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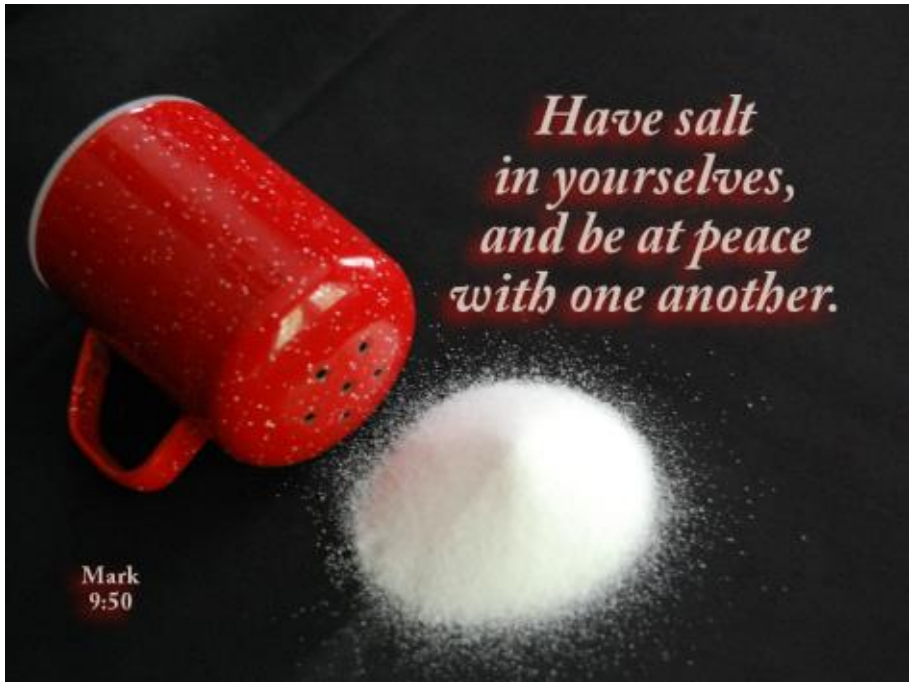
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*Have salt
in yourselves,
and be at peace
with one another.*

Mark
9:50

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
September 29, 2024
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

Welcome to worship, sisters and brothers in Christ. May you hear God's voice in a special way today. 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.

As We Gather

Our limits vary but we all tend to reach them sooner or later. God is near. Look to the Lord; cry out to him; he is listening. As the Spirit of the Lord came down in the cloud for Moses and the people, God has sent his Spirit to help you. He opens his hand to give you good things. Rejoice! Even in sickness, God wants you to call on him in prayer, having others pray for you as well. This is powerful medicine. Even so, these trials are often used by God to purify and preserve us in faith. Do not lose hope; trust in the Lord.

Gathering

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

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

*Opening Hymn: **“Onward, Christian Soldiers”** LBW # 509

*The Confession and Forgiveness

L: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Jesus Christ, the Savior of the Nations, took on our human form in order to save humanity from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Let us take a few moments to examine our consciences, offering to our Lord a sincere confession of all our sins - known and unknown.

(Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.)

L: Most merciful God,

C: We come before you this day with contrite hearts. Forgive us, we pray, for all the ways in which we have neglected our neighbors, turned from those in need, and trusted in our own will rather than listening and obeying yours. Restore us to a right relationship with you, and give us a willingness to hear and follow your mandate to share the Good News of great joy with all the world.

L: For the grace of God has appeared in Jesus Christ, bringing salvation to all. Our great Savior and Lord gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous to do good deeds. In Jesus Christ you put your trust as we receive his promise of forgiveness. (Titus 2:11-14) which is for you this day.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray,

All: Good and steadfast God, in your Son we have been given the gift of eternal life and righteousness before you. Empower us to bring the knowledge of your Son to a world hungering and thirsting for mercy and righteousness; through Jesus Christ, 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: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

ESV pg # 119

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:27-35 (read responsively)

²⁷ These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ **When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 2

30 When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works,

32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

ESV pg # 1013

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 9:38-50

ESV pg # 845

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Sermon

Garrett Serr

*Apostles Creed (stand)

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.

Thank you to Garrett Serr for leading worship this morning. It is very much appreciated!

Buckets for Disaster Relief. The Lay/Witness Committee will again put buckets out on September 15 & 22 for members to fill with items on the list included. Some items may already be included in the bucket you pick up. Please return your filled buckets by Sunday, October 6th to the south vestibule stacked under the coat rack. Many Thanks!

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.

Have you ever thought or wondered about preaching and or ministry? On Thursday evenings, beginning October 24th, 2024 at 6pm CT, St. Paul Lutheran Seminary will again be offering short, online courses on preaching, taught by Rev. Julie Smith. There will be six online sessions (once per week) and is designed for people who may be interested in occasional pulpit supply, as well as those who may be sensing a call to ministry and want to explore a bit. The cost is \$50 per person or \$100 per congregation. To register contact Jon Jensen at jjensen@semic.org. Grace will pay the registration. Please contact one of the pastors, if you are interested or have any questions.

Kendall Hilbun is doing a **project that focuses on families**. She will be **collecting games** to be given to children who have requested to spend more time with their families. She will be collecting games for all ages from now until October 1. If you would like to donate a game, there is a white laundry basket in the south vestibule. Kendall would like to thank you in advance!

Thank you for all the friendships we made at Grace. Our new address is:
Michael & Karen Hecht
1780 Zucchina Dr.
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RESET, The Freedom of Living Generously. You have an opportunity on Saturday, October 19th to spend the day learning, growing and being touched by our generous God who loves us and gifts us in so many ways. God has given us the gifts of creation, our lives, His Son Jesus, faith, forgiveness, and eternal life. God also provides us all we need and more than enough to share. Jesus declares in Matthew 10:8 “freely you have received, freely give.” God encourages us to give of the abundance He has first given us. You are invited to gather for the day with other Lutheran Christians throughout the state of Ohio at Grace Lutheran Church in Thornville, OH from 9 AM until 3:30 PM to attend this Generous Living discussion as another way to experience God’s generosity and grow in your ability to reflect his amazing love to others as stewards of all God has entrusted into your care. There are flyers and registration materials available in the south vestibule and church office. If you have any questions, please ask one of the pastors. Come and join us for the day.

Offering Envelopes for 2025 are available at the back of the church for pick up. If you would like to receive envelopes and do not already have them, please contact Nikki at the church office.