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*Second Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
June 2, 2024
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
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Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 2, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.



*Holy
Communion*

Beliefs and Customs

We Celebrate Holy Communion today. All who are baptized and believe Jesus Christ is truly present in this sacrament are invited to dine at the Lord's Table. If you desire a pastoral blessing please come forward with your hands folded. Gluten free wafers are available from the server. White grape juice is in the center of the tray. Lined baskets are available on each side aisle to dispose of your used cup.

Welcome to Our Guests

Good morning, and welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship as the body of Christ! 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

Too often, observance of the Sabbath has turned into another form of law. However, God gave us Sabbath as a gift. Martin Luther reminds us in his Small Catechism, "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it." Worshipping our God is one way to observe the Sabbath. Certainly we can worship our God with songs of praise and time of prayer.

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 Song

"We Praise You, O God"

LBW # 241

The Confession and Forgiveness

LBW pg # 56

*Greeting

LBW pg. 57

* Kyrie

* Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

LBW pg. 60

*Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Glorious God, you have freed us from the threat of sin and death. Give us such faith that we may always receive your free and gracious gifts of forgiveness and eternal life; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. Amen.

Word

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

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

ESV pg. 150

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1-10 (read responsively)

81 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

2 **Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

4 **For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob.**

5 He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known:

6 **“I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.**

7 In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*

8 **Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

9 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

10 **I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation (sung)

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

*Holy Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

ESV pg. 838

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Sermon **“Understanding The Sabbath or Sunday”**

Pastor Bob Forsberg

*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)

Thanksgiving

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

Gathering of the Gifts

*The Offering Hymn **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

LBW # 370

*The Offertory **“Let the Vineyards be fruitful”**

LBW # 66

*Offertory Prayer

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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.

Lord's Supper

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

LBW pg. 69

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God"

LBW pg. 72

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

"Now We Join in Celebration"

LBW # 203

*Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*The Benediction

Mission and Ministry Moments

*Closing Hymn

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

LBW # 260

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

Mission and Ministry 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.

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 .

This morning we **welcome** to Grace, **Pastor Bob Forsberg**. Pastor Bob has served in four Lutheran parishes over 42 years. He is now retired, living in Fairborn, Ohio. He considers himself on "Active Reserve" for the Lord. That is why he is here today. He has been married to his wife Sandy for over 45 years, has two children and five grandchildren.

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!

Mark your Calendars, BBQ Chicken Dinner sponsored by J.C. Sons of the American Legion at JC American Legion Hall 627 E. College St. will be held June 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm or until sold out. Cost is \$10.00 per meal Drive Thru Only. Pre-Sale tickets are available at the JC Village Office or JC Hardware. Tickets also available the day of the event. Please come out and support the Son's of the American Legion.

I want to **thank my church family** for the guidance, support, and kindness throughout my childhood and high school career. I am blessed to be raised in such a loving and caring environment. Also, thank you for my scholarship and thank you to the ladies that made my amazing quilt. God's faithfulness and mercy shines through all of you. Macy Klopfenstein

Thank you for always supporting me and giving me such a wonderful church family to grow up in. Your support over the years means a lot to me! The scholarship will be helpful as I start college in the fall at Ohio State-Lima majoring in Primary Education/ Intervention Specialist.

A special thanks to Kay and Shirley for the beautiful T-shirt quilt. I appreciate all the time you spent making it for me. Thank you! Maleah Kipker

Help is needed to mulch the church and parsonage on Saturday, June 22nd at 8:00 am. Mulch will be available that morning and the more hands on deck, the quicker we can get it done. Please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, a wheelbarrow, and anything else you think may assist. Thank you!

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 12:30 pm at Airstream NW parking lot. Thank you!

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!

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!