

May 2026
Graceful Greetings



May 2026 WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Schedule: Worship Services are at 8:15 & 10:30am with Sunday School & Faith Formation at 9:15am

Sunday, May 3— 5th Sunday in Easter

Sunday, May 10—2th Sunday in Easter, (Camp Sunday)

Sunday, May 17—7th Sunday in Easter

(One Service at 9:30am/Confirmation Sunday)

Sunday, May 24—Pentecost Sunday (One Service at 9:30am)

Sunday, May 31—Holy Trinity Sunday (One Service at 9:30am/Church Music Sunday)

(The Church Office will be closed Fri., 5/22 & Mon., 5/25, for the Memorial Day Holiday)

If you are unable to worship with us in person, our worship services can also be found on our website under the “Worship” tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

CONFIRMATION 2025

On May 17th, we will celebrate the joyous rite of confirmation for 2 young people, with one combined worship service at 9:30am! We give thanks to God for the parents who have raised these children in the promises made at baptism and we thank God for this year’s faithful confirmation teachers, Julie Boyer & Zach Miller.



Congratulations & God’s blessings to our 2026 Confirmands: Andrew Mazur, Andrew Ruiz .



Congratulations and God's blessings to all who received their First Holy Communion on April 12th. Thank you to Sarah Nye & Carly Bauer, for faithfully teaching the joy & blessing of this sacrament. Please congratulate the class, as they receive God's grace through the body, and blood of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: Corbin Miller, Owen Nye and Declan Thompson .

Save the Date for a Lorraine's Hearing Fund Fundraiser--this fund provides financial assistance to individuals diagnosed with a hearing impairment.

WHEN: Thursday, May 21st HOURS: 10 am - 9 pm

WHERE: Giovanni's Pizza & Restaurant, 466 Main Street, Royersford, PA

Why cook when you can have lunch, a date night, or a meal out with family and friends. Have someone else cook & clean up while helping to raise money for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to LHF.



From the Rostered Ministers Desk:



We are heading into the summer months! This year is going by faster than I can believe.

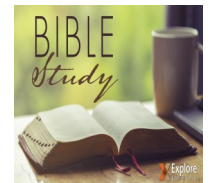
We will again be worshipping at one 9:30 service this summer. A monthly schedule will be published letting you know when we will be having the traditional service and when we will have the contemporary service. In general, we'll alternate by week, but there may be some fluctuations with that so be sure to check the calendar. I encourage you to come worship with us weekly, even if it isn't your preferred style of worship. This is an opportunity for our community to worship together and a chance for you to see people you don't normally get to.

Finally, as some of you may know, in the office we recently switched to a Microsoft platform for our communications. As a result, we have new email addresses that we've slowly been working into use.

Beginning this month, please contact me at my new email address: deaconallison@gracerofo.org
The old address is still functioning for the time being, but I will be phasing it out.

+ Grace & Peace to you all,
Deacon Allison

Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey



Bible Studies: Bible Study groups – Monday evening's and Thursday morning's - will finish this month and break for the summer.

Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship: Richard Harshaw's group continues to meet in the Choir Room (L04) at 9:15 am for topical conversations on faith and life and for a time of fellowship. Check with Richard for details on summer meeting times.

Judy Stryker's book discussion group continues with, *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories*, by Debie Thomas and will break for the summer at the end of the month.

Faith First: Last Wednesday of this Month. We will meet this month on **Wed., May 27th**. We'd love to have you join us at Main Street Café at 8:30am for great fellowship & conversation about faith.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Blessing Bag project! Whether you decorated a white bag or even volunteered your time making sandwiches and packing bags, you played a significant role in a successful project! 260 full meals were packed and 20+ snack bags were packed. The bags were delivered to various homeless facilities in the Pottstown area by The Vine Ministry. "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"
(Matthew 25:35,40)

YOUTH NEWS



G.R.A.C.E. Place programming will be every Sunday with 2 worship services and is for preschool through 6th grade! Confirmation will have class every Sunday.

G.R.A.C.E. Place May Dates: May 3 & 10 - 9:30am - 10:15am

2 year old – kindergarten meet in Lower Level 07; 1st– 6th grade class meets in Lower Level 08-09.

Please register your child for G.R.A.C.E. Place online at:
www.gracelutheranroyersford.com/registration.

Confirmation Class - May 13, 2026, 6-8pm in the All Purpose room

First & second year confirmation students are combined and will meet in room L01, lower level of the church. If your child has not received First Holy Communion, please contact Pastor. Your child will receive Communion instruction in this class & receive First Holy Communion.

Sunday, May 10th - Mother's Day Tea during G.R.A.C.E. Place in the All Purpose Room.

Sunday, May 17th - Confirmation Service @ 9:30am (No G.R.A.C.E. Place)

Sunday, May 31st - G.R.A.C.E. Place Year End Breakfast - Please RVSP to
cey.graceluthrn@gmail.com

Sunday June 14th - Senior Blessing (waiting for Pastor & Deacon to approve the questionnaire)

VBS July 12th—17th, 2026: Come join in a snowy summer adventure with the Snowball Mountain Challenge. More information to come.



Strunk Fund Applications are now open! Seniors in high school & college students (who have been confirmed) are invited to apply for this scholarship. Deadline is May 31st. See the next page for more details on how to apply.



