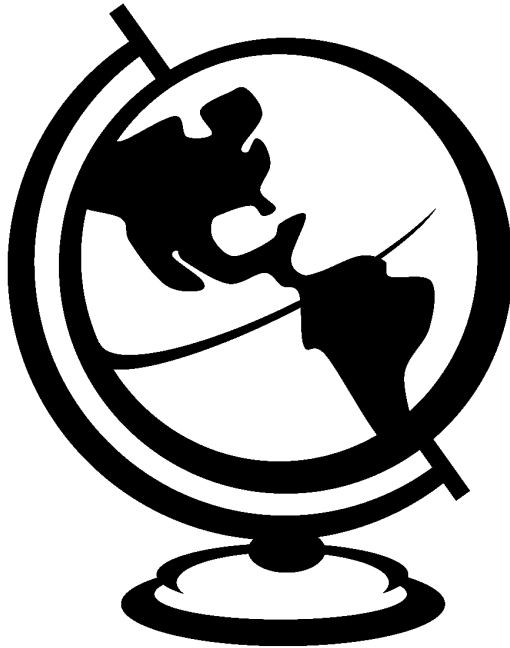


7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day Blessing



May 12, 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

"You Are the Way" - arr. Stephen Gabrielsen

"Prelude on Maryton" - arr. Phillip Johnson

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

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the

praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

The Liturgy of The Word

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING


P Christ is risen!

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

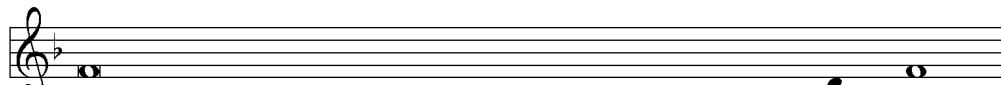
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C **And also with you.**


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



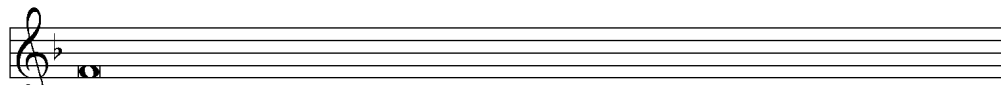
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



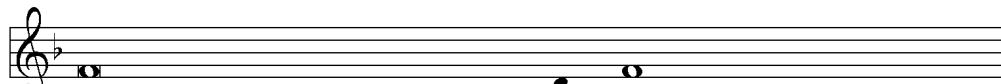
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



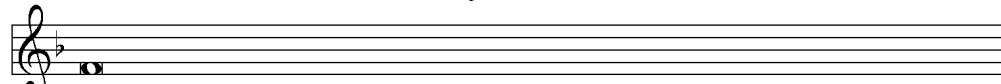
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



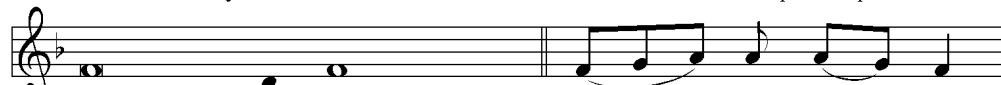
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



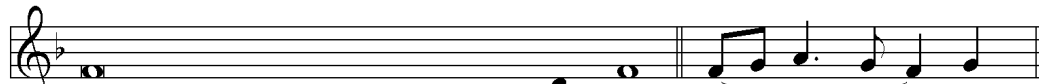
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Worthy is Christ" (Revelation 5:9-12)

Men sing part I, Women sing part II, and All sing "C"



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **☩** For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ The Lord be with you. **☩** And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory.
Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be
with us to the end of time; who lives and reins with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☩ A - men

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

The apostles returned to Jerusalem following Jesus' ascension and began the task of carrying out his commission to them by choosing someone to replace Judas so that their number would once again be twelve, a reflection of the twelve tribes of Israel. Peter cautioned that it should be someone who was a witness to the whole of Jesus' ministry. Lots were drawn and Matthias was chosen.

¹²{The apostles} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office." ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Refrain



The LORD knows the way of the right - teous.

