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OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME  
OF THE LORD,  
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PSALM 124:6

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jackson Center, Ohio  
June 23, 2024  
Traditional Service  
8:00 am*

Welcome to  
**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*  
June 23, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.

**Welcome to Our Guests**

The psalmist urges us to sing the Lord's praises and proclaim his deeds to all. Let us do so! 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**

If you are going to weather the storm, you must first, face the Lord. Stand before him with confidence, for he is on your side. He is your help turn to him. His grace is available to you today. There is no need to wait, or to do things in preparation. Now is the time; come. "Have you still no faith?" The Lord has already spoken: "Peace."

**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:

**"You Servants of God"**

LBW # 252

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: Sovereign God, even the wind and the waves obey you. Calm the storms of our lives and teach us to listen to you and trust in the power of your Word which is powerful beyond our deepest fears; 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: Job 38:1-11

ESV pg # 443

Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124 (read responsively)

**124** If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—  
**2 if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,**

**3** then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; **4 then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;**

**5** then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**6 Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

**7** We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

**8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

**Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

ESV pg # 966

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**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

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

**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

<p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p>
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<p>We give thanks for the saving Word and all God's gifts.</p>
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Gathering of the Gifts

\*The Offering Hymn      **“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”**      LBW # 316

\*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                      **“Blessed Assurance”**                      WOV # 699

\*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.

**Sunday School** this Sunday will be a presentation about the mission trip that was recently taken to Tanzania.

**WOC June Collections** are Gift Cards for NALC Disaster Response needs.

They are also collecting items for kitchen kits:

June 2, 2024- dish cloths.

June 9, 2024- dish towels.

June 16, 2024- hot pads.

June 23, 2024- spatula.

June 30, 2024- serving spoons. Please place items in vestibule baskets. Thank you!

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

**VBS Needs** clear plastic jars with lids, (peanut butter, mayo, etc) also needing 16 oz clear plastic bottles with flat bottoms. Please clean and drop off in the designated tote in the south vestibule. Thank you!

Come out to enjoy the sunshine and **support Elizabeth's New Life Center** at their 3rd Annual Loving Life 5K! The event will be held on Saturday, July 13th at the Englewood Metropark (West Park Entrance, Lawwill Shelter, 100 E National Rd, Englewood, OH 45322). Race sign-in begins at 7:30 AM with the race starting at 8:15 AM. There will be medals for all who finish the race! Bring along your family, friends, and pets! The 5K is along the paved walking paths in the park – stroller and walker friendly.

Registration is \$40 per person and includes a T-Shirt if registered before June 30th. To register visit <https://enlc.life/loving-life-5k/> Questions? Call Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414!

**Vacation Bible School** is right around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to fulfill a variety of roles. VBS is taking place July 8-12 from 6:00 - 8:30. If you are able to volunteer please register at the link below or contact Erin Stinebaugh at 614-738-0784.

There are also **volunteer opportunities** for anyone not able to be there during VBS. We are looking for bakers to make cookies for after the VBS program that will take place Friday, July 12. We are also looking for volunteers that are interested in helping to prepare quick grab and go meals throughout the week for those volunteers that are coming straight from practice and work.

<https://gracelutheranchurchvbs2023.myanswers.com/jungle-journey>

The **Canopy Cafe** needs your help! There is a list of snack items at the back of the church needed **for Vacation Bible School**. Please look over the list and sign up for the items you are able to contribute. Also, on the list are cookies needed for the program that Friday, July 12th. Thank you for your donations as I am sure the kids (and adults) will enjoy them!

