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This is my beloved Son;
Listen to him.

Mark 9:7

*Transfiguration of Our Lord
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
February 11, 2024
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

As God called the prophets and as Jesus called the disciples, the Holy Spirit has called us- to this time of worship and to life in God's love always. Welcome. 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

Moses wanted to see God's face more than anything. He asked God to show him his glory. Instead of allowing this, he changed Moses' own face. When Moses spent time with God, the skin of his face would shine with a reflection of God's brilliant glory. "God shines forth" among his people. His own light shines in our hearts because he has given us "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." This is the one transfigured on the mountain top, the one who still shines brightly in the people who "listen to him."

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: **"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"** LBW # 389

The Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: 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 our Lord.

C: Amen

P: 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. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silent time for reflection and confession of sin

P: Most merciful Father,

C: Although in Christ our light has come, too much we prefer the darkness of sin. We do not let your holy light shine in our lives so others may see our good works and glorify you. We are deeply sorry and humbly repent. Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit. Give us once again the joy of your salvation; and send us out to proclaim your strong saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your Light has come; and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines round about you. In the name of and by the authority of our Savior Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of your sin. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until he comes in glory. Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: God of majesty, through Jesus' transfiguration you reveal him as your beloved Son. Keep us faithful in the promise that through the cross and the empty tomb we are joint heirs with Christ and will one day enjoy the fullness of your glory for eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Adult Choir

Word

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

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

ESV pg # 75

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6 (read responsively)

50 The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah*

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

ESV pg # 965

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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.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

ESV pg # 844

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Children's Message

Pastor Bert

Sermon

Pastor Bert

*Nicene Creed (stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Zion Lutheran Church Annual Fish Fry Friday, February 16, 2024 4:30-6:30 pm.
Cost is \$12 all you can eat fish, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, hot dogs, beverage & dessert. Dine in or carry out meals. Zion Auditorium 210 N. Wayne Street, St. Mary's, Ohio.

Lay & Witness is **in need of packages of diapers** for the new baby bags that the Pastors deliver to the new born babies in the congregation. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the saving Word and all God's gifts.

Gathering of the Gifts

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| *The Offering Hymn | "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" | LBW # 368 |
| *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 **"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** LBW # 559

*Sending

P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

C: 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.

Today following worship there will be a breakfast during fellowship time provided by the Mission Committee. All proceeds will go toward their upcoming trip to Tanzania.

Easter flower order forms are available at the back of the church. Orders need to be turned in by February 26th.

Jingle Offering – Today there will be a “special” offering for our area “Fish Pond Food Pantry”. 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.

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. Thank you for all of the contributions, we greatly appreciate all of them.

2024 Tanzania Mission Trip Fundraiser - Annual Pork Meal:

On **Sunday, February 25th** the Mission Committee and the Grace Lutheran Church members attending the Tanzania Mission trip will be hosting the annual pork meal. The money raised will be used to divide up amongst the individuals attending the trip to cover costs. Those attending from Grace Church are Pastor Bert and Pastor Shelly, Abby Pence, Grace and Gabrielle Woolley, and Darrel and Macy Klopfenstein. The Mission Committee is thankful for these individuals visiting Tanzania, checking in on the Orphanage and Outreach ministry, and building those relationships with our Tanzania Christian brothers and sisters. That face to face, "boots on the ground" is extremely valuable, not only to the people of the Bariadi District, but to us as a congregation! Tickets can be obtained from anyone of the individuals going on the trip, any of the Mission Committee members, or get them from the church office. The **\$10.00 meal will be served from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm** and includes pork loin, baked potato, green beans, and a roll. **Meals are carry-out only** and you can don't even need to get out of your car, as we will collect tickets and distribute the meals on the south side of the church. We will also deliver to anyone that has a hard time getting out as long as we now about it and have an address. Thank you in advance!

Orphanage and Outreach Ministry Appreciation Banquet

On Sunday, March 3rd from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, the Mission Committee will be hosting an Appreciation Banquet for those that have supported the Tanzania Ministry or for those interested in learning more about it. The banquet will have a few speakers and will include a free meal. If anyone is interested, please RSVP by Sunday, February 25th so that we can prepare for the amount needed for the meal. RSVPs can be sent to the church office by phone or by email at jcgracelutheran@outlook.com or can be given to any of the Mission Committee members. We cannot say enough about your continued faithful giving over the years and the enormous impact your support is having on the 24 students, the remote villages, and the entire ministry! **THANK YOU!**