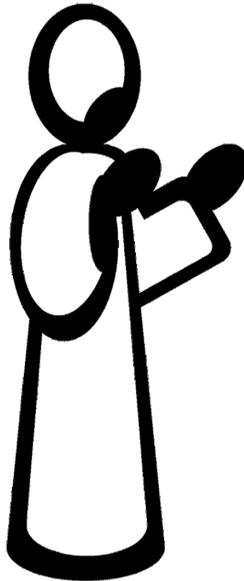


# **Fifth Sunday Of Easter**



**May 10, 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 of Easter**

*Our God forms his people into a holy nation — equipping and protecting them as they do his holy will in the world. Suffering for the Gospel is bound to come; Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is stoned for his proclamation of the Good News. In the midst of uncertainty and insecurity, Jesus continually urges his followers to trust in him; he will not leave us, but will show us "The Way."*

### **PRELUDE**

"Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

**Linda Hoch**

## **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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

## 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 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.

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

# HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① 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. ② 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. ③ 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

A Let us pray. O God,  
 C **you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## PARISH CONCERNS

### The Word

#### FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

*Stephen was one of the first deacons of The Way who were chosen to serve the people while the apostles did the work of preaching and teaching. Yet Stephen, too, is a witness. His telling of the story of Christ ends in his martyrdom. He is stoned in public while Paul stands and watches.*

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they

chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

<sup>2a</sup> And Stephen said:

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L        The word of the Lord.

C        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>2</sup>**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.**

<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise forever;

<sup>6</sup>**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.**



<sup>7</sup>The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**<sup>8</sup>The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Peter instructs believers to honor God with their behavior. As they continue to mature in the faith they will long for the spiritual milk of the gospel. What they are learning and how they are living is part of the process of being formed into the living stones of Christ's spiritual house.*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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 14:1-14**

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

*Jesus tells his disciples not to be troubled; there are many rooms in his Father's house and he is going there to prepare a place for them. Thomas is confused by Jesus' cryptic words, wondering, "How can we know where you are going?" In reply, Jesus proclaims, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Knowing Jesus means knowing the Father who sent him. Knowing Jesus means true life.*

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said,} "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

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

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tom Phillips**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## NICENE CREED

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

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.**



For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## We Worship God Through our Giving

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

*"Come to Me" - Dan Forrest*

### CREATE IN ME



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

*A brief silence.*

A Holy God, you are the source of faith and the one who strengthens our faith. Grant that we would continue to be strengthened by your holy Word, that we would willingly serve our neighbors in need even if it costs us something. May our hearts always be open to your will in our lives. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Loving Spirit, you have called us to this place to be in community with one another and with you. Instill in us a deeper love for our sisters and brothers that we worship with, side by side. Give us compassionate hearts to care for one another in ways that the world does not care. Send us out from this place to share your love with all whom we meet. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Gracious Lord, you are the healer of all ills. You come to us in our suffering and you watch over us through all of life's trials. We ask for your care and healing for all those who are ill and for all who are older and more susceptible to disease. Grant them peace and increase their faith and trust in you. We remember especially Grace Sima, Janice Hardick, Herbert Moore, Yvonne Cline, Hanna Phillips, Clarence Clapham, Shirley Wortman, Joan Hassler, Mary Ulrich, Eileen Damm and those we name a loud or silently in our hearts. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, you are the ruler over all. You put people in place to govern your children so that peace may abide and all would have what they need. We pray for our elected officials, that they would govern justly and look out for all those whom they are called to serve. Give them wisdom and sound judgment. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

A Heavenly Father, we lift to you those who have given us life, those who have loved us, those who have blessed us, and those who have taught us, our mothers. May your blessing pour out upon the woman who gave us birth,



and those beautiful, strong women of faith who have been mothers to us along our journey. 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.**

