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**I am
the bread of life.**

John 6:35

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
August 4, 2024
10:30 am*

Welcome to
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Welcome to Our Guests

Good morning, and welcome to worship in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! Please welcome those sitting near you. 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.

Focus for Today

A faithless people are never satisfied; they will always find some reason to grumble. Faithful people may cry out to God in their need, but they find reasons to give thanks. Even if they would have more on the table, they are grateful for the food that endures forever, the bread of life. Therefore, the people of God behave with humility, gentleness, and patience because they have been filled to the full measure of Jesus Christ.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

“In Christ Alone”

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Gathering

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

*Gathering Song

“Blessed be Your Name”

*The Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Hear the word of the Lord from 1 John 1:8-10...

P: Most Holy God:

C: We know our bondage to sin, and we confess it to you. We have denied you with our thoughts, words, and deeds. In our busyness, we forget to be thankful for all your many blessings and mercies. We fail to put You first and our neighbors before ourselves. Hear our confession, our sorrow for our sin, and our need for a savior. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, re-set our hearts and minds, reveal your will for us, and put us back on the path of righteousness.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

(Silence for personal confession)

P: The Word of Forgiveness...God has had mercy on us and given His only Son to die for us and to take away the sin of the world, even yours and mine. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You set free those who are bound.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

C: We bless you and praise your name forever.

P: You provide for our every need.

C: Accept our grateful praises.

P: You have called us from all peoples.

C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.

P: You bless your people with peace.

C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy and forgiveness upon us. Equip us to encourage and build one another up in love. Unite us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: Exodus 16:2-15

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Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:10-21 (read responsively)

¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹ **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,**
¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]**

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.**

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ **He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.**

²⁰ The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16
Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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*Holy Gospel: John 6:22-35
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

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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.**

* Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

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

*Blessing

Ministry and Mission Moments

*Closing Songs

"My Savior My God"

"My Redeemer Lives"

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.

WOC August Collections

School Kits for NALC Disaster Response Needs.

One cloth bag which will be in South vestibule to pick up!, 4- note books- no loose leaf papers, One blunt scissors, One ruler, Two pens, Four new pencils, One pencil sharpener, One eraser, 4- pocket folders, ONE box of 16-24 crayons

Put all items in the bag and place in vestibule baskets at church.

Any questions please contact Nancy McName, Chairperson

Thank you very much for all of the anniversary cards and well wishes for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Michael & Karen Hecht

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).

Mark your calendars. Parents of youth grades Pre. K - 6th graders- Gospel Gang's kickoff will be Wednesday, September 4th at 6:15pm. Our kickoff will include a lesson, wiener roast, smores and outdoor games. Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month 6:15 pm-7:30 pm.

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.

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. 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!"

Community Pool Party being held on Friday, August 9, 2024 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Jackson Center Pool. All are welcome to attend, this event is given by the Fresh Eyes Mission Committee.

A new group study starts Sunday, August 25 at 3:30 pm at Grace Lutheran. Take the next step in your spiritual journey with Jesus. The group will meet on the fourth Sunday of each month. RSVP to the church office jcgracelutheran@outlook.com and we will provide a copy of the study book for you.

Calling all 7th and 8th grade Youth and Your Friends.

Gearing up for a FUN year of catechism to begin with a parent and youth orientation on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The congregation is invited to participate in our **youth-led outdoor worship on Sunday, August 25th at one worship service at 10:30 am.** Sunday school for all ages will be at 9:15 am as we kick-off the Sunday school year with Rally Day. After worship you are invited to enjoy a lunch provided by the Women of the Church and home-made ice cream. Then stick around for games for all ages, face-painting for the young at heart, and fun music. What you need to bring: yourself for FUN and your own chair.

High School Youth Luther League will be meeting Monday, September 2nd. More details will follow.