Psalm Tone



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- L ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- C ²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law | day and night. Refrain**
- L ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.
- C ⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**
- L ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- C ⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wick- | ed is doomed. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-15

John concludes his letter reiterating the very essence of his testimony regarding Jesus. God has given us the assurance that we may approach him and ask for anything according to his will. God is not far off and distant, but approachable and grants us eternal life through Jesus.

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

- 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.

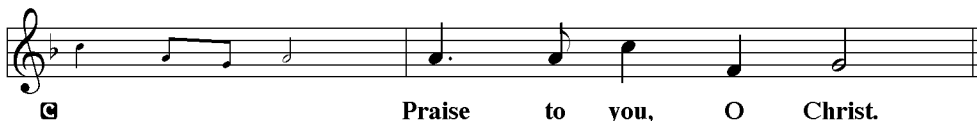
HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:11b-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.



^{11b}{Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,} "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"You Are the Way"

A musical score for the hymn "You Are the Way". It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the treble staff, the lyrics are written in four lines. Below the lyrics, there is a bass clef staff with a key signature of two flats, providing a harmonic accompaniment for the hymn.

1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

in you, O Christ, has God re-vealed his heart, his will, his mind!
 you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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 "Jesus Is the Living Stone" - *arr. Mary McDonald*

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

11:00 "Softly and Tenderly" - *arr. Brent Olstad*

Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Piano

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD (*Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7*)

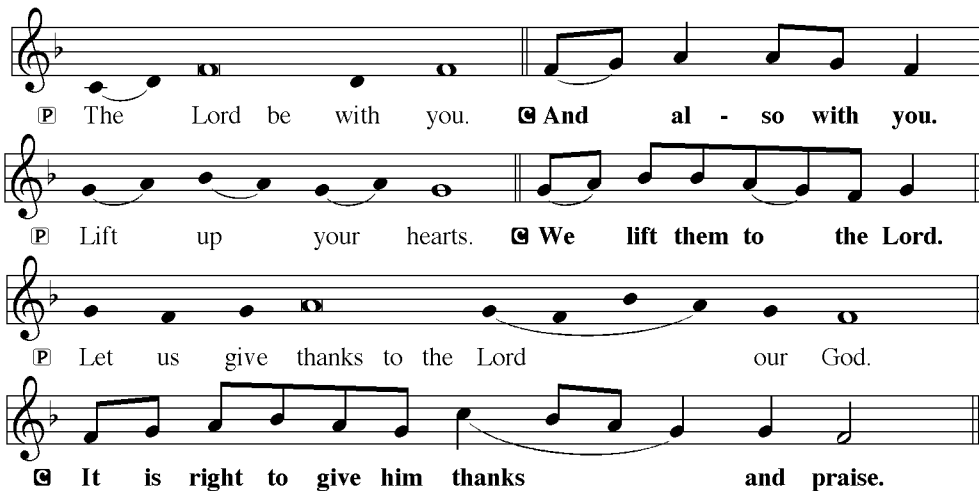
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Blessed are you,
C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

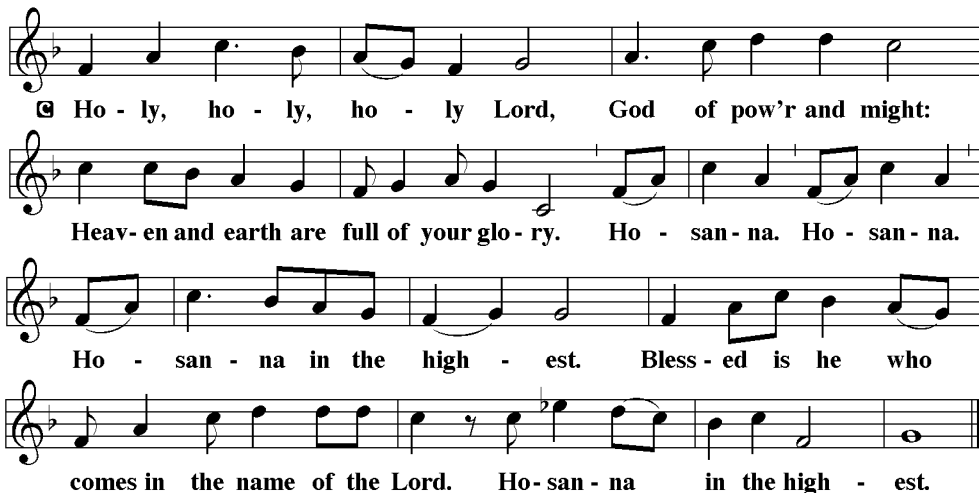
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

