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*Day of Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
May 19, 2024
10:30 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024 ~ 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

Welcome to our celebration of Pentecost! We remember the power of the Holy Spirit revealed like wind and flame, and trust in the Spirit's ongoing work in the church and world. 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.

Focus for Today

Who can make dead, dry bones come back to life? Who can make those bones live a better life? God can do so by putting his Spirit in those bones. His Spirit has brought life from the beginning and will do so in our ending. The darkness of death awakens in his light. We cannot hide from his Spirit. He seeks us out, finds us, and gives us new life by pouring out his Spirit upon us and within us, convicting us of sin, righteousness, and judgment, then guiding us to the truth of his gospel. God has spoken it; he will do it.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

“Holy Spirit”

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles & Christ Candle

Welcome and Prayer

Gathering

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

*Gathering Song ***“Made to Worship”***

*The Confession and Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us draw near with a true heart, confessing our sin to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us pray:

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, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord from 1 John 1:

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.

Moment of silence for personal confession of sin before the Lord.

O God, our heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways, not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known to you.

I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I ask of your great goodness to have mercy on me. And for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord to forgive my sins and graciously amend my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

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

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

ESV pg. 724

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-12 (read responsively)

139 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 ESV pg. 909
Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27 ESV pg. 902
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Time for Young Disciples Pastor Shelly

Sermon **“Good News to Dead Bones”** Pastor Shelly

*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.

* Prayers of the Church and The Lord’s Prayer

<p>Sending God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</p>
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*Blessing

Ministry and Mission Moments

*Closing Songs **“Ten Thousand Reasons”**
“Where I Belong”

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

There is a **box for offering** located on a table at the back of the church for you to drop off offerings. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings.

We are **collecting gift cards** for the **NALC disaster relief**. There is a marked container at the back of the church if you would like to donate. Gift cards that they are in need of are Lowe's, Menards, Home Depot, & Walmart. Any gift cards that are collected will be given to Mary Bates with the NALC disaster relief.

Fritz Serr & our Choir will lead the **worship service** at this year's **Buckeye Farm Antique Show** on Sunday, May 26th @ 9:00 am in the beige building at the Shelby County Fair grounds. All are welcome to attend.

Growing Community in Faith Christian Concert will be held May 29, 2024 starting at 5:30 pm under the Entertainment tent at the JC Community Days. Join us for a night of faith, fellowship, and worship. To provide this event for our community, we need your helping hands in sharing our story. We need to raise funds so we can make this a free event for anyone to attend. If you as an individual or organization would like to make a donation for this faith night please send it to Grace Lutheran and write checks to "Luther League". We hope to have all the communities come together to support the youth and fill our tent with Spirit and love of God.

WOC May Collections are Bibles and New Testament & Any type of crosses to hold or hang on the wall - new and used for NALC Disaster Response Needs. They can be Children's Bibles, Teen Bibles, Spanish Bibles, Large Print Bibles! Feel free to send underlined, and highlighted Bibles, **DON'T HESITATE TO WRITE A MESSAGE OF HOPE IN THE FRONT FOR THE RECIPIENTS!** Place in vestibule baskets! Any questions please contact Linda Jenkins, Chairperson

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES will be held **MEMORIAL DAY** Monday, May 27, 2024
Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery 9:00 a.m.
Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery 9:30 a.m.
Memorial Park Jackson Center 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO
REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE OF THEMSELVES.

Financial update for the first 17 weeks of 2024 our average offerings were \$4,922.94 per week and our average expenses were \$5,794.91 per week .

Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30 am Community Days worship service will be held in the entertainment tent. It will be all lay lead and is a great opportunity for us to worship together as a community. Grace's praise band will be providing the music and lay speakers providing the message will be Trever Huber, Abbey Starr and Brad Wren. All are welcome to attend!

Volunteers needed to walk in the JC Community Days parade with the Grace VBS float on Sunday, June 2nd. Line up is 12:00 pm at Airstream NW parking lot. If you are able to walk in the parade, please contact Nikki in the church office. Thank you!