



THE MESSENGER

2025

Worship Schedule
Sunday: 10 am

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Our Liturgical Worship

There are many ways to worship. Our tradition at Grace is to use what we call "liturgy". Liturgical worship has been a central component of Christian practice for centuries, shaping the communal and spiritual life of believers. The term "liturgy" refers to the structured form of worship that typically includes prayers, readings, hymns, sacraments, and rituals. While Christian worship can take many forms, liturgical worship is distinct for its emphasis on tradition, order, and communal participation.

Liturgical worship promotes a sense of community and unity within the church. The structured order of service means that everyone participates together, reciting prayers and responses as one body. This shared experience fosters a spirit of togetherness and helps build relationships among church members.

If a congregation spends time learning liturgy well (as we are right now) the result is voices raised in praise and joy. That joy is contagious as others can feel it.

Liturgical worship is designed to embody and communicate the core truths of Christianity. Through rituals such as baptism and communion, believers physically enact the gospel message. The liturgy's structure ensures that key aspects of the faith—such as repentance, forgiveness, thanksgiving, and praise—are consistently emphasized.

Our prayer is that each Sunday when a person attends worship, they will have a genuine encounter with the living God who created them, redeemed them and sustains them. With that kind of touch from God we go forth in joy rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

With joy,

Pastor Phil Shuart

Interim Pastor
Rev. Phil Shuart

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Planning Council

PLANNING COUNCIL

Next Meeting
Tuesday,
Nov. 18, 2025
@ 6:30 PM

board **meeting**

Oct. 21st - Christian Faith & Life Mtg.
6:30 pm LH

2024-2026 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Julie Brothers - President Gale Limron - Vice President
Michelle Durben - Secretary John Wolfe - Treasurer

Congregational Life

Gale Limron - Director
Susie Erickson
Elaine Margo
Betsy Morris
Melody Rader
Jim Heller
Jenna Limron

Property

Jim Gibb - Director
Nathan Vaughan
Jeff Hootman
Larry Wallick
Richard Elliott

Christian Faith and Life

Ashley Eick - Director
Karla Burrier
Tiffany Shepherd
Deb Foust
(Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

Hospitality

Sarah Wolfe - Director
Marcie Castricone
Melissa Engstrom
Cindy Jerles
Traci Smith
Bobbie Cox
Julie Vanfossen

Stewardship Development

Ron Stahl - Director
Charles Castricone
Keith Lands
Sarah Kneuss

Outreach

Pam Beller - Director
Tim Durben
Joe Erickson
Irene McCoy
Judy Martin
Pam Keller
David Elliott (church website)

Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: *Cody Jerles*
Director of Music/Organist : *Jeff Beshore*
Secretary: *Lisa Morris*
Treasurer: *John Wolfe*
Custodian: *John Williamson*

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ

Worship Assistants and Readers

Sometimes people hesitate to volunteer for service to the church because they don't know what they are getting into. That concern is legitimate and ubiquitous in American congregations. What I can tell you is that if you volunteer to be a reader or a Worship Assistant you will be ready and feel confident and joyful in the task.

If you are looking for a sign, here it is...

NOTICE

Pastor Phil is looking for volunteers to read and/or assist. Call Lisa at the church or email pastorphil@gracedover.org.

VISITATION MINISTRY

Lay Ministry Training

Pastor Phil continues offering training for visitation ministry by which you can share Holy Communion with those who aren't able to be in church. All are welcome to explore this ministry opportunity. To learn more about this ministry email Pastor Phil at pastorphil@gracedover.org.

Blanket Sunday is October 5th



The Grace Knotters and Grace Women of the ELCA have made several quilts for Lutheran World Relief which will be shipped this October. Some will comfort our neighbors in Christ here in the United States. Others will be travel where needed across the globe.

Grace Women of the ELCA will also be sending off health kits. All the above items will be shipped from Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Seville, OH

A display of our Quilts of Grace will be on display in the sanctuary and narthex on Sunday, October 5. A "Blanket Sunday" envelope will be included in the day's bulletin to help support this worthy cause. If writing a check, **please make out the check to Grace Lutheran Church** and note **"Blankets"** on the memo line. Thank you.



Join us the 3rd Saturday of each month in Luther Hall.

8:30 - 9:30 am

This time of fellowship is open to women off all ages.

Our time together will include coffee, conversation, prayer, devotion and a short program.

We will also do a free will offering.

Bring your coffee mug and a friend!

Announcements



A Few Changes

*A pastor walks into a church council meeting and asks, "How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?" The answer.....**CHANGE?***

Here are few changes with explanations of why they were instituted.

- 1 The tradition of coming forward to the rail to receive Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month is discontinued as of October. The main reason for this is the risk of falling due to the fact there are stairs up and stairs down; there are not always enough ushers to stand by those who might need help. While many of us enjoy kneeling at the rail the greater concern for safety outweighs that. This change has been the result of discussions and prayerful consideration since June.
- 2 Communion Assistants are now referred to as Worship Assistants because they do more than assist at communion. Pastor Phil will be inviting more individuals to step forward for some training on reading and assisting at the altar.
- 3 Worship Assistants are no longer wearing a Deacon stole. The term Deacon refers to one who is ordained in the ELCA to the *Ministry of Word and Service*. (Pastors are ordained to the *Ministry of Word and Sacrament*.)

