with the burdens of life and sin to come to him, and he will place his yoke upon them. Those who do so will discover the gentle and humble nature of our Lord, whose yoke makes life easier and lighter for us as we trust in him.*

<sup>25</sup>Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Nicholas Hopman**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**Linda Hoch**

"He Leadeth Me" - arr. Stephen Walters

*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**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A** Let us lift our hearts, hands, and voices in prayer to God on behalf of all people.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Thank you for the people of this congregation. Help us to see one another with the eyes of Jesus. Some are carrying heavy burdens, known only to them and to you. Ease their load; and give each of us such gentle hearts and words that we, too, refresh their spirits. Shape all our words and works, so that many may find encouragement, forgiveness, hope, and renewed joy in loving and serving you.  
 Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** Bless, purify, and guide this nation. Let the words of the song be our prayer on its behalf. Grant to the people of every nation favorable weather, peaceful times, and respite from the burdens of sickness, poverty, and violence. Teach us all to eagerly seek and share your mercy, guidance, and blessings. Lord, in your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** Ease the heavy burdens borne by all who risk their lives to keep us healthy, safe, just, and free. Grant success to all they do in accordance with your will. Heal those wounded in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort and strengthen their loved ones. May their service be honored and their skills re-purposed when their duties are finished. Lord, in your mercy.

**C** **Hear our prayer.**



A Give rest and refreshment, respite and healing to everyone who are weighed down by sin, sorrow, or suffering. Especially we pray for: Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Shawn Turnbull, Phyllis Bale, Don Slemmer and those we name silently in our hearts or out loud with our voices. Ease also the heavy load of care and worry that their loved ones shoulder; and give to us all the joy of your saving help. Lord, in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Thank you, dear Father, for the life, love, and labor of your faithful departed servants. Until we are reunited with them and with your children of every time and place, bless us with your steadfast mercy and loving-kindness. Yoked to our Savior, and guided by his Spirit, let us help one another in bearing the necessary burdens of this life. Lead us into the eternal rest and unending joy which you have promised to everyone whom you have redeemed through the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**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.**

## EXHORTATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

[Translated by Pastor Hopman from the Ohio Synod Gesangbuch (Song Book) of 1870  
Printed in Columbus, Ohio (at the Lutherische Verlagshandlung)]

**P** Beloved in Christ Jesus! Because we now want to hold the Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, we should above all remember the great grace and mercy, in accordance with which our heavenly Father wants to forgive all of our sin: that his beloved Son has done enough on the wood of the cross through the sacrifice of his body and the laying down of his life for us. Therefore, we comfort ourselves and refresh our afflicted hearts, as often as we eat and drink the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. If anyone among us desires to receive the Holy Sacrament, he should believe certainly, that Christ gave his body into death for him or her, and shed his blood for him or her, and also wants to bless him or her with all of his benefits. Therefore, we should not doubt the favor and grace of God, or the forgiveness of sins and the inheritance of eternal life, because all this is made sure and certain for us through the divine word, namely through the Testament of Jesus Christ, our Lord. And because he now has granted to us and left behind for us such a precious treasure of truly heavenly goods in his Holy Supper, let us use them with proper thankfulness, that we are hereby made strong in our faith, and that we overcome all the attacks of the world, of Satan, and of our own consciences, yes, even death itself, and we take hold of the inheritance of eternal life, which is promised to us in heaven. The almighty and merciful God will bestow these benefits to you all, who go to the table of the Lord, for the sake of his beloved Son! Amen.

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Please be seated.*



*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father*

*and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.*

*All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.*

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

*You may receive the Communion Wine from the Red Chalice (Common Cup) as it is offered to you or by taking a communion glass from the tray.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.*

*After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided*

*When giving the host and wine, the ministers say:*

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*And each person may respond: **Amen.***

*(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

**Linda Hoch— piano**

"Day by Day" - arr. Todd Kendall

*After all have communed, please stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **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.**

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Rise Up In Praise" - David Paxton

**Dismissal:** *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

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**Remember in our prayers...** *Don Slemmer, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Shawn Turnbull, Phyllis Bale*

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## Notes & News

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

**Save the Date:** *Installation of Pastor Nicholas Hopman will take place at the 11am service Sunday, July 12. More information to come.*

**Update from the reopening task force:** No singing has been extended and will be revisited by their July 28 meeting.

**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:15am service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) around 11am.

