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**Let me hear what the Lord will speak.**

*Psalm 85:8*



*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jackson Center, Ohio  
July 14, 2024  
Traditional Service  
8:00 am*

Welcome to  
**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
July 14, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.

**Welcome to Our Guests**

“To God’s holy people ...faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father”. Welcome to worship! 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**

Though sin warps us and makes us crooked, God will restore us again. He forgives the sin of repentant people. The Israel of God ([Gal 6:16](#)) is predestined to be the redeemed in the land. Those who hear the word of truth, and believe, are guaranteed a righteous inheritance. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**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:                   **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**                   LBW # 551

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: Holy God, you are the author and giver of all good gifts. Increase in us the true faith, give us a love and fear of your holy name, and by your great mercy sustain us in goodness and holiness all our days; 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: Amos 7:7-15

ESV pg # 769

Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13 (read responsively)

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

<sup>9</sup> **Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup> Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

**Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

ESV pg # 976

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 6:14-29

ESV pg # 841

**Glory to you, O Lord** (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Bert

Sermon

Pastor Bert

\*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.

\*The Prayers of the Church (stand)

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

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Thanksgiving</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">We give thanks for the saving Word and all God's gifts.</p>
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Gathering of the Gifts

\*The Offering Hymn **“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”** LBW # 448

\*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

\*Song

**“O Christ, Our Hope”**

LBW # 300

\*Sending

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Organ Postlude

## ***Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve***

There is a **box for offering** located on a table at the back of the church, for you to drop off offerings. Ways of giving on our website there is a link if you click on the online giving tab, is set up with Vanco electronic giving. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help facilitate the Lord's work here.

**Jingle Offering** – Today there will be a “special” offering for our area “We Care Fund”. Any loose change that you have, please place in the glass jar at the back of the church. Remember that this loose change offering will be used to continue to provide assistance for area families who are in need.

**WOC July Collections** School Supplies for Jackson Center Students.

2-pocket folders, 4 oz. white Elmer's glue, Water-based markers, #2 pencils, Glue sticks, Ink pens, Pointed scissors, Ruler w/centimeters, Composition notebooks, Tissues, 3 Large pink erasers or pencil toppers, Wet wipes, Head phones for computer use (found at Dollar Store / Wal-Mart). \_Any question please contact chairperson, Lori Wiswell.

**Additional WOC needs for Collections** are additions to the Kitchen kits: storage containers, measuring cups and measuring spoons.

**Today**, the **Quarterly Congregational meeting** will be held Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.

**The altar flowers** today are in honor of David & Carolyn Jensvold's 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!!

**A heartfelt thank you** to everyone that helped to make Vacation Bible School a success. Thank you to the volunteers, those who donated supplies and those who brought children each and every day! Without each person's contributions we would not have had the lasting impact that we were able to. Approximately 100 children received the word of God this week! What an amazing accomplishment! Thank you!

I want to **thank everyone** who sent cards and prayers on the passing of my brother Mike. It really means a lot to me. God Bless all of you.  
Sharon Lenhart

**The Lutheran Family Reunion** at Grace Lutheran Church 111 Lutheran Dr. Eaton, Ohio will be held Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. All are invited to attend. Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

