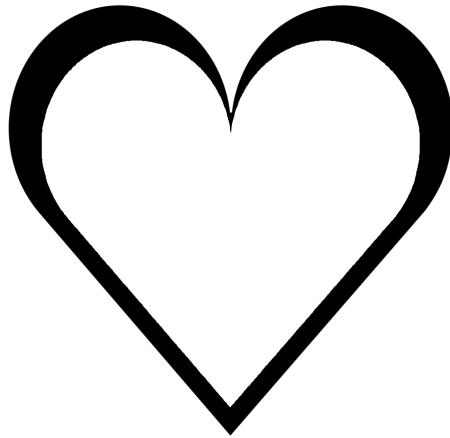


Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 9, 2021

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our world is filled with many who feel unloved and overlooked. To love one another is to abide in the love of Christ who first loved us. Without his love we are incapable of loving one another; but with his love we show the world what love really is: obedience to the Lord, a sacrificial existence, a sharing of all things good and right. The love of Christ overcomes the shallow, selfish, fleeting ways of the world.

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Abide O Dearest Jesus" - *Johann Gottfried Walther (arr. Joyce Jones)*

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" - *arr. Stephen Gabrielsen*

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Gathering

GREETING

- A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you!**

KYRIE

- A Kyrie eleison.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Christe eleison.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

A Kyrie eleison.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Lord Christ, our vine,
C **keep us in you now and forever, supply us with life and teach us to bear fruit for one another, as you love us, and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARISH CONCERNS

The Word

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48

Peter spoke to Cornelius of the Good News, telling him the story of Jesus beginning with John the Baptist and then all that the apostles had seen and witnessed while following Jesus. Peter then announced that God's invitation to believe and follow is meant for all people. The apostle's impassioned preaching lead many to faith.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

Refrain

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.

Psalm Tone

- L ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.
- C ²**O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**
- L ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.
- C ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing. Refrain**
- L ⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.
- C ⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.**
- L ⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
- C ⁸**Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to ¹ judge the earth.**
- L ⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ ples with equity. Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-8

John brought the message of love back to the commandments. The way by which we will love our neighbors, the children of God, is by keeping the commandments that God has given us. Yet again, John portrayed love as a concrete way of life rather than empty words. For those who are in Christ, keeping God's commandments is not burdensome, but rather a joyous response to God's gift of eternal life.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the

truth. ⁷There are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

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

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Jesus called his followers to live a life grounded in love by abiding in his love. His declaration was that we remain in his love by keeping his commandment. The commandment is both simple and complex: Love one another as Christ has loved us. Jesus called his followers, "friends," and told them to love one another.

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

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicholas Hopman

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



NICENE CREED

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

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
 Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
 not made, of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly 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 OF THE CHURCH

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers
before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.
A brief silence

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

A O heavenly Father, give us all such things through your dear Son, Jesus
Christ, our Lord and savior, in whose name we thus pray:

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

HYMN FOR PRAISE

"Who Am I" - *Rusty Goodman*

Larry Schaller - vocal solo

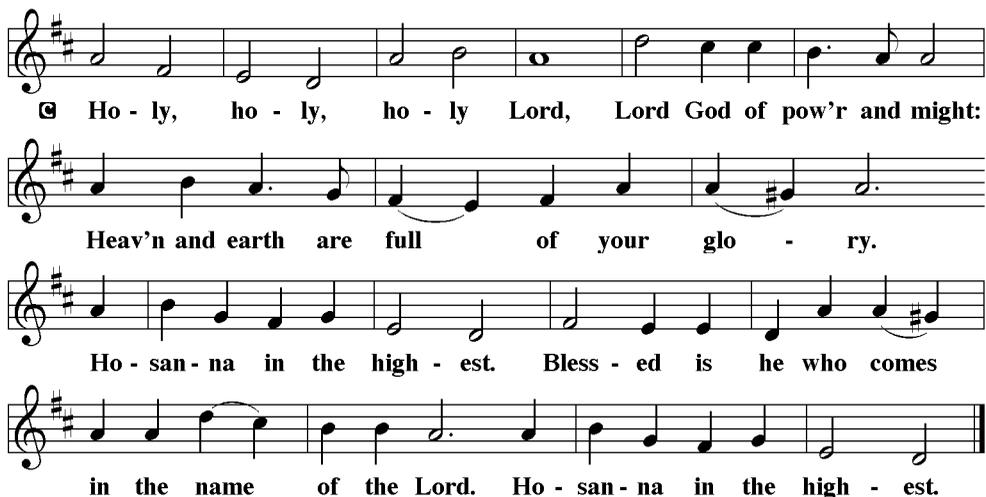
PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