THE SANCTUS (Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)



☑ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

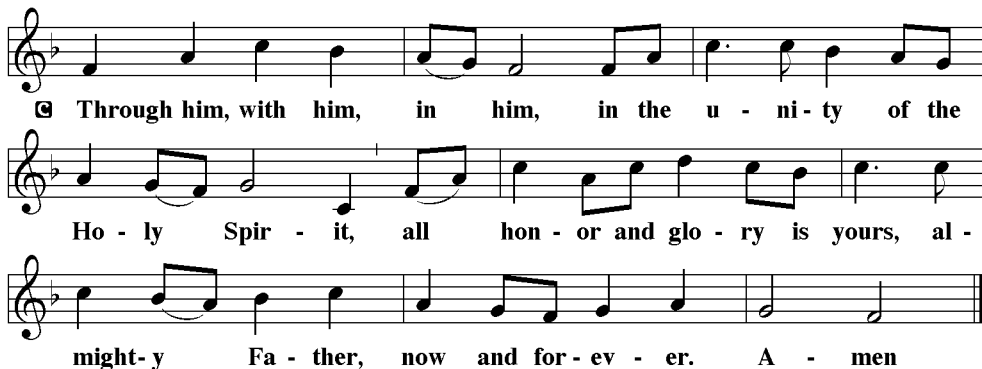
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



☞ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father,
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION (*Luke 24:30-31, 35; Acts 2:42*)

A time of silence...

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. (*1 Corinthians 5:6-8*)
C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please be seated.



*All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to commune.
 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.*

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.

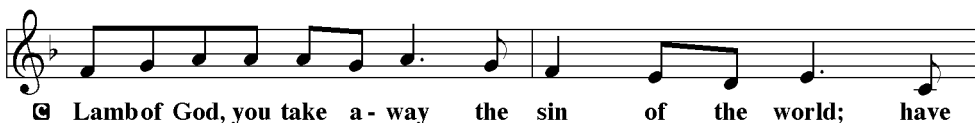
Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

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*)



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

"In Heavenly Love Abiding" - Felix Mendelssohn/ arr. Brent Olstad

Maria Laderman - Flute, Linda Hoch - Piano

"Open the Eyes of My Heart" - arr. Lynette Maynard

Maria Laderman - 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"O Master Let Me Walk with You"

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Toccata on *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*" - arr. Michael Burkhardt

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...

*Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of Benny's 13th birthday on May 14.
Lisa Kuhar in celebration of mother Ann Korb's birthday.*

Remember in our prayers... *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 Joan Hassler*

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the **WELCOME** Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

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



Please keep Tami Stone and family in your prayers, as her mother Joan Hassler passed away May 1, 2024.
Romans 14: Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.

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!

Upcoming Events

May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Blessing (both services) • Red Geranium Orders due for Day of Pentecost • Deadline for Graduate information for May 19 bulletin and June VOICE • Clipper's ticket sign-up deadline
May 14	12-6pm: Blood Drive
May 15	2pm: Intercessory Prayer Team Phone Meeting
May 16	6:15pm: Supper Club @ Hofbrauhaus
May 17	7:05pm: Y&F Event: Columbus Clippers Baseball game
May 18	8:00am: Men of Grace Gathering
May 19	Music Sunday Graduation Sunday 11am: Confirmation, cake reception following the service
May 21	3pm: Grace CareTeam meeting 4pm: OASIS Guest Speaker: Senior Living Information
May 23	6:30pm: Holden Evening Prayer Service
May 26	9:45am: Dedication of the new columbaria at the columbarium
May 28	6:30pm: Yarn Matters
May 30	6:30pm: VBS Training
May 31 & June 1	"Weaving a Threefold Cord" @Westerville North High School May 31: 7-9pm June 1: 8:30-10am
June 9	12:30pm: VBS Set-up
June 10-13	Y&F Event: Scuba VBS, 5:30-8:00pm
June 14	10am VBS Take-down
July 20	Y&F Event: Family Hike and Picnic

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRAY FOR FAMILIES

"Heavenly Father, let the changes in kids' hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you."



