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**The Lord
is my Shepherd;
I shall not want.**

Psalm 23:1

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
July 21, 2024
10:30 am*

Welcome to
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Welcome to Our Guests

Welcome to worship, sisters and brothers in Christ. May you hear God's voice in a special way today. 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.

The Common Thread in Today's Readings

Proper feeding of the people, the sheep of God's pasture ([Psalm 100:3](#)), is a primary duty of a pastor or shepherd. The right food is central to that good feeding, so right doctrine is essential. Through correct preaching of the Word, the flock comes to understand that their righteousness comes from the Lord, the great Shepherd of the sheep ([Hebrews 13:20](#)). He is the provider, restorer, and deliverer, the one who has reconciled sheep and Shepherd through the cross. Knowledge of this truth brings the sheep to a satisfying table, and to still waters where they may rest in the love of the Shepherd.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles

Gathering

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

*Gathering Song

"Holy is the Lord"

*The Confession and Forgiveness

L: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Jesus Christ, the Savior of the Nations, took on our human form in order to save humanity from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Let us take a few moments to examine our consciences, offering to our Lord a sincere confession of all our sins - known and unknown.

(Silence is kept for reflection and meditation.)

L: Most merciful God,

C: We come before you this day with contrite hearts. Forgive us, we pray, for all the ways in which we have neglected our neighbors, turned from those in need, and trusted in our own will rather than listening and obeying yours. Restore us to a right relationship with you, and give us a willingness to hear and follow your mandate to share the Good News of great joy with all the world.

L: For the grace of God has appeared in Jesus Christ, bringing salvation to you. Our great Savior and Lord gave himself for you that he might redeem you from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous to do good deeds. In Jesus Christ we put our trust as you receive his promise of forgiveness. (Titus 2:11-14) which is for you this day.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Shepherding God, through your Son's cross you draw all people to yourself and reconcile the relationship between you and your world which we so carelessly neglect and fracture. Inspire us to be your healing and reconciling presence in a wounded world; 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

ESV # 650

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (read responsively)

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22
Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ESV # 976

*Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-44
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

ESV # 841

Time for Young Disciples

Fritz Serr

Sermon

Fritz Serr

Apostles Creed

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

Mission and Ministry Moments

*Closing Songs

“Made to Worship”

“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

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. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings.

Thank you to Fritz Serr for leading worship this morning. It is very much appreciated!

WOC July Collections School Supplies for Jackson Center Students. 2-pocket folders, 4 oz. white Elmer's glue, Water-based markers, #2 pencils, Glue sticks, Ink pens, Pointed scissors, Ruler w/centimeters, Composition notebooks, Tissues, 3 Large pink erasers or pencil toppers, Wet wipes, Head phones for computer use (found at Dollar Store / Wal-Mart). _Any question please contact chairperson, Lori Wiswell.

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

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.