

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Office: 937-596-6516 ~ (*Open M – F, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm*) ~ Fax: 937-596-0516

E-mail jcgracelutheran@outlook.com ~ WEB Address: www.jcgracelutheran.org

Pastor Bert Schultz ~ Cell phone: 715-418-1037

Pastor Shelly Schultz ~ Cell phone: 715-418-1761

~ Email: jcgracepastor@outlook.com

Nikki Tontrup, Secretary Rhonda Burch, Janitor: John Pence, CAC President:

License # 1903179 & Streaming License # 20263402

REPENT
AND
BELIEVE
IN THE
GOSPEL.

MARK 1:15



*First Sunday in Lent
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
February 18, 2024
10:30 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024 ~ 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I welcome you to worship, that together we may be wrapped in God's Word, love and grace. Amen. 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

Every good gift is provided by God. The child of promise and the ram in the thicket, the forgiveness of sins and salvation, wisdom and the word of truth, Jesus and the kingdom of God. Repent. Believe.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

"Who You Say I Am"

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Gathering

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

*Gathering Song

"Jesus"

*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: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

P: In this season of Lent, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Holy God,

C: You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. We confess that we have failed in many ways to follow Him in our lives. We have forsaken the poor and hungry, we have neglected the sick and sorrowful, and we have looked out for our own needs rather than the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to a new and right relationship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; all those who believe in Christ are living stones in His holy house. Hear His Word of forgiveness and be comforted by His love. In the name of Jesus Christ and by His precious blood you are forgiven. You are made new again by the blood of Christ who gave Himself for you so that you might be holy and precious in His sight. *(Luke 20:17)*

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, 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: Genesis 22:1-19

ESV pg. 16

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively)

25 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4 **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

6 **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

8 **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

10 **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: James 1:12-18

ESV pg. 1011

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

ESV pg. 836

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

Sermon

“Trusting the Lord God to Provide”

Pastor Shelly

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

Ministry and Mission Moments

*Closing Songs

“How Great is Our God”

“We Fall Down”

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.

Easter flower order forms are available at the back of the church. Orders need to be turned in by February 26th.

Lay & Witness is **in need of packages of diapers** for the new baby bags that the Pastors deliver to the new born babies in the congregation. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank 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. Thank you for all of the contributions, we greatly appreciate all of them.

2024 Tanzania Mission Trip Fundraiser - Annual Pork Meal:

On **Sunday, February 25th** the Mission Committee and the Grace Lutheran Church members attending the Tanzania Mission trip will be hosting the annual pork meal. The money raised will be used to divide up amongst the individuals attending the trip to cover costs. Those attending from Grace Church are Pastor Bert and Pastor Shelly, Abby Pence, Grace and Gabrielle Woolley, and Darrel and Macy Klopfenstein. The Mission Committee is thankful for these individuals visiting Tanzania, checking in on the Orphanage and Outreach ministry, and building those relationships with our Tanzania Christian brothers and sisters. That face to face, "boots on the ground" is extremely valuable, not only to the people of the Bariadi District, but to us as a congregation! Tickets can be obtained from anyone of the individuals going on the trip, any of the Mission Committee members, or get them from the church office. **The \$10.00 meal will be served from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm** and includes pork loin, baked potato, green beans, and a roll. **Meals are carry-out only** and you can don't even need to get out of your car, as we will collect tickets and distribute the meals on the south side of the church. We will also deliver to anyone that has a hard time getting out as long as we now about it and have an address. Thank you in advance!

Orphanage and Outreach Ministry Appreciation Banquet

On Sunday, March 3rd from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, the Mission Committee will be hosting an Appreciation Banquet for those that have supported the Tanzania Ministry or for those interested in learning more about it. The banquet will have a few speakers and will include a free meal. If anyone is interested, please RSVP by Sunday, February 25th so that we can prepare for the amount needed for the meal. RSVPs can be sent to the church office by phone or by email at jcgracelutheran@outlook.com or can be given to any of the Mission Committee members. We cannot say enough about your continued faithful giving over the years and the enormous impact your support is having on the 24 students, the remote villages, and the entire ministry! THANK YOU!

Mark your calendars, February 27th Backpack packing will be at 6:00 pm at the Family Life Center.