## The Sending

### BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

#### "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!

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

**Linda Hoch**

"Festival Postlude" - *Domenico Zipoli*

## Today's flowers are given by...

*Lisa Kuhar in celebration of mother Ann Korb's Birthday.*

*Steve and Sue Mahrt in honor of parents Betty and Hugo Wenzel.*

*Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of son Benny's Birthday.*

**Remember in our prayers...** *Grace Sima, Hatti Figge, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Yvonne Cline, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm*

## Notes & News

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

**A NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION, April 28, 2020:** As of the writing of this note, Gov.

DeWine has just released the plans for "Responsible Restart Ohio". In the spirit of being responsible, while also being reasonable and using common sense, we are not yet ready to announce a date for resuming worship services. The lead-



ership of Grace are currently working on what our worship services will look and sound like when we reopen. We are also evaluating how to make our environment as safe as reasonably possible. In addition to the State of Ohio, we are considering guidance from the NALC and our faith community. Thank you for all of your support of Grace during this time.

John Hicks  
Congregation Council President

**Church Hours:** All services and activities at Grace will be cancelled, we are not yet ready to announce a date for resuming worship services. During this time, access to the church will be restricted so please contact the church office ahead of any visit, 614-882-3026.

## ***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.



Save the Date for Vacation Bible School: **Anchored: Deepening Faith in God!**  
Sunday, July 26-Tuesday, July 28, 6-8pm.

## **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)*

**May Grocery List:**

*Canned chicken/tuna; peanut butter, canned soups, cereal, mac and cheese; spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, frozen chicken or beef, personal care items; shampoo and body wash, 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** took place Tuesday, May 5 and was a great success! Registration was required and all 50 spots were filled. Masks were required for all participating.

**Westerville Habitat Partnership Lenten donations:** There are a few options for donations collected during Lent can be utilized. Donations can be held on to until services resume, an electronic payment made through Westerville Habitat Partnership (<http://westervillehabitat.org/>) or if members would like the donation reflected on their giving statement, a check can be written to Grace and on the memo line write "WHP" or "Habitat" so the money is dispersed properly. Contact for this is Lois Rumph.

## Eagle Scout Project to Benefit W.A.R.M.



Ryan Washburn, a freshman at Westerville North, is organizing the 2020 Diabetes Dash 5K Race benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), which is the “leading global organization funding Type 1 Diabetes (T1D).

In addition to planning all race details, Ryan has decided to organize a Food Drive event that will help with filling backpacks of food for kids that do not get meals when school is not in session.



As a Life Scout with Westerville Troop 64, Ryan is planning both events as his Eagle Scout Project. He is inviting participants and spectators to bring non-perishable food items to the event on race day. Collected food items will be donated locally to the food pantry at the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (W.A.R.M.)

Log in to <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Westerville/DiabetesDash> to see sign-up details along with the video Ryan has put together and the race flyer details.

**The race will take place on Sunday, August 2, 2020.**

•7:00 AM - Race day registration and check-in will begin at the Westerville Sports Complex shelter building

•8:15 AM - The Diabetes Dash Kids Run is underway

•8:30 AM - Start of the Diabetes Dash 5K!

•9:30 AM - Awards presentation for top finishers in the 5K

This is a wonderful opportunity to support not only Ryan in his Eagle Scout Project, but also benefit JDRF and W.A.R.M.

Grace is proud of the efforts and dedication of this young man. Let’s support him in his efforts to end T1D and help W.A.R.M.



### 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.

March 2020	Pledged	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 35,843	\$ ( 824)
YTD	\$110,001	\$ 103,275	\$ (6,726)

# The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Find the 29 **bold** words from John 14:1-7 (ESV)

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

“**Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God**; believe also in me. In my Father’s **house are many rooms**. If it were not so, would I have **told** you that I go to **prepare a place** for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will **come again** and will **take you to myself**, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” **Thomas** said to him, “**Lord**, we do not know where you are **going**. How can we know the way?” **Jesus** said to him, “I am the **way**, and the **truth**, and the **life**. No one **comes** to the **Father except through** me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do **know** him and have **seen** him.”

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