

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing- He chastens and hastens, His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing: Sing praises to His name- He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning the fight we were winning: Thou, Lord, wast at our side- all glory be Thine.

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be; Let Thy congregation escape tribulation: Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free! Amen.

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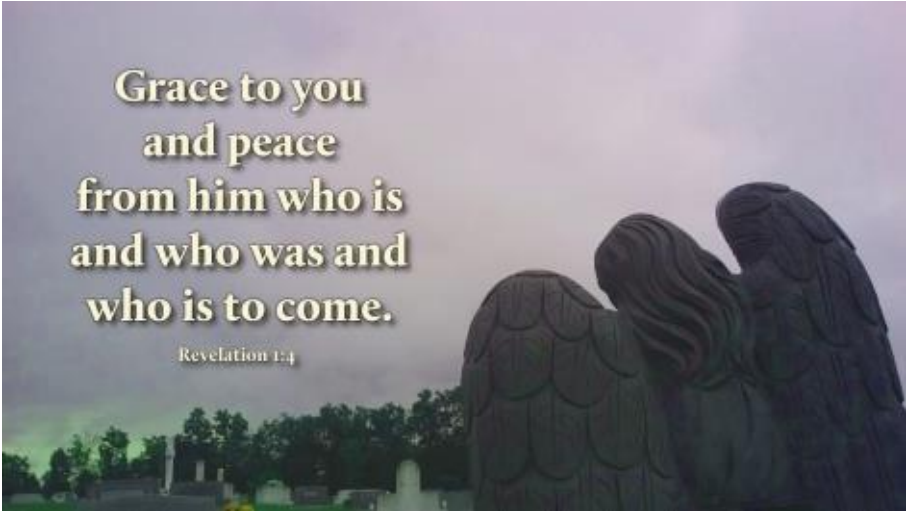
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Grace to you
and peace
from him who is
and who was and
who is to come.

Revelation 1:4

*Christ the King Sunday
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
November 24, 2024
8:00 am*

Welcome to
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Welcome to All

Welcome! Together, let us worship Christ our King, who is “robed in majesty”. We believe God has a purpose for you being with us today and our desire is to be an instrument in helping you discover and fulfill that purpose. You are always invited to come and worship with us. Please let us know if the pastor or we may be of service to you in any way. If you desire to be baptized in Jesus, please speak with the Pastor.

The Common Thread in Today’s Readings

In one of the “realities” of Philip K. Dick’s *The Man in the High Castle*, the German Reich is well on its way to a thousand year rule. In the real world, there is one who has reigned forever, for he is the beginning and the end. A multitude of rulers have challenged the King of kings. Nonetheless, he alone reigns in holiness. The Son of Man, who is and was and is to come, will return with power and great glory to judge all who have ever lived. Those who had faith in God until the end, who stayed awake and remained on guard, will be saved.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

*Opening Song

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LBW # 170
(Verses 1-5)

The Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, †Son and 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. (1 John 1:8-9)

(Silence for personal confession)

P: Most merciful God,

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 your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Sovereign Lord, at the end of time your eternal reign will be fully revealed and all will stand in awe of your Son Jesus, the King of kings. As we gather in your holy presence, nourish us with Word, bread, and wine that we may go forth making that reign known; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“One Day Is Not Enough”

Adult Choir

Word

God speaks to us in scripture – read, preached and sung

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:4-6

ESV # 612

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 (read responsively)

93 The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

²Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴ **Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!**

⁵ Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD,
forevermore.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Revelations 1:4b-8

ESV # 1028

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

ESV # 850

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

Sermon Prayer

P: May the Spirit of the Lord be in my heart and on my lips so that I may
sincerely and humbly, courageously and effectively proclaim the Good News.

**C: And may the Spirit of the Lord touch our ears that we may listen
carefully. Touch our minds that we may understand correctly and touch
our hearts that we may respond to that message courageously.**

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sermon

“When Your Rooster Crows”

Pastor Shelly

Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power
of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death**

and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Lord's Prayer

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

Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the saving Word and all God's gifts.

Gathering of the Gifts

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| *The Offertory | "Doxology" | LBW # 565 |
| *Offertory Prayer | | Page 67 |

Pastor: Merciful Father,

All: 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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*The Benediction

Mission and Ministry Moments

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| *Sending Song | "All Creatures of Our God and King" | LBW # 527
(Verses 1,4,5,7) |
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*Sending

P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Organ Postlude

Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve

Your offering to the Lord's work through Grace. There is a **box for offering** located on a table nearby, for you to drop off offerings. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings and to do the Lord's work.

Please fill out your **ballots** and turn them back into the designated ballot box at the back of the church **by today @ 11:30 am.**

Reminder from the Endowment Committee: **Match Day 2024** started November 8th and ends December 3rd. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to provide a gift to Grace Lutheran's mission objectives and have it "matched" (up to a total of \$5,000) by the Community Foundation. Material with additional information is at the back of the church.

Christmas Poinsettia Order forms are available at the back of the church and in the November Church newsletter. Orders need to be turned in no later than Monday, November 25th. The cost is \$8.75 each, they will be from Andy's Garden.

Today, 10th Annual JC Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held November 24th. at the JC American Legion Hall located at 627 E. College Street. Dinner will be served 11:30 am-1:30pm. Donations are accepted but not required. Carry Outs are available. All are welcome to attend! Proceeds will benefit "The Fish Pond Food Pantry" and "The We Care Fund" Entertainment by JC School Music Department.

WOC November Collections. Personal care items for Mercy Mission in Sidney, Ohio. Donations asked for: Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body wash, Soap, Body lotion, Deodorant, Razors, Brush/comb.

Any questions please contact Cindy Davis, Chairperson.

Grace Carol Service

You are invited to the annual Carol Service here at Grace. The Carol Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 8, at the 8:00 worship service. The program will feature: devotional readings pertaining to Advent and Christmas; anthems sung by the adult choir; and of course, the singing of many of our favorite and cherished Christmas carols. Plan to join the Grace choir as we worship, sing, and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior at this year's Carol Service on December 8 at 8:00 am.

Thrivent Choice dollars need to be designated for next year, Thrivent members can designate by going online.

Men's Group would like to **thank all those** who provided food and labor to make the Soup and Sandwich Meal a success. We would also like to thank all those who came to take part in the meal and the great fellowship time we had together. We have decided to donate the funds to Jackson Center Library's Christian Book Fund and to LifeWise Ministry. Thanks again to all involved!

Pain and Suffering Bible Study Sunday mornings at 9:15 am

Where is God when it hurts? Using Serendipity Bible for Groups, we begin asking the tough questions. "My best friend died in a car wreck. My grandfather died of cancer. My sister has MS. My parents got divorced. If God is supposed to be good and loving, how can he allow such terrible things to happen?"

Continuing Sunday mornings in November at 9:15 am in the sanctuary, together we will be looking into
Harsh Realities
When Will It End
Hard Questions
Finding God
Comforted by Others
Things Can Change

Pain and suffering are realities in the world in which we live. Join the group Sunday mornings as we look at what God in Jesus has to say about the present reality of this world.

The Backpack program is asking for donations for the program. They are asking for fruit cups, applesauce cups, pudding cups and peanut butter cups, small individual boxes of cereal, & small individual microwave meal cups (mac & cheese cups). There is a labeled box in the south vestibule for your donations.

The **Luther League** will be **hosting the fellowship breakfast** on Sunday, December 1st. All donations will go towards 2 seniors and 3 children that need assistance during this CHRISTmas season. Luther League teens will be going shopping for these individuals on Sunday, December 8th after the late service. Great way to start the holidays!