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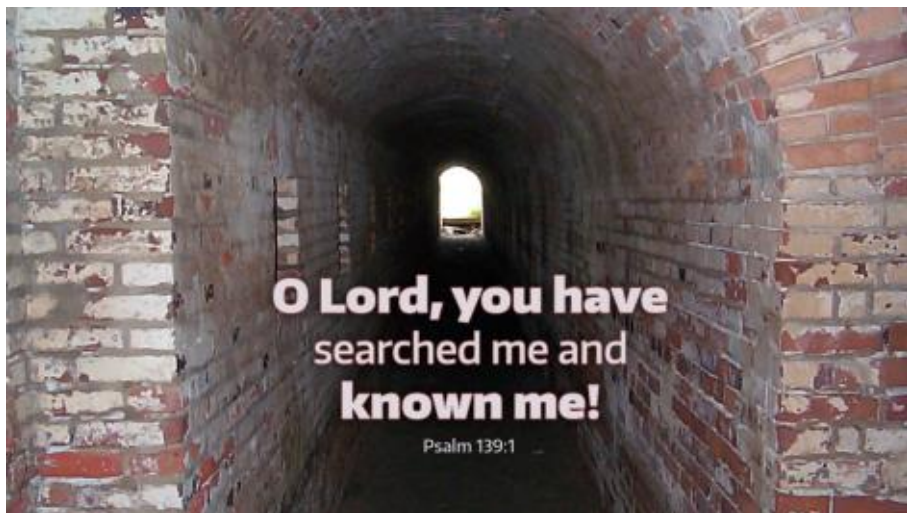
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*Second Sunday after Epiphany
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
January 14, 2024
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

Beloved children of God: Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church as we worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. 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.

As We Gather

Note that as Eli's eyesight was growing so dim that he could not see, the lamp of the Lord had not yet gone out. This was a lamp that burned throughout the night in the tabernacle, but the metaphorical irony should not be lost on us. The omniscient God who knows us before we are born and knows what we will speak before the words form on our lips, continues to do great things, including calling people to ministry, so that his light may still shine in this world. He knows us thoroughly, calling all to follow him. Those who do will see great things, including the opening of the heavens at the coming of the Son of Man. On that day, God will raise us from the dead through the same power as he raised the Christ the Lord.

Gathering

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

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

*Opening Hymn: **"As with Gladness Men of Old"** LBW # 82

Baptism of Hyatt Allan Doseck, Halden Reid Doseck, Hutton James Doseck Blue Insert

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray:

ALL: We give you thanks, gracious God that you call all of your people, young and old alike, to new life in Christ. By the power of your Spirit help us to daily know, follow, and love you more fully and faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

Adult Choir

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

ESV pg # 227

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-10 (read responsively)

139 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

ESV pg # 955

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: John 1:43-51

ESV pg # 887

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Children's Message

Pastor Bert

Sermon

Pastor Bert

*Nicene Creed (stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The Prayers of the Church (stand)

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 **“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”** WOV # 652
- *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.

*The Benediction

Mission and Ministry Moments

*Song **“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”** LBW # 89

*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

There is a **box for offering** located on a table at the back of the church, for you to drop off offerings. Ways of giving on our website there is a link if you click on the online giving tab, is set up with Vanco electronic giving. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help facilitate the Lord's work here.

Today we welcome to the family of Jesus Christ at Grace Lutheran through the sacrament of Holy Baptism Hyatt Allan Doseck, Halden Reid Doseck, Hutton James Doseck sons of Luke & Jackie Doseck.

Jingle Offering – Today there will be a “special” offering for our area “We Care Fund”. Any loose change that you have, please place in the glass jar at the back of the church. Remember that this loose change offering will be used to continue to provide assistance for area families who are in need.

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. There is a labeled box in the south vestibule for your donations.

Altar Flowers If you would like to provide altar flowers for a special occasion, you can do so by ordering them from your chosen florist. Please have them delivered to Grace Lutheran and placed on the altar. Also notify Nikki, in the church office, regarding the bulletin announcement of the occasion.

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 Jackson Center Fire Department will be hosting a **Soup Dinner** on Saturday, January 20th from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm at the American Legion Hall. Come out and enjoy delicious soup and fellowship.

Official Announcement
Quarterly Congregational Meeting
9:15 AM Sunday, January 21, 2024
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold the quarterly congregational meeting beginning at 9:15 am Sunday, January 21, 2024.

