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In your
presence
is fullness
of joy.

Psalm 16:11

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
November 17, 2024
10:30 am*

C: We know our bondage to sin, and we confess it to you. We have denied you with our thoughts, words, and deeds. In our busyness, we forget to be thankful for all your many blessings and mercies. We fail to put You first and our neighbors before ourselves. Hear our confession, our sorrow for our sin, and our need for a savior. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, re-set our hearts and minds, reveal your will for us, and put us back on the path of righteousness.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

(Silence for personal confession)

P: The Word of Forgiveness... God has had mercy on us and given His only Son to die for us and to take away the sin of the world, even yours and mine. 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. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

ESV pg. 750

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 (read responsively)

16 Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

3 As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Praise the LORD

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25

ESV pg. 1006

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-13

ESV pg. 849

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Bert

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

Pastor Bert

Apostles Creed

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.

* Prayers of the Church and The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Blessing

Ministry and Mission Moments

*Sending Songs **“Joyful the One Who Saves”**
 “Your Grace Is Enough”

Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve
Ministry and Mission Moments

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.

Calling All Young Adults Ages 18-30 There has been some interest in a gathering at Grace of those in our congregation and their friends who are 18-30 years old. The first gathering will be **Today, Sunday, November 17 at 9:15 am** in the Fellowship Hall (north end). Purpose: young adults doing life together as followers of Jesus.

Men’s Group Soup & Sandwich meal will be **Today, Sunday, November 17th** from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm. Freewill donation. Menu will be a variety of sandwiches and soups, desserts and beverages. Come and join us for food & fellowship!

Members, the Lay/Witness Committee would like for us to get to know each other a little better. Lay / Witness members will personally be asking families to fill out a form with some suggested questions to answer. We would like to put a family profile from early and late service in our newsletter. Thanks for your help with this project! There will be a container on the back table for your forms! We are calling this project, “GETTING TO KNOW YOU!”

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.

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.

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. **Sign up sheets for pies and helpers are at the back of the church.**

Please **remember to return your ballot** filled out into the designated ballot box at the back of the church by November 24th @ 11:30 am.

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.

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.