

Ash Wednesday



February 11, 2024

7:30am

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.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the 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 at www.grace43081.org and the NALC at www.thenalc.org!

Ash Wednesday Liturgy for the Imposition of Ashes

P Lord, you are merciful to all, and hate nothing you have created. You overlook our sins to bring us to repentance.

C **You are the Lord our God.**

P Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this day holy—set apart—by an awareness of our own mortality, by a heartfelt desire to repent and amend our lives, and by the promise of your grace and forgiveness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends in Christ, let us ask our Father to bless these ashes which we will use as the mark of our repentance. Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you have mercy on all, and hate nothing you have made. You overlook the sins of those who repent and are weighed down by sin. Bless ☩ and sanctify those who receive these ashes. Like the Ninevites, we will bear these ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our repentance and our desire for forgiveness.

May our observance of this season, which we begin by our devotion this day, purify our hearts and lives, in preparation for the joy of Easter now, and the everlasting glory of the life to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Those who wish, may come forward at this time to receive ashes, as the presiding minister says:

P Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Response Amen.

P Direct our hearts to better things, O Lord; heal our sin and ignorance. Lord, do not face us suddenly with death, but give us time to repent.

C Turn to us with mercy, Lord; we have sinned against you.

P Help us, God our Savior, rescue us for the honor of your name.

C Turn to us with mercy, Lord; we have sinned against you.

The Season of Lent at Grace – 2024

Come join us for the Wednesday evening services during Lent. There will be a light meal starting at 6:00 pm and the service starts at 7:00 pm. The light meals begin February 21. This year's services will center around Holden Evening Prayer. The suppers' freewill offering will support our Vacation Bible School.

Lenten Journey Schedule

Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday: Light Meal at 6 PM, Worship at 7 PM

Mid-week Lenten services will take place: February 21, 28, March 6, 13, and 20.

Holy Week Schedule

March 24 – *Palm Sunday, 8:15am and 11:00am*

March 28 – *Maundy Thursday, The Lord's Supper, 7pm*

March 29 – *Good Friday Tenebrae, 7pm*

March 31 – *Easter, 8:15am and 11:00am (9:30am Easter Breakfast, RSVP requested)*



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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 four AA groups.

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

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