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PSALM 136:1

His steadfast love endures forever.

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
July 28, 2024
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
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July 28, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

The God of all times and seasons welcomes you, now and always. May the Word of God, heard and experienced, strengthen you this day. 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. If you desire to be baptized in Jesus, please speak with the Pastor.

As We Gather

Does it seem like the end of the world? Look to the rainbow. "Be not afraid." Are you weak and heavy-laden? Because Christ dwells in your heart through faith, you will be strengthened with power through his Holy Spirit. "Be not afraid." Are the storms of life against you? Even so, Christ is nearer than you imagine. "Be not afraid." Give thanks; God's steadfast love endures forever.

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:

"Jesus Shall Reign"

LBW # 530

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:13

C: And also with you.

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

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

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

P: One does not live by bread alone,

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

Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, pour out upon us your Holy Spirit that we might will, think, and do that which is pleasing to you and live in holy obedience to your gracious will; 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: Genesis 9:8-17

ESV pg # 7

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 136:1-9 (read responsively)

136 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

4 to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

5 to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

7 to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

8 the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;
9 the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

ESV pg # 977

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 6:45-56

ESV pg # 842

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

Sermon

“Blown on Course”

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.

*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

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

The altar flowers today are in honor of Michael & Karen Hecht's 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 20th. Congratulations!!

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.

Back to School Prayer Night is August 15th at 6:30 pm. For anyone who can make it, meet at the flag at the main entrance of school at 6:15. Anyone is welcome as we pray for the students, teachers, staff, administration and facilities.

Elizabeth's New Life Center invites you to join us in celebrating the Babies Saved and Lives Changed this past year and look with us to the future. Our Annual North Partnership Celebration, *Wonderfully Made*, will be held on Monday, August 26th at Romer's in Piqua and Tuesday, August 27th at the Palazoo in Botkins. We ask that you prayfully consider supporting ENLC by hosting a table at the event by inviting new friends to be a part of the work we do. This is an opportunity to be an advocate for life by sharing our ministry with others who might not know about the lives we are impacting. Each table seats 8 people. Interested parties should contact Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414 Ext. 430 or lernest@enlc.life to reserve your table(s).

St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clay Twp. is having an Ice Cream Social Benefit, Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Items available will be homemade ice cream, pies, desserts, and sandwiches. This is a freewill donation and all proceeds to benefit Kaelyn Zwiebel a 17 year old high school senior at Wapakoneta High School. She is the daughter of Dan & Brandi Zwiebel. She was diagnosed earlier this year with juvenile granulosa ovarian cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy at OSU.

Members, the Lay/Witness Committee would like for us to get to know each other a little better. With having 2 services we don't get the opportunity to chat with each other much. 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!"

