

Palm/Passion Sunday



March 24, 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

"Partita on All, Glory, Laud, and Honor" - arr. Michael Burkhardt

Announcements

CHORAL INTROIT

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

"Blessed is He Who Cometh" - arr. Charles Gounod

Please stand and face the baptismal font.

Procession with Palms

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

The processional Gospel, John 12:12-19 is read.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

The minister begins the thanksgiving. The members of the congregation raise their branches.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,
C **In the name of the Lord.**

The procession begins.

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" is sung as the processional hymn.

Children and youth of the church are invited to join in the procession—parents may wish to accompany younger children.

ENTRANCE HYMN "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Please remain standing as the processional hymn concludes. The presiding minister says:

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Liturgy of The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
 Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice, said the prophet, for your king is coming, humble and riding on a donkey. The Word of the Lord was given to God's people, saying: Israel's king will rule the nations and set the prisoners free. He will bring peace and restore their fortunes.

⁹Rejoice 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. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return 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 118:19-29

Refrain



On this day the LORD has act - ed; we will re -



joice, re - joice and be glad in it.

Psalm Tone



L ¹⁹Open for me the ^lgates of righteousness;
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks ^lto the LORD.

C ²⁰“This is the gate | of the LORD;
he who is right- | eous may enter.”

L ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me
and have become | my salvation.

C ²²**The same stone which the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone. Refrain**

L ²³This is | the LORD’s doing,
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

C ²⁴**On this day the | LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.**

L ²⁵Hosanna, | LORD, hosanna!
LORD, send us | now success.

C ²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD. Refrain**

L ²⁷God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.

C ²⁸“**You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.”**

L ²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;
his mercy en- | dures forever. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

St. Paul quoted a hymn that would have been well-known to the Philippian congregation, saying that Jesus humbled himself in his earthly life, taking on the form of a servant. His servanthood and obedience led him to death on the cross.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

Cantors: Sue Mahrt (narrator), Steve Kile (the people), David Kile (Jesus)

At the words, "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last," there will be a time of silence, as we contemplate our Savior’s death..

After the reading of the Passion, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

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

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

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C **Hear our prayer.**

P 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.**

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

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*)



C 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 dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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 LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P 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 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 You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought, but as we are able;

and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,

and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine;

that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son

may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen

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

A time of silence...

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

**C Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!
(Revelation 19:9)**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please be seated.



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

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

You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.

As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.

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

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

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

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (*John 1: 29*)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

COMMUNION MUSIC

"O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile" - *arr. Lani Smith*

Marth Crist - Piano, Linda Hoch - Organ

"Meditation" - *arr. Eugene Butler*

Martha Crist - Piano

"Wondrous Love" - *arr. Eugene Butler*

Martha Crist - Piano

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!

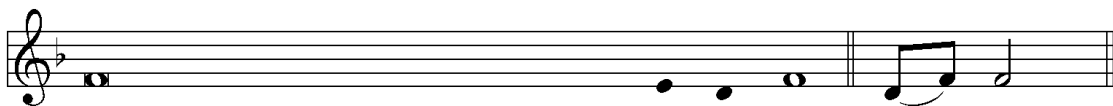
C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

☑ A - men

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, Son and the Holy Spirit ✠

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.



THE RITE OF SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Choral Postlude on *Go to Dark Gethsemane*" - arr. Robert Graham

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...

Steve and Sue Mahrt in celebration of their anniversary.

Joe and Phyllis Drakulich in memory of our son Joseph (Joe).

Remember in our prayers... *Nelson Grover, Joyce Strung, Mary Ross, John Hicks, Bryce Meneley, Evelyn Boughton, Carol Schlea, Betty Lou Miliner, Grace Sima, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Rick Arreguin, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick*



Easter Breakfast RSVP Requested: Easter is right around the corner, which means so is our Easter Breakfast at Grace! We hope you'll join us and bring your friends and neighbors, Sunday, March 31 between services, 9:30-10:45am, for Easter breakfast and fellowship!

The menu this year includes: Uptown scramble, veggie scramble, sausage gravy, biscuits, grits, fruit, muffins, coffee and juice.

TODAY is the last day to RSVP with your name and how many are attending at the Welcome Desk sign-up sheet, calling the church office, or filling out the sign-up genius, so we can make sure we have enough.

Free will offering at the event supports VBS, June 10-13, 2024. This event is hosted by Youth and Family, middle schoolers and Confirmation class and catered by The Westerville Grill.

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 Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

WELCOME

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

Thank you to our wonderful Lenten Soup Supper hosts:

thank you!

February 21 - Kitchen Krew;
February 28 - Altar Guild;
March 6 - Women's Bible Study Group;
March 13 - Care Team; and
March 20 - Church Council!