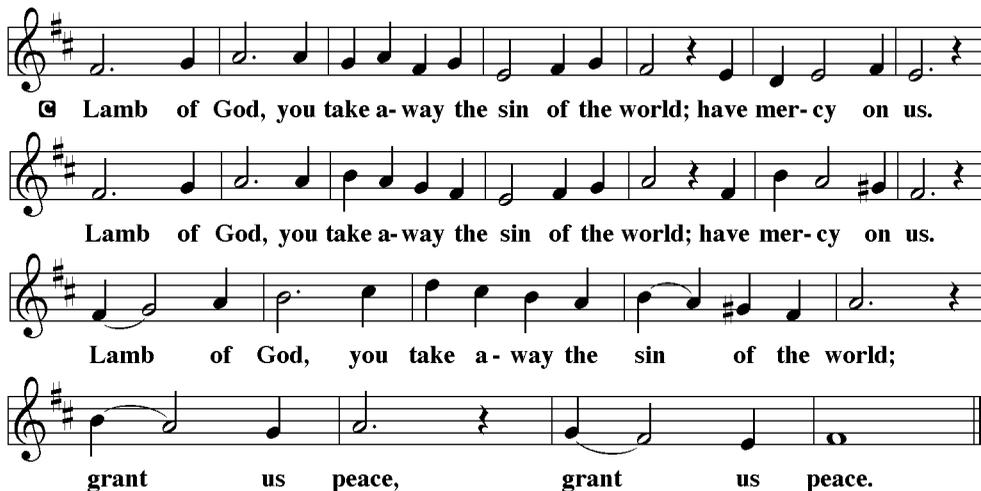
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you.

This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

*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.*

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)***

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"One Bread, One Body" - *John B. Foley, SJ (arr. Mark Hayes)*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - *arr. Nancy M. Raabe*

After communion is finished, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;

that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
 and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
 your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
 let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
 grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" - arr. John Leavitt

Dismissal: *Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.*

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.

Today's flowers are given by...

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

Lisa Kuhar in celebration of mother Ann Korb's birthday.

Dave, Sarah, and Emily Odum in celebration of Kenny and Cindy Odum's 45th wedding anniversary.

Remember in our prayers... The family of Rosemarie Litzinger, Stephanie Seech, Jan Singleton, Mary Ross, Randy Cashman, Marilyn Braatz, Manjula Kothuru, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Shawn Turnbull

Notes & News

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

Service Recording: The recorded 8:30am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

NURSERY is closed, but will reopen beginning Sunday, June 6. If you have any question see Molly King.

Thinking of becoming a member of Grace? Now is the time to register for the New Member Class which will be held on Sunday, May 16th and 23rd at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. The class will be led by Pastor Nicholas Hopman and facilitated by John and Kirsten Hicks. New Members will be welcomed during the 11am service on May 30th. Register by Sunday, May 9 online <https://www.grace43081.org/new-member-class-registration.html> or by calling the office.

Quarterly Giving Statements: Grace has traditionally mailed quarterly giving statements but due to the increase in electronic giving and your ability to see that information online we no longer feel that most are receiving a benefit from that process. Going forward we will email or mail paper statements at year end. If you would like a giving statement at any other time during the year, you may request one from Kathy at k.wahlenmaier@grace43081.org or by calling the office.

