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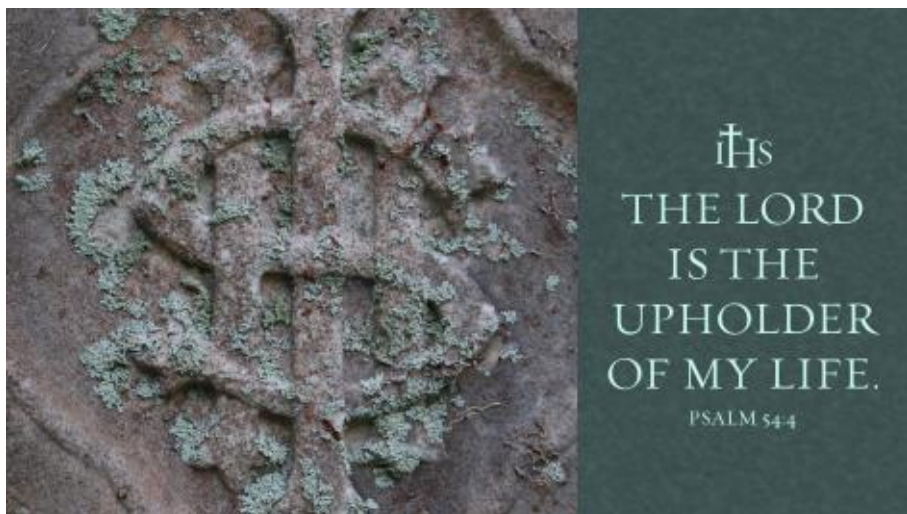
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Welcome to All

God has showered us with love, and we respond by uniting in worship. Welcome, one and all! 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.

The Common Thread in Today's Readings

A prophet is not accepted by his people ([Luke 4:24](#)), as seen in the lives of Jeremiah, David, and Jesus. Jeremiah and David prayed God's vengeance upon the people of Anathoth and the Ziphites. Jesus, knowing God to be the "upholder" of his life, was able to be the truly "gentle Lamb, led to the slaughter." He humbled himself before God, and was therefore, exalted to be the Savior of the world, taking vengeance on sin and death. God also provides grace to be humble, the servants of everyone, drawing near to him instead of in anger toward those who oppose us.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

*Opening Song

"Lift High the Cross"

LBW # 377

The Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, †Son and 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)

(Silence for personal confession)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Heavenly Father, you draw all humanity to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to divest ourselves of worldly ambition and teach us to serve and welcome all, especially the least and most vulnerable among us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“Tell Me the Story”

Adult Choir

Word

God speaks to us in scripture – read, preached and sung

First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

ESV # 640

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54 (read responsively)

54 O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

2 O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. *Selah*

4 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

5 He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

6 With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

7 For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: James 3:13-4:10

ESV # 1012

Word of God for the people of God.

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 9:30-37

ESV # 845

Glory to you, O' Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

Sermon Prayer

P: May the Spirit of the Lord be in my heart and on my lips so that I may sincerely and humbly, courageously and effectively proclaim the Good News.

C: And may the Spirit of the Lord touch our ears that we may listen carefully. Touch our minds that we may understand correctly and touch our hearts that we may respond to that message courageously.

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sermon

"In the Story"

Pastor Shelly

Apostles Creed

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The Prayers of the Church

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

Thanksgiving

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

Gathering of the Gifts

*The Offering Hymn **"Take My Life, that I May Be"** LBW # 406

*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.

Benediction

Mission and Ministry Moments

*Song **"On What Has Now Been Sown"** LBW # 261

*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

Your offering to the Lord's work through Grace. There is a **box for offering** located on a table nearby, for you to drop off offerings. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings and to do the Lord's work.

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!"

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.

Buckets for Disaster Relief. The Lay/Witness Committee will again put buckets out on September 15 & 22 for members to fill with items on the list included. Some items may already be included in the bucket you pick up. This could count as a service project.

Please return your filled buckets by Sunday, October 6th to the south vestibule stacked under the coat rack. Many Thanks!

Have you ever thought or wondered about preaching and or ministry? On Thursday evenings, beginning October 24th, 2024 at 6pm CT, St. Paul Lutheran Seminary will again be offering short, online courses on preaching, taught by Rev. Julie Smith. There will be six online sessions (once per week) and is designed for people who may be interested in occasional pulpit supply, as well as those who may be sensing a call to ministry and want to explore a bit. The cost is \$50 per person or \$100 per congregation. To register contact Jon Jensen at jjensen@semic.org. Grace will pay the registration. Please contact one of the pastors, if you are interested or have any questions.

Kendall Hilbun is doing a **project that focuses on families**. She will be **collecting games** to be given to children who have requested to spend more time with their families. She will be collecting games for all ages from now until October 1. If you would like to donate a game, there is a white laundry basket in the south vestibule. Kendall would like to thank you in advance!

Thank you for all the friendships we made at Grace. Our new address is:
Michael & Karen Hecht
1780 Zucchini Dr.
Hilliard, OH. 43026

Congratulations to Dustin & Jennifer Ware on the birth of their daughter Karsyn LeAnn Ware born September 14, 2024 at 5:27 pm. Karsyn weighed 9 lbs. and measured 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by siblings Calvin and Kenzie. Proud grandparents are Dianne & Dana Ware and Mark & Lynnette Durbin.