Youth and Family Events:

- 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.

Grace Care Team - A link to the Community by Margery Zimmermann

Grace Care Team members continue to take communion to shut-ins and those who are unable to attend church services regularly, whether temporary or long term. We are 18 members strong and have become a Christ centered link between Grace and the community. If you have questions, concerns, or information you feel will assist us to "care", please call the church office, or Peggy Jones, 614 354-6884, or Marge Zimmermann 614 890-3296. Our next meeting is planned for 3:00 pm in Loaves and Fishes Cafe on **May 21, 2024**.

OASIS Guest Speaker to Provide Information on Senior Living.

At 4:00 pm, immediately after the Quarterly Team Meeting May 21, the entire congregation is invited to a question/answer session in the in Loaves and Fishes Cafe. We will have a guest speaker, Pat Williams, a certified Senior Advisor and Community Outreach Liaison for "OASIS", which is an organization helping individuals 55 and over navigate aging needs at no cost to them. OASIS provides resources to help maintain independence.

Everyone is invited to the information session.

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.

HELP WANTED NEEDED! THE SECRET TO THE PAST SUCCESSES WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR VOLUNTEERS - ADULTS AND OLDER TEENS THAT CAN RELATE TO THE YOUNGSTERS

ATTENDING. - Crew Leaders: Elementary– An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (10 adults needed)- Crew Leaders: Preschoolers– An integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (5 adults needed)- Assistant Leaders: Rising 6th graders thru adults to assist Crew Leaders and Station Leaders (15 volunteers needed) **VBS IS A GREAT CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR GRACE LUTHERAN.** Sign up in the Gathering Space or Call Sarah Odum in the Grace office. 614-882-3026 **VBS Training will take place Thursday, May 30 at 6:30pm.**

Spring Graduate Recognition: On Sunday, May 19 our high school and college graduates will be recognized at Sunday Service. We also highlight those young people in the June Voice of Grace. We request that you send a photo and brief bio of your sons, daughters and grandchildren, including the school they are graduating from, their activities and their plans for the future to Tom Seamon, Molly King or the office **no later than Sunday, May 12.** Thanks so much and congratulations to you and your graduate(s).



Scuba VBS Registration is now OPEN! Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13, 5:30-8:00pm 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>



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



BLOOD DRIVE: TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 NOON to 6:00 P.M.
To schedule: visit RedCrossBlood.org,
sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville, or call 1-800-RED CROSS

If you last donated on or before March 19, you may be eligible to give
Presenting donors will be entered in weekly drawings for a 4 person zipline gift certificate from Hocking Hills Canopy Tours!
Race to give April 29-May 19 and get a coupon for free haircut by email, from Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series and Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway, rcblood.org/win
Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or vschpn55@ gmail.com.

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



May Shopping List: *Cooking Oil; Non-Sweetened Cereal; Salad Dressings; Juices – Apple, Cranberry, Grape, Tomato; Long Pasta Noodles-Spaghetti Lasagna; Decaffeinated Coffee; Dishwasher Detergent; Laundry Detergent; Diapers – Sizes 4,5,6; and Baby Wipes.*

We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

MONTHLY FOOD/HYGIENE=173lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE=1,448 lbs.

MONTHLY MONETARY= \$1,985.00; YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$5,525.00

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

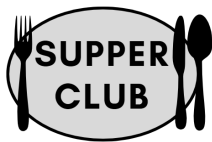


NURSERY is OPEN! The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or m.king@grace43081.org.



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.

Grace Supper Club had a wonderful evening at Cap City Diner in Dublin last month. It was a bit of a trek, but we enjoyed seeing how much the area has changed, and our server treated us all to free dessert. For May, we have a reservation at Hofbrauhaus Columbus Brewery and Restaurant on Thursday, May 16 at 6:15 p.m. Hofbrauhaus is located at 800 Goodale Blvd, Columbus 43212. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



MUSIC NOTES

"You Are the Way" – arr. Stephen Gabrielsen

Built on John 14:6, this hymn is a successive gloss across three stanzas on Christ the way, the truth, and the life. The last stanza sums them up. It was written by George W. Doane (1799-1859), published in *Songs by the Way* (1824), and was the only American hymn to be included in the first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861), where its first line read "Thou art the way."