Altar Guild is looking for members to rejoin and new members. Men, women, new to ministries at Grace, old to ministries at Grace, contact Vanessa Stewart who would be delighted to talk to you more about the Altar Guild team who faithfully serves Grace. The commitment is 1 weekend, 4-5 times a year. You can reach Vanessa by phone 614-588-2712 or email vschn55@gmail.com.



YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

High School Sunday School is meeting in the Bell Choir Room today during the Sunday School hour to put together Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

On Sunday, June 6 Summer Sunday school will begin. This is for Kindergarten through 5th grade. A parent will need to stay with children that are in Preschool. This will be a one room classroom. Everyone will have masks on and social distance. I am hoping to

have outdoor activities weather permitting. The nursery will be open as well starting June 6th.

The curriculum we will be using is Simply Loved, Where Kids Experience God's Greatest Gift. This curriculum has memorable, hands-on, friendship-focused activities. The kids will be guided on a foundational, Jesus-centered journey through God's story of love.

I can't wait to see the kids! Looking forward to having Sunday school start again! If you have any questions let me know.

2021 Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATE: *The dates for VBS will be July 25-29, 5:30-8pm, the program is **Treasured, Discovering You're Priceless to God!** The children will discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems or gold— it's them! Contact Molly King: m.king@grace43081.org or 614-882-3026.*

Volunteers needed for VBS and we want YOU! Sign up at the Welcome Center:

- ◇ **Bible Adventures Leader-** Repeats the Bible Point each day. Leads the kids in a daily Bible story in a hands on way. (2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Imagination Station Leader-** Repeats the Bible Point each day. Leads the kids in exciting experiments that connect to the day's Bible story and point.(2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Jungle Gym Games Leader-** Leads the kids in games that connect with the daily Bible Point. Kids listen to Sing & Play Roar songs as they play games.(2 adults needed)
- ◇ **Crew Leaders: Elementary–** Are an integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (10 adults needed)
- ◇ **Crew Leaders: Preschoolers–** Are an integral part of VBS, leading kids through VBS each day. (5 adults needed)
- ◇ **Assistant Crew Leaders–** Rising 6th graders thru adults, assist Crew Leaders (15 volunteers needed)
- ◇ **Clean Team:** Helps ensure a clean space for VBS. Wiping down high touch surfaces.
- ◇ **Decoration and Tear Down Team:** This team gathers the Saturday before VBS to stage the church for VBS and puts final touches around the Sunday VBS begins. We will gather a few Sundays prior to VBS to put together larger projects and organize donations. Friday, the day after VBS we will tear down and put away decorations.



REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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

May Grocery List:

Alfredo Sauce; Canned: Asparagus, Beets, Artichoke, Spinach; Chicken Gravy; Salt & Pepper; Pancake Mix and Syrup; Stewed Tomatoes; Dried Beans (all types); Canned Salmon; Salsa; Tomato Paste; and Shelf Stable Juices. 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= 259 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE=1634.5 lbs.

MONTHLY MONETARY= \$436.00 ; YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= \$5,237.00



Blood Drive

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: We had a great turn out last Tuesday! Save the date for our next Blood Drive, July 13. Registration is now open, so you can reserve your favorite time slot.

Molly's Movers for Acceptance! On Sunday, May 16 at 1:30pm join Molly on a 3 mile walk at Hoff Park to support acceptance and raise funds for GiGi's Playhouse Down syndrome Achievement Center. Molly was introduced to the program because of her nephew Luke who has Down syndrome and has benefited from GiGi's Playhouse. GiGi's Playhouse offers FREE therapeutic and educational programs to help individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community be the best they can be! Find out more, sign-up to move with me, or make a donation at: <https://tinyurl.com/molly-king-Gigisplayhouse>



RICE BOWL DONATIONS: Wow! This year with your help we raised **\$679.05!** That's \$300 more than last year....and more than we have ever raised for Rice Bowls. Thank you!