**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.

## ***MUSIC NOTES***

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"Softly and Tenderly" - arr. Don Hustad

*This hymn was written and composed by Will L. Thompson in 1880 and is based in part on a verse from today's Gospel lesson – Matthew 11:28: "28Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Thompson was born in on November 7th, 1847 at Smith's Ferry, Pennsylvania. He studied at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio; the Boston Conservatory of Music; and at the conservatory of music in Leipzig, Germany. He began writing popular songs at age 16 and turned to writing gospel songs in his later years. Thompson established his own publishing company "Will L. Thompson & Co." with offices in East Liverpool, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois. When he married in 1891, he became a Presbyterian. He died September 20, 1909, in New York City.*

"Meditation on How Great Thou Art" - arr. John Carter

*The scriptural reference for this hymn comes from Psalm 145:2-3, "2Every day will I bless you and praise your Name forever and ever. 3Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness." This hymn first existed as a Swedish poem inspired by a sudden summer thunderstorm titled "O Store Gud" (O Great God). It then came to be sung to a popular Swedish melody, then moved to Germany where it was translated, then to Russia where it was published in 1927. The Rev. Stuart Hine, an English missionary to the Ukraine, brought out an English translation that has become an all time favorite due to its use in the Billy Graham crusades.*

"Meditation on America" - arr. Janet Linker

*The text for the patriotic hymn, "My country, 'tis of thee", was written by Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist seminarian in 1831. He had been brought a number of volumes of German songs by the famous early American church musician, Lowell Mason, and was instructed to look over and translate anything that was particularly appealing. Coming upon the tune "God Save the King", Smith was inspired to write this original text that combines patriotic fervor with a prayer that God will bless and protect us in liberty and freedom.*

"He Leadeth Me" - arr. Stephen Walters

*The scriptural reference for this hymn comes from Psalm 23:1-3, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." The text for the hymn was written by Joseph H. Gilmore, a "pulpit supply" at the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia in 1862. After giving an exposition on the 23rd Psalm, he*

got no further than "He leadeth me". He saw in these words, significance and beauty he had never imagined. After the service, he penciled the hymn while being entertained in the home of one of the church's deacons, and eventually gave it to his wife and forgot about it. His wife sent it to "The Watchman and Reflector", a weekly paper, which published it in December 1862. Three years later, Rev. Gilmore was in Rochester, New York to preach. When he opened a hymnal in the church, he found his hymn with a tune which had been composed by William Bradbury.

"Day by Day" - arr. Todd Kendall

Carolina Sandell Berg, the "Swedish Fanny Crosby", wrote this text in 1865. It was published in her "Bible Calendar" of inspirational articles, Korsblommam in 1866 together with the story of an old wall clock that suddenly stopped. When the dial of the clock set out to investigate, it discovered that the pendulum, alarmed at the thought of the millions of swings it would make in a lifetime, was overcome with weariness. The dial reminded the pendulum that it need make only one swing at a time, and thus encouraged, the pendulum promptly went back to work. The text was set to the tune named for the first words of the Swedish version, "Blott en Dag", composed by Oskar Ahnfelt, a son of a pastor in the Church of Sweden, in 1872.

"Rise Up In Praise" - David Paxton

"David Paxton" was one of 7 pseudonyms used by composer Lani Smith. Lani Smith was born Kamiki Smith in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 9, 1924. He received his college education at the University of Cincinnati. He was an organist best known for his many church music compositions. Smith served as an editor, composer and arranger on the Lorenz Publishing editorial staff from 1967-1982. During his time with Lorenz, he was credited with composing or arranging over 1000 works. He died on June 24, 2015 in California.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**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.

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

**Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits: Baskets have been placed in the**

**gathering space to collect items for kits to reach out to struggling families around the world. These kits help families in crisis to feel loved and that someone cares. Our goal is to assemble and ship 100 kits. There are labeled baskets in**



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the gathering space. Each kit needs:

- 2 bars of soap, 4 to 5oz, in the original wrapping
- Towels, lightweight 52x27, dark color
- Toothbrushes, adult size, in the original packaging
- Combs
- Nail clippers, metal, attached file optional

**As we get close to our goal, we will begin assembling kits. Any questions see Molly King ([m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org))**

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## **TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP**

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**WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will continue doing Bible Study online with Right Now Media (RNM). Our next study will be **"You'll Get Through This" by Max Lucado**. It is 6 weeks long and you can purchase the Study Guide on RNM.

With God's help, you'll get through this.

You fear you won't make it through. We all do. We fear that the depression will never lift, the yelling will never stop, the pain will never leave. In the pits, surrounded by steep walls and aching reminders, we wonder: Will this gray sky ever brighten? This load ever lighten?