“Prelude on Maryton” – arr. Phillip Johnson

MARYTON is the tune for the hymn “O Master, Let Me Walk with You.” The text as originally written by Washington Gladden (1836-1918) was a poem of three eight-line stanzas titled “Walking with God.” It first appeared in a devotional column, “The Still Hour,” in *The Sunday Afternoon* (1879), a magazine edited by Gladden. Charles H. Richards is responsible for turning the poem into a hymn by eliminating the second stanza and spreading the remaining two over four verses of four lines each. It appeared in Richards’ *Songs of Christian Praise* (1880).

“Jesus Is the Living Stone” – arr. Mary McDonald

The text for this anthem by Mary McDonald is adapted from 1 Peter 2:4-8: “Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

“Softly and Tenderly” – arr. Brent Olstad

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 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.

“In Heavenly Love Abiding” – Felix Mendelssohn/arr. Brent Olstad

This hymn, written by Anna Letitia Waring (1823-1910), talks about abiding in Christ’s love. Stanza 1 discusses the conquest of fear, stanza 2 explains the consciousness of God’s guidance by His watchful eye, and stanza 3 describes the confidence of God’s goodness for the future. Jesus wants us to abide in His love, and He promises to walk with us to eternity if we continue “In Heavenly Love Abiding.”

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” – arr. Lynette Maynard

This contemporary Christian song by Paul Baloche is based on Ephesians 1:18, a verse from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians: “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.” The song was originally recorded by Baloche and first appeared on his album *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (2000).

“Toccata on All People That on Earth Do Dwell” – arr. Michael Burkhardt

Of all the English psalm versions now in use, this is the oldest. Based on Psalm 100, it was one of 25 paraphrases contributed by William Kethe (d. 1600) to the Anglo-Genevan psalters of 1561. Very few changes have been made in the text throughout history. The melody OLD HUNDREDTH is the best-known and most widely used of all the psalm tunes, and is attributed to Louis Bourgeois (*b. ca.* 1510, *d. ca.* 1561).



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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.

6th Sunday of Easter: 8:15am: 61; 11:00am: 141; Total: 202

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
CANTOR	David Kile
LECTOR	8:15 Larry Schaller 11:00 John Westenhaver
ACOLYTE	8:15 Gabriel Young 11:00 Charlotte Holmes
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Tami Stone
GREETERS	8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Sue Taylor
USHERS	8:15 Paul Whitacre, Bob Ayers, Ted Ray, Jim Caldwell 11:00 Tom Moser, Andy Laderman, Michael King
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 2</i>	Phyllis Drakulich, Karen Bale, Tami Banks, Carolyn Rearick, Sue Miller, Julie Hartfelder, Bonnie Sawyer, Marge Cepek, Janis Boughton
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush, Brice Graves
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kathleen Betz, Michelle Ulrich



This Week at Grace: May 12-19, 2024

May 12

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Pr. David Wendel

8:15 am Worship Service

9:30 am Youth Sunday School and High School Sunday School

9:30 am Confirmation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

9:45 am Adult Learning

11:00 am Worship Service

Red Geranium Orders Due

MON

1:00 pm Ruth Circle

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

TUES

noon-6pm

Blood Drive (Gathering Space/Loaves and Fishes Café)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.

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

2:00 pm Intercessory Prayer Team Phone Meeting

6:00 pm Grace Ringers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Grace Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURS

6:30 pm Supper Club @ Hofbrauhaus, 800 Goodale Blvd.

FRI.

7:05pm Clipper's Baseball Game @ Huntington Park

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT

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

9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

11am-1pm VBS Decoration Creation Day #3 (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

May 19

DAY OF PENTECOST/ MUSIC SUNDAY/CONFIRMATION/ GRADUATE SUNDAY

Pr. David Wendel

8:15 am Worship Service

9:30 am Youth Sunday School and High School Sunday School
(Last Day of Sunday School, see you at VBS June 10-13)

9:45 am Adult Learning

11:00 am Worship Service and Confirmation

12:30 pm Confirmation Cake Reception

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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.