"Showing Jesus" to Our Harbor House Neighbors

Grace Outreach Ministries is sponsoring a collection of personal care items for the women and children of Harbor House in New Philadelphia on the Sundays of October 19 and October 26. Collection baskets are in the narthex for your donations.

Harbor House is a safe refuge for women and their children seeking to escape an abusive environment. Many have fled from their homes and threatening situations with little more than the clothes on their backs. To help these women and children in their time of need with a gift of hope, we are seeking contributions of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, facial tissues and other personal care items.

Thank you all for your Christian care and compassion.



Announcements



Pastor Phil's usual office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. He is always happy to speak with you by phone or in person. You are encouraged to make an appointment by phone or email, pastorphil@gracedover.org.



Grace Power of Prayer Group
Did you know that we have a Prayer Group?

Prayer requests are shared via the weekly bulletin insert, text messages or our private Facebook Group.

You can share a prayer request using the text group, Facebook group or by contacting Lisa in the office or Becky Lands at 330-340-9542.

To join the text group, please contact Becky. To join the Facebook group, send a Facebook request to Power of Prayer - Grace Lutheran.



To my church family,
After all the cards and flowers you have sent me this past year. I want to thank you very much for the thoughtfulness. My room is small so I usually give the flowers to someone who needs cheer. It does my heart good and don't think the church will mind. My hobby is sending cards which I love to do.
In appreciation,
Patti Stull



The grocery bag ministry is in need of baggers. If you would be interested in bagging groceries for our outreach program please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you to all volunteers already serving.

Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we were forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10 am until supply runs out. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.

Grocery size paper bags are also needed.



*Please be
Praying for...*

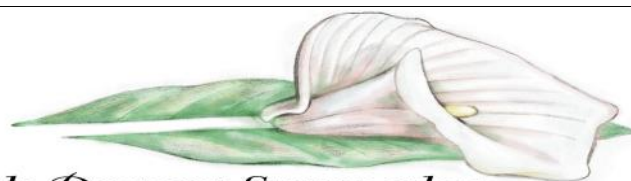
All those serving in the armed forces, especially
Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Connor Gwynne.

Rita Young
Paula Wolfe
Glenn Siber
Kay Bambeck
Ashley Luthy

Evelyn Ralston
Ruth Patrick
Bruce Siber
Steve Strohl
Jeanne Pudloski

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank You.



With Deepest Sympathy

Worship

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$19.
You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



Oct. 5th - 2 vases
Oct. 26th - 1 vase
Nov. 23rd - 1 vase
Nov. 30th - 2 vases
Dec. 7th - 1 vase
Dec. 14th - 2 vases



Ladies of Grace Knotters

Our Grace knotters are in need of flat bed sheets (any size) to make quilts.

If you have any you wish to donate, you may drop them off at the church office. Thank You!

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

Tues., Oct. 28th
9 am

Sunday, Oct. 5th

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
 Psalm 37:1-9
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, Oct. 12th

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
 Psalm 111
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, Oct. 19th

Gensis 32:22-31
 Psalm 121
 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, Oct. 26th

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 46
 Romans 3:19-28
 John 8:31-36

online

Yes, on-line services are here to stay!

Now that the pandemic is over we are continuing to record our 10 am service each Sunday. Weekly on-line services are part of our on-going ministry here at Grace.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 10:00 AM WORSHIP

<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>DEACON/COMM. ASST.</u>
10/5	10/5 Sandy Gibb	10/5 John Stahl
10/12	10/12 Lynn Foust	10/12
10/19	10/19 John Stahl	10/19
10/26	10/26 Gale Limron	10/26

USHERS

Oct. 5 John Lorenz, Jim Heller, Ed Harper, Tim Keplinger

Oct. 12 Mike Sargent, Jim Gibb, Richard Elliott

Oct. 19 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Edward Harper

Oct. 26 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

SOUND

Oct. 5 Keith Lands

Oct. 12 Richard Elliott

Oct. 19 Tim Durben

Oct. 26 Richard Elliott

ALTAR GUILD

October: Donna Fox, Betty Kaser, Judy Martin

November: Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles

**Get the Messenger By Email**

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to Gracehappens@gracedover.org with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at www.GraceDover.org



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 7 pm Boy Scouts	2 6 pm Handbells 7 pm Gallery Choir	3 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	4
5 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion  Blanket Sunday	6 9 am Knotters 7 pm Valley Voices	7 9 am Knotters 6 pm Altrusa - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	8 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 6 pm Handbells 7 pm Gallery Choir 7 pm Beekeepers - ORC	10	11 8 am Men's Breakfast 
12 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion	13 7 pm Valley Voices	14 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	15 7 pm Boy Scouts	16 6 pm Handbells 7 pm Gallery Choir	17 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	18 8:30 am Women's Group - LH
19 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion  REFORMATION Sunday <u>Harbor House Collection</u>	20 7 pm Valley Voices	21 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Endowment Mtg.	22 7 pm Boy Scouts	23 6 pm Handbells 7 pm Gallery Choir	24 <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	25
26 9 am SCS 10 am Worship Communion 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter <u>Harbor House Collection</u>	27 7 pm Valley Voices	28 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 Cub Scouts	29 7 pm Boy Scouts	30 6 pm Handbells 7 pm Gallery Choir	31 <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	