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*You have loosed
my sackcloth
and clothed me
with gladness.*

Psalm 30:11

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
June 30, 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.

Focus for Today

God's mercy may be depended upon even in times of trouble. Confess, sinner. Make the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, then there it is: fresh and dependable as the morning. We are tested from time to time, sometimes severely, but these are times for us to shine with grace. This is when our little may become God's bounty. Have a little faith and know the wellness of God's peace.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

"The Way"

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Gathering

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

*Gathering Song

"At 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.

Service Of The Word

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

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

For in your wisdom you have formed us.

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Holy and compassionate God, grant us grace to find in you our strength and hope in the face of all adversity that we might not be overcome by trials, but rather bear witness to the light of hope that you shine in our lives; 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: Lamentations 3:22-33

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Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 (read responsively)

30 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”

7 By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

8 To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

9 “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!”

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-15

ESV pg. 967

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 5:21:43

ESV pg. 840

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

Sermon **“Are You Awake or Asleep?”**

Pastor Shelly

* 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 **“Trading My Sorrows”**

“Where I Belong”

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 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!

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

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!

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to fulfill a variety of roles. VBS is taking place July 8-12 from 6:00 - 8:30. If you are able to volunteer please register at the link below or contact Erin Stinebaugh at 614-738-0784.

There are also **volunteer opportunities** for anyone not able to be there during VBS. We are looking for bakers to make cookies for after the VBS program that will take place Friday, July 12. We are also looking for volunteers that are interested in helping to prepare quick grab and go meals throughout the week for those volunteers that are coming straight from practice and work.

<https://gracelutheranchurchvbs2023.myanswers.com/jungle-journey>

The **Canopy Cafe** needs your help! There is a list of snack items at the back of the church needed **for Vacation Bible School**. Please look over the list and sign up for the items you are able to contribute. Also, on the list are cookies needed for the program that Friday, July 12th. Thank you for your donations as I am sure the kids (and adults) will enjoy them!

Desperate NEED for VBS Crafts clear plastic jars with lids, (peanut butter, mayo, jelly jars, etc.) also needing 16 oz clear plastic bottles with flat bottoms, (ice tea, tonic water, vitamin water, Gatorade 12 oz). Please clean and drop off in the designated tote in the south vestibule. Thank you!

There are 4 to 5 **boxes of books** in the North vestibule coatroom **FREE** to anyone, take what you would like.

Thank you to all of the people who helped with the groundskeeping last weekend. It looks great!

The **CAC meeting** will be held Sunday, July 7th at 12:00 pm. The **Quarterly Congregational meeting** will be held Sunday, July 14th at 9:15 am.

The **NALC Continental Youth** gathering is available online at The NALC website at: thenalc.org. The theme this year is "We Belong" and will be from July 1-4.