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits: Today during Sunday School our High School and Middle School youth will be putting together Personal Care Kits with supplies gathered during Lent and also through a Thrivent Action Team donation



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

The Women's Bible Study: Wednesday Bible Study Group began an eight weekly sessions on Psalm 40 by Sarah Mae. The subtitle of this study is: Crying out to the God who delights to rescue us. The group meets in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday. Molly King facilitates the study. Any questions contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.

AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE: This adult SS class, led by John Westenhaver meets in Rose Garden 4 at 9:30 a.m. They are studying on 'Our response to the Cross. God is Faithful to His Word. Worship. What is it?' All are Welcome. Questions or concerns, contact John at jwestenhaver@gmail.com.

Adult Learning: Please join one of the adult education class as we study the book of Habakkuk. This study will be led by Bill Kulju and began April 25 at 9:45 in the fellowship hall. In this study we get a glimpse into Habakkuk's job description—preparing God's people for Babylonian captivity. How we can maintain faith in God when the world seems to be falling apart. The key to this faith for the people entering captivity is the same for us today, come join us and find out!

Men of Grace (MOG) will meet on Saturday, May 15 at 8:00 a.m. in the Loaves and Fishes Cafe. (note the change of venue) All men are invited to attend this Bible study and fellowship session. The study will be based on the Parish Papers from April entitled Readiness Is The Key To Congregational Change. Come early for a light breakfast.

MUSIC NOTES

“Abide O Dearest Jesus” – Johann Gottfried Walther (arr. Joyce Jones)

This hymn by Josua Stegman (1588-1632) is based on the request of the disciples on the Emmaus road in Luke 24:29 to “stay with us”. This hymn was first published as 6 stanzas in his *Christliches Gebetbüchlein* (1627). Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615) wrote this tune, CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN, for another anonymous hymn before it was paired with Stegman’s hymn.

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” – arr. Stephen Gabrielsen

This hymn by Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863) was originally titled “The Eternal Father” and was first published in his *Jesus and Mary* (1849). The tune for the hymn, DUNDEE, was first used in *The One Hundred Fifty Psalms of David* (1615) published by Andro Hart in Edinburgh. It was one of twelve “common tunes” that could be used with different hymns.

“Who Am I” – Rusty Goodman

Charles F. “Rusty” Goodman (1933 - 1990) was an American singer/songwriter in the Southern Gospel Music industry. He was a prolific composer and performed with The Plainsmen Quartet and his family group, The Happy Goodman Family, where he sang along with his brothers Howard, Sam, Bobby and his sister-in-law Vestal Goodman. The Goodman’s claimed this was one of their most popular songs requested at their concerts. In Vestal Goodman’s autobiography simply titled, *Vestal*, she shares about the time when Rusty brought this song to her and Howard. She claimed that there was a hidden message that her brother-in-law weaved in the lyrics – *he never thought he was good enough of God’s love and forgiveness.*

“One Bread, One Body” – arr. Mark Hayes

This hymn is by John Foley, SJ (b. 1939), a Jesuit Roman Catholic Priest. The text is based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, where Paul speaks about the cup of blessing and the bread we break as a sharing in the body and blood of Christ. Stanza 1 of the hymn is based on Galatians 3:28, “There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” Foley’s hymn first appeared in *Wood Hath Hope* (1978).

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” – arr. Nancy M. Raabe

Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886) wrote these words around 1855 to comfort his mother in a time of sorrow, never intending them to have any wider use. A friend saw the manuscript when sitting with Scriven during the author’s last illness. Scriven admitted, “The Lord and I wrote it between us.” The hymn first appeared anonymously in Horace L. Hasting’s *Social Hymns, Original and Selected* (1865). Charles Converse (1832-1918) composed the tune for these words in 1868.