Columbarium Update: The new monuments for the Grace Columbarium expansion have been installed and are awaiting landscaping and hardscaping. The niches are available for members to purchase. Information packets are available on the south table at the entrance to the sanctuary and at the welcome desk. Please contact Jon Sweet in the church office with any questions.



Reminder: If you have any accounts with Thrivent Financial, you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that you can direct to Grace. Dollars must be directed by March 31 and must be renewed each year. Thank you so much to those of you who have chosen Grace as your designated recipient in the past. In 2023 we received \$724 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding.

Congregational Visitation by Pastor Wendel: Upon the beginning of his ministry at Grace in early December, Pastor Wendel has been focused on visiting every home to become better acquainted with all who are involved at Grace Lutheran Church. Council member, Becky Seifert, is scheduling and coordinating these visits. You may contact Becky at seifertbecky@yahoo.com or 614-378-6023. Should you need to contact Pastor Wendel for a last minute change, feel free to call or text him at 719-650-8171. For anyone who may prefer to meet in pastor's office, please let Becky know when scheduling!



Flowers for 2024: Flowers at Grace can honor a special event, remember a loved one or simply give glory to God. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line or call the office. The actual cost of flowers has increased to \$80.00 a Sunday. The suggested donation is \$30. Since that does not cover the cost, this donation is not to purchase flowers for your own, but contribute for the enjoyment of all. After the service, the arrangement is moved to the welcome center for the following week to enhance our space even longer.



Parents: If you have children 3rd or 4th grade (or older) who may be ready and/or interested in first communion, please speak with Pastor Wendel or Molly King. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Wendel, 719-650-8171.

Calling all visitors and those considering membership at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church!

New Members
W · E · L · C · O · M · E

We will be receiving new members Sunday, May 5, at both services! A New Member Class will be offered with two sessions Sunday, April 28 at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour and the second session the same day after the 11am service. A light lunch will be provided in the Loaves and Fishes

fellowship area, followed by the session in the Sanctuary. The class will be led by Pastor David

Wendel and facilitated by Vanessa Stewart. If you have questions regarding Grace Lutheran Church or membership, please contact Pastor Wendel, d.wendel@grace43081, or by phone or text 719-650-8171. Those wishing to participate in the new member class and planning to join in membership, please register at www.grace43081.org or call the office at 614-882-3026, or email at office@grace43081.org.

Intercessory Prayer Team: Intercessory prayer is available to all ages, young people, older OWL folks (Older Wiser Lutherans) and all in between ages. Your prayers are welcome for family, friends, co-workers, travel, health, safety, school, surgery, guidance on a decision, thanksgiving for an answered prayer and so much more.



There are many ways to make your prayer request:

- 1) The Prayer Chest at the back of the church - on a table with prayer request forms and pens.
 - A. Whatever you have available to write a prayer on, we'll take that too! A paper napkin, the back of a grocery list, any scrap of paper will work.
 - B. Put your request in the Prayer Chest anytime.
- 2) What about the Grace website? You can use it from your home, office, or anywhere you are: Grace website: grace43081.org

The link for "Prayer Request" is found on the top right hand side of the first page.

Your name is optional.

Only the Intercessory Prayer Team leaders see the original requests.

Members are sent the prayer requests to pray daily for 2 weeks.

Let the IPT join you in prayer, asking God for your need.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Easter Breakfast Takedown sign-up: We are looking for volunteers to help make light work of Easter Breakfast clean-up. Clean-up would involve removing table cloths in the East Narthex and Fellowship Hall and gathering items that may need refrigerated and putting them in the kitchen refrigerator. This could take place after breakfast or after the 11am service. A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Desk.

**HELP
WANTED**

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 will lead an in-depth study being Monday, April 8, 6:30pm at the church. Please sign-up if you plan to participate. 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.

Upcoming Events

March 24:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palm Sunday, 8:15am and 11:00am • Rice Bowls Due TODAY • Easter Breakfast RSVP Deadline
March 26	6:30pm Yarn Matters
March 28:	Maundy Thursday, The Lord's Supper, 12:15pm and 7pm First Communion (contact Pr. Wendel)
March 29:	Good Friday Tenebrae, 12:15pm and 7pm
March 31	Easter, 8:15am and 11:00am (9:30am Easter Breakfast, RSVP requested)
April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:30pm– VBS Craft Day • Deadline to signup for Crew2 Game April 21 • Mr. Carmel Street Medicine item drop off deadline
April 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC Disaster Response Sunday (• Youth and Family: 3pm Crew game (sign-up at the welcome desk)
April 14	9:30am: Assembling the Mr. Carmel Street Medicine Blessing Bags
April 28	New Member classes at 9:30am and 12:30pm (New Member Welcome: May 5)

Adult Bible Class: “That the World May Know” – How do you live in a culture where the world view conflicts with Christianity? Learn from Paul as he presents his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and settles among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, among those who valued wealth and class, worshiped multiple gods, and decadent pleasures above all else. Discover how to live in your own Athens or Corinth – an increasingly secular Western world – in a way that glorifies God.



Renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the” film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

This session began on February 11th. This class meets in fellowship hall between services beginning at 9:45 and is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

COLUMBUS



Youth and Family Event with the Columbus Crew: Come join us for Faith and Family Night with the Columbus Crew. The game is with Crew 2 and played in the old stadium. Crew 1 will not be having Faith and Family Night this year because tickets are sold out for the home games. If you are interested you can sign up at the Welcome Center. All are welcome to join us as we cheer on the Columbus Crew 2 for Faith and Family day, April 21 at 3pm. Tickets are \$12. Sign-up at the welcome desk by April 7. Please let Molly King know if you have any

questions.

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.



Scuba VBS Registration is now OPEN! Monday, June 10 to Thursday, June 13, 5:30-8:30pm kids dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2024gracevbs>

Vacation Bible School Donation Requests: The VBS donation board is up in the Gathering Space. Check back each week at items are added leading up to VBS.

The first Creation Day for VBS is Sunday, April 7 at 12:30pm, sign up at the Welcome Desk.

- Items currently on the board due by March 31 to prepare for Creation Day as we dive head first into creating a memorable VBS, immersing kids in the Word and discovering with living water is really all about!

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rice Bowls: The rice bowls are due back TODAY (Palm Sunday). The Rice Bowl organization partners with loving children's homes around the world to help provide delicious, locally sourced meals. Their mission is to feed orphaned children around the world.



Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team: The Sunday School classes are making Blessing Bags for the Mt. Carmel Street Medicine team. The collection is now till Sunday, April 7th. The children will be putting together the Blessing bags and making encouragement cards on that day. The items being collected are: **Wet Wipes, Individually wrapped toothbrushes, tooth paste, bar of soap and washcloth and hand sanitizer.** Any questions see Molly or email at m.king@grace43081.org.

NALC Disaster Response Update and Gift Card Request: "Communities from Dallas Texas



Disaster Response

to Indian Lake Ohio were impacted by a series of storms that produced tornadoes and severe weather across 7 states. Your prayers and support are needed, as NALC Disaster Response is deploying with emergency relief supplies to our congregations and impacted communities. Ohio was hammered by tornadoes March 14 and NALC Disaster Response is deploying to Indian

Lake/Russell's Point area in addition to Plymouth Ohio/Huron Co."- Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response

Gift cards of all types (Lowe's, Home Depot, Menards, Walmart, etc.) and Garden rakes, leaf rakes and shovels are requested. Gift cards can be placed in an envelope marked NALC Disaster Response in the offering or placed in Molly King's mailbox.

School Kit: Elementary

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 4 pencils
- 2 pens
- 1 eraser
- 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers

School Kit: High School

- 1 backpack or duffle bag
- 4 notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser
-or- 4 mechanical pencils
- 4 pens

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

March Shopping List:



WARM

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

Cooking oil; Non-sweetened Cereal; Decaffeinated Coffee; Dishwasher Detergent; Laundry Detergent; Hand Soap (aka Soft Soap); Alfredo Sauce; Pasta Sides; Rice Sides; Crackers – Graham or Saltines. 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.



NALC Disaster Response Sunday will be April 21. We will be collecting school kits on this day. Items include:

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 14 from noon-6pm: You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or vschnp55@gmail.com.



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.

MUSIC NOTES

“Partita on All Glory, Laud, and Honor” – Michael Burkhardt

The original Latin text by St. Theodulph of Orleans (750-821) is thought to have been written while he was in prison at Angers about 820 or 821. From the tradition that, when King Louis the Pious passed the prison, he heard Theodulph sing the hymn and afterward set him free – the hymn has often been used in Palm Sunday processions. The original Latin consisted of 78 lines which was shortened and translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Neale’s translation appeared in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). Its first printing was in the *Hymnal Noted* (1854) with the first line “Glory, and laud, and honor.”

“Blessed Is He Who Cometh” – arr. Charles Gounod

Charles Gounod (1818-1893) was a French Composer who wrote twelve operas, of which *Faust* (1859) is the most popular, and a large amount of church music and other popular short pieces and songs including his *Ave Maria* (an elaboration of a Bach piece) and “Funeral March of a Marionette.” “Blessed Is He Who Cometh” is from Gounod’s “Communion Service” adapted from the “Messe Solennelle”.

“O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile” – arr. Lani Smith

This hymn by F. W. Faber was first published in his *Jesus and Mary* (1849) in 12 stanzas of 4 lines and headed “Jesus Crucified,” and again, after revision, in his *Hymns* (1862). It was brought into special notice by being included in an abbreviated and altered form in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). The original refrain reads, “Jesus, our Love, is crucified.” This was changed in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* to “Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.”