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Lorraine's Hearing Fund (created to provide financial assistance to members of Grace who have a hearing impairment), will take applications for those in need of equipment/devices, education, or technology. Awards up to \$2,500 each will be considered for applicants. To apply, email Roxanne Troiano (rmtroiano@verizon.net) and she will either email or mail you an application (whichever is best for the applicant).

All applications are due by May 31, 2026. Applicants will be notified in June of eligibility and the amount of the award. Please direct questions to Roxanne Troiano.



STRUNK FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH 5/31

Letters of application are being accepted now through the end of May for scholarships for 2 or 4 year colleges, or trade schools. You must be enrolled as a full-time student, in an eligible educational program. You may only be eligible for this scholarship for a maximum of four (4) years. Awards will be divided with 1/2 in August and 1/2 in December. Candidates in Ministry/Seminary programs have priority and will be given special consideration due to the many changes to the traditional structure and offerings for seminary education. The Grace Scholarship Board will announce the recipients of the scholarships in June. All applicants must be a baptized/confirmed member of Grace Lutheran Church and new applicants are required to write a letter of application which includes the following information:

1. Your service and manner of regular engagement with grace's ministries, which may include: worship, service activities, church leadership & faith formation opportunities.. If you are worshipping online at Grace, submit a selfie that shows you worshipping online OR a screen shot of the service.
2. List youth group activities, which must include service projects completed through Grace (i.e. work camps, work days, national youth gathering, etc.).
3. Your high school scholastic record if you are to start college, or past college records if you are in college presently. Copies of official transcripts must be included.
4. Name of school along with course selections and whether you will be a resident or commuter student.
5. Civic organizations and high school activities in which you participate.
6. **If you previously received a grant from the Strunk Fund, the following information is required:** An official school transcript and list of your activities since your last application.
 - A. College transcripts, must have a minimum 2.0 average and you must remain a full-time student, to be eligible for consideration.
 - B. Participation in a service project either at college, in the community or the church and a letter from the organization, stating your involvement.
 - C. Regular worship attendance at a church or chapel, while at college. Worship may be:
 - 1- In-person (Submit bulletin or picture from worship service)
 - 2- Online (Submit selfie that shows you worshipping online OR screen shot of online service)
 - 3- Campus bible study group (Submit selfie that shows you with group)
 - D. Regular worship attendance at Grace, while home for breaks.

Applications are to be received by the church office by May 31st and be clearly marked as Strunk Fund Application. **No applications will be accepted after May 31st.** A submitted application does not guarantee a scholarship.

All requirements must be met (all carry equal value) to receive a scholarship.
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Grace Family and Friends Fun Day is coming! Join us for our next fellowship event on May 3rd, after church. There will be lunch, drinks, snacks and games. I am open to all suggestions and ideas for that day.



MAY 2026 Worship Assistants

Thank you all for your service!



Trustee—Dan Feist

Altar Guild Team—Johnson, Klinger & Murphy

Counting Teams—5/3 Brown/Henson 5/10 Moyer/Mahaney
5/17 Shiley Fritz 5/24 Matzke/Harshaw 5/31 Troiano/Brown

Readers—5/3 8:15 J. Perry 10:30 T. Jordan
5/10 8:15 M. Rehrer 10:30 D. Lewis
5/17 (One Service at 9:30am) B. Fretz
5/24 (One Service at 9:30am) T. McGarry
5/31 (One Service at 9:30am) T. Meredith

Children's Sermon—5/3 D. Lewis 5/10 Collin Grooms (Bear Creek Camp)
5/17 J. Claypotch 5/24 Pastor Leah 5/31 A. Feist

Tech Table—5/3 8:15 Jackie 10:30 Dave
5/10 8:15 Dan 10:30 Jim
5/17 (One Service at 9:30am) Austin
5/24 (One Service at 9:30am) Dave
5/31 (One Service at 9:30am) Rick

Communion Assistants—5/3 8:15 J. Curran 10:30 D. Lewis
5/10 8:15 S. Firering 10:30 K. Petel
5/17 (One Service at 9:30am) R. Harshaw, M. Rehrer, G. & C. Peteritas
5/24 (One Service at 9:30am) J. Kamertz, M. Satryan, K. Thomson & M. Alloway
5/31 (One Service at 9:30am) Z. Miller, R. Troiano, K. Brown & C. Ferguson

Ushers—5/3 8:15 G. Peak & J. Stryker 10:30 C. Peteritas & B. Meredith
5/10 8:15 R. Pennypacker & S. Firering 10:30 K. Thomson & D. Murphy
5/17 (One Service at 9:30am) R. Harshaw & M. Satryan
5/24 (One Service at 9:30am) K. Meyers & T. Jordan
5/31 (One Service at 9:30am) B. & M. Johnson

Acolytes—5/3, 10:30 Jacob Weaner 5/10, 10:30 Jack Eynon 5/17, 9:30 Drew Mazur

(Changes to this schedule may occur after printing; assistants should be alert for updates.)

Stay “connected” wherever you go! We’re all over social media!!

Website: www.gracelutheranroyersford.com

Email: gracelutrn@verizon.net

YouTube Channel: [gracelutheranroyersford](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Instagram search: [grace.lutheran.royersford](https://www.instagram.com/grace.lutheran.royersford)

Facebook search: [Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/GraceEvangelicalLutheranChurch)

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