In *You'll Get Through This*, pastor and New York Times best-selling author, Max Lucado offers sweet assurance. "Deliverance is to the Bible what jazz music is to Mardi Gras: bold, brassy, and everywhere." Max reminds readers God doesn't promise that getting through trials will be quick or painless. It wasn't for Joseph—tossed in a pit by his brothers, sold into slavery, wrongfully imprisoned, forgotten and dismissed—but his Old Testament story is in the Bible for this reason: to teach us to trust God to trump evil. With the compassion of a pastor, the heart of a storyteller, and the joy of one who has

seen what God can do, Max explores the story of Joseph and the truth of Genesis 50:20. What Satan intends for evil, God redeems for good.

There is a link to the study guide next to the video sessions so you can purchase it yourself. The cost of the booklet is \$7.69. The Bible study will start Wednesday, July 8 at 11:00. This will give you time to get your booklets. Respond to this email and let me know if you are interested in this study. I will need to know so I can send you the link to Go To Meeting. Contact Molly King if you are interested, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).

**AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE:** The adult class led by John Westenhaver will resume meeting July 12 in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. For more information contact John at [jwestenhaver@gmail.com](mailto:jwestenhaver@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org))

## **REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY**

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

### **July Grocery List:**

*Flour, corn meal, sugar; canned soups; mayo, ketchup, mustard; BBQ sauce' potato, pasta, rice sides; paper towels, tissues; boxed cereals; shampoo, body wash, hand soap diaper sizes 5 & 6; baby wipes; 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.*



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, July 14** we will have our March blood drive from noon until 6:00 pm in the Gathering Space. An appointment is required, please make an appointment on line at [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org).

### **Piggy Banks for Habitat "Putting God's Love into Action": A table to collect**

Grace's Habitat for Humanity Lenten Calendars and Piggy Banks is in the Gathering Space. If you have one from the Lenten season and would like to drop it off, the table will be out through TODAY. If you have questions contact Joanne Figge or Lois Rumph.



## 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](mailto:melissa.hodek@gmail.com) and it will be emailed to you.

May 2020	Pledged	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 29,852	\$ ( 6,815)
YTD	\$183,335	\$ 165,187	\$ ( 18,148)

### **Weekly Worship Attendance**

#### **4th Sunday after Pentecost and Affirmation of Baptism, June 28:**

8:15 am: 38, 11:00 am: 92, Total: 131

## One Generation to Another

*Find the 38 bold words from Psalm 119:153–160 (ESV).*

M N E M O S E W A F Y R O L G  
E W O R K S R B P O W E R G N  
D M O I K C U E X R G I L N W  
I L A N T N R M F T G O P M O  
T S A F D A E T S H R S D A N  
A H T A L R R R T I S E W J K  
T Q N C C O O E O E E F M E O  
E T E I A B O U N D I N G S N  
R D F L G U S T S E N D S T S  
B U O Z S G A L A N G E R Y W  
L V O N M E R C Y F N J L O O  
E M E P R C H I L D R E N P L  
S S Q G R A C I O U S I N G S  
S A I N T S C O M M E N D J H  
Z N Q K I N G D O M I G H T Y

One **generation** shall **commend** your **works** to another, and shall **declare** your **mighty acts**. On the **glorious splendor** of your **majesty**, and on your **wondrous works**, I will **meditate**. They shall speak of the **might** of your **awesome deeds**, and I will **declare** your **greatness**. They shall **pour forth** the **fame** of your **abundant goodness** and shall **sing** aloud of your **righteousness**. The LORD is **gracious** and **merciful**, **slow to anger** and **abounding in steadfast love**. The LORD is good to all, and his **mercy** is over all that he has made. All your works shall give **thanks** to you, O LORD, and all your **saints** shall **bless** you! They shall speak of the **glory** of your **kingdom** and tell of your **power**, to make **known** to the **children** of man your **mighty deeds**, and the **glorious splendor** of your kingdom.

## Serving Today

PRESIDER/ PREACHER	Pastor Nicholas Hopman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
LECTOR	8:15 Bill Kulju 11:00 John Westenhaver
ALTAR GUILD- <i>Team 3</i>	Jodi Arreguin, Lois Bernhardt, Dorotha Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Heather Singleton, Janice Will
USHERS	8:15 Bill Kulju, John Hicks, Jon Sweet, Aaron Singleton 11:00 Joe Moleno, Merl Breen, Dick Jones, Aaron Bally, Brice Graves
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush, Jack Rockwood



## This Week at Grace: July 5-12, 2020

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July 5 **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
PR NICHOLAS HOPMAN  
8:15 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Worship Service

MON

TUES. 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 11:00 am Women's Bible Study (Online)

THURS

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

SAT 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

July 12 **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
PR NICHOLAS HOPMAN  
8:15 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Adult Learning (Fellowship Hall)  
11:00 am Worship Service/Installation of Pastor Hopman  
12:30 pm Council Meeting (Online)

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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.