“Choral Postlude on Go to Dark Gethsemane” – arr. Robert Graham

The text for this hymn by James Montgomery (1771-1854) portrays four of the final incidents in the life of Jesus – His agony in Gethsemane, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection – and draws lessons for Christian living. First published in 1822, the present text is the second and much-revised form which

appeared in Montgomery's *Christian Psalmist* (1825) under the heading "Christ, our example in suffering."

YOU ARE INVITED...



...to our upcoming Holy Week services, especially those marking the Holy Triduum, or Holy Three Days which include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday!

Maundy Thursday, March 28 (12:15 PM and 7 PM services) comes from the Latin word, *mandatum* or "command," marking the Lord's command to "Do this for the remembrance of me," with His institution of the Lord's Supper, as well as His command for His disciples to "love one another as I have loved you," illustrated by His washing of feet, but also the command for disciples to forgive as we've been forgiven! A 12:15 PM spoken service will be offered for those who prefer, with full service with music and singing at 7 PM.

Good Friday, March 29 (12:15 PM and 7 PM services) will focus on a service of *Tenebrae* (Shadows) as the church is progressively darkened with prayers and readings marking the Biblical Way of the Cross, beginning with Jesus in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, ending with Jesus' burial and the sealing of the tomb, at which point a single candle remains lighted and is carried from the sanctuary, symbolizing the earth in darkness as the Lord is no longer alive in the world. The candle is returned to the sanctuary after a time, reminding worshipers that death isn't the last word, but that the Light of Christ isn't extinguished but will shine on Easter morning!

Easter Sunday, March 31 (8:15 AM and 11 AM services) We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with a festive service of Word and Sacrament, with brass ensemble and choir! During the sermon time at both services, younger children who wish may depart the sanctuary for an age-appropriate story, "'Twas the Morning of Easter!" An Easter breakfast is served 9:30-10:45 AM.

Please come worship with us this! You will be warmly welcomed!

Awesome God-- Awesome Grace-- Awesome Worship!



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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.

4th Wednesday in Lent, March 16: 7pm: 72

5th Sunday in Lent: 8:15am: 69; 11:00am: 137; Total: 206

The Gates of Righteousness

Find the 37 **bold** words from Psalm 118:19–29 (ESV)

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

Open to me the **gates** of **righteousness**, that I may **enter** through them and give **thanks** to the **LORD**. This is the **gate** of the **LORD**; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my **salvation**. The **stone** that the **builders rejected** has become the **cornerstone**. This is the **LORD's** doing; it is **marvelous** in our **eyes**. This is the **day** that the **LORD** has made; let us **rejoice** and be **glad** in it. **Save** us, we **pray**, O **LORD**! O **LORD**, we **pray**, give us success! **Blessed** is he who comes in the **name** of the **LORD**! We bless you from the **house** of the **LORD**. The **LORD** is **God**, and he has made his **light** to **shine** upon us. **Bind** the **festal sacrifice** with **ords**, up to the **horns** of the **altar**! You are my **God**, and I will give thanks to you; you are my **God**; I will **extol** you. Oh give thanks to the **LORD**, for he is **good**; for his **steadfast love endures forever**!

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	Sue Mahrt		
LECTOR	8:15	Larry Schaller	11:00 Heather Bush
ACOLYTE	8:15	Benny Hoch	11:00 Jack Young
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:15	Bill Kulju	
	11:00	Nelson Grover	
GREETERS	8:15	Marcella Barr	
	11:00	Nelson Grover	
USHERS	8:15	Steve Miller, Andy Ucubagabriel, Sue Miller	
	11:00	Mike Grubb, Beverly Grubb, Tom Seamon	
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 3</i>	Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodi Arreguin, Dorothea Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge		
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush		
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kailey Freeman, Alma Lovins		



This Week at Grace: March 24-31, 2024

March 24 **PALM SUNDAY**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

- 8:15 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Youth Sunday School
- 9:45 am Adult Learning, High School Sunday School, and Confirmation
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Rice Bowls Due
- Easter Breakfast RSVP due
- 6:30-9pm Lakeside Village Association (Fellowship Hall)

MON

- TUES 6:30 pm Yarn Matters
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

THURS **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

- 12:15 pm Service
- 7:00 pm Service

FRI. **GOOD FRIDAY**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

- 12:15 pm Service
- 7:00 pm Service
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

- SAT 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00am Easter Breakfast Set-up

March 31 **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

- 8:15 am Festival Service of Word and Sacrament
- 9:30-1045am Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall and East Narthex)
- 11:00 am Festival Service of Word and Sacrament

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