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” – arr. John Leavitt

The text for this hymn was written by Paul Z. Strodach (1876-1947) for the *Service Book and Hymnal* (1958). The tune LASST UNS ERFREUEN has possible origins in 16th century Strassburg. Although the tune appeared in a number of Roman Catholic hymnals in Germany during the remainder of the 17th century, it never came into use among German Protestants. It entered *The English Hymnal* (1906) with the present harmonization by Ralph Vaughn Williams as a setting for the hymn, “Ye watchers and ye holy ones”.



Scan to *Simply Give*

This QR code connects you to the mobile version of Grace's online giving page to give you a quick and easy way to access our webpage without having to type out a long web address. Through this link, you can create a one-time or on-going donation and to specify where you want your gift to be applied. The *Simply Giving*® Program (endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union) is an automated stewardship program that helps members give generously. Scan to *Simply Give* today.

Quarterly Recap: With the first quarter of the year complete, giving has exceeded expectations with \$12k given in excess of budget. Expenses are matching giving with about 28% of the budget spent which leaves us with \$3k in access YTD.

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.

March 2021	Estimated Giving	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 37,083	\$ 41,010	\$ 3,927
YTD	\$111,249	\$ 123,866	\$ 12,617

Weekly Worship Attendance

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2: 8:30am: 66, 11:00am: 82, Total: 148

Serving Today

PRESIDER/PREACHER
ASSISTING MINISTER
CANTOR
ORGANIST
SACRISTAN
LECTOR
ALTAR GUILD *Team 1*

USHERS

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Pastor Nicholas Hopman
Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
Julie Hotchkiss
Linda Hoch
Fred Pfanz
8:30 Lily Hicks 11:00 Tom Seamon
Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claffin,
Dorothy Cain, Cheryl Leiss, Twyla Ridder, Lou Swanson
8:30 Chris Banks, John Kotik, Dan George, Bela Bernhardt
11:00 Kevin Thuman, Laurie Thuman, Paul Hotchkiss
Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush





This Week at Grace: May 9-16, 2021

- May 9 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am VBS prayer meeting (Molly's office)
9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall) and
High School Sunday School (Rose Garden 1)
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Council Meeting
- MON 1:00 pm Ruth Circle (Rose Garden 2 & 3)
- TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- WED. 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- THURS 7:00 pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
- FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- SAT 8:00 am Men of Grace (Loaves and Fishes cafe)
9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Online Meeting)
- May 16 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am VBS prayer meeting (Molly's office)
9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall) and
High School Sunday School (Rose Garden 1)
11:00 am Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Artwork and portions of the liturgy from SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2008 . Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #27032.

Scripture texts are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Copyright Information for One License

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”. Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, Koln, 1623. Text: OneLicense. Tune and Arrangement: Public Domain.

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”. Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863. Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615. Text and Music: Public Domain.

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”. Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923. Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615. Text and Music: Public Domain.

“Christ, Thou Art My Life (Christus, der ist mein leben)” – Johann Gottfried Walther (arr. Joyce Jones), from *Organ Music for Lent and Easter* arranged by Jones Jones, Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp., ©1985

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” – arr. Stephen Gabrielsen, from *We Are Your Own Forever* by Stephen Gabrielsen, Augsburg Fortress, ©1993

“Who Am I?” – Rusty Goodman, Playin’ TAG Music (Administered by ICG), ©1965, renewed 1993

“One Bread, One Body” – John B. Foley, SJ (arr. Mark Hayes), from *Reflections for Worship: Mark Hayes Signature Series* by Mark Hayes, Hope Publishing Co., ©2013

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” – arr. Nancy M. Raabe, from *Grace and Peace: Hymn Portraits for Piano* by Nancy M. Raabe, Augsburg Fortress, ©2005

“All Creatures of Our God and King” – arr. John Leavitt, from *With High Delight: Seven Preludes of Praise for Organ* by John Leavitt, Concordia Publishing House, ©2000



GRACE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Westerville, Ohio

100 East Schrock Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081

Phone: (614) 882-3026

E-mail: office@grace43081.org

Website: www.grace43081.org

<http://www.facebook.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranWesterville>

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm, Fri 9am-Noon

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 108 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly meeting space for Boy Scout Troop 007 and 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.