

Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available at the back of the church for pick up. If you would like to receive envelopes and do not already have them, please contact Nikki at the church office.

Buckets for Disaster Relief. Please return your filled buckets by Sunday, October 12th. Many Thanks! Please place in the south vestibule.

Mark your calendars! Backpack packing Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00 pm JC Methodist Church. All that are available are encouraged to attend. We are packing for 74 students this year, 444 bags to pack.

To the Grace Lutheran Church Family, Thank you for your kind support of prayer, cards, music, and gifts during this difficult time. Pastor Shelly, our family appreciated your spiritual guidance, visits, and service. Also, to the Woman of the Church for the delicious meal for our family and friends. God shines through your thoughtfulness! Thank you!! The family of Paula March

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*WOC Thankoffering Sunday
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
October 12, 2025
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
WOC Thankoffering Sunday
October 12, 2025 ~ 8:00 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

Welcome to worship in the name of the Creator who paints autumn leaves, the Savior who teaches us to warm hearts with love, and the Spirit who guides us through life's seasons. 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. If you desire to be baptized in Jesus, please speak with the Pastor.

As We Gather

It may not look like, or feel like it, but the Lord has visited his people and given them food. He has sent redemption to his people and caused his wondrous works to be remembered in this blessed food: his body, his blood. We have not earned this rescue from otherwise certain death. Indeed, we have been faithless, however much we try to be faithful. Yet God, has been and will remain faithful to his people, to those who believe, those who have faith in his deliverance. Let us remember to praise him and give thanks as best we are able: by receiving his grace through the means he established.

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

April Platfoot

Opening Hymn: **"Come, You Thankful People, Come"**

LBW # 407

The Confession and Forgiveness

LBW pg. 56

April Platfoot

*Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Opening Litany

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the LORD our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Leader: Let us pray,

All: Holy Father, your mercy and wholeness come to us as pure grace. Grant that we who have been raised to new life in Christ Jesus may respond with lives of gratitude and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

"I Saw the Light"

Adult Choir

Word

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

First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-19a

ESV pg. 222

Word of God for the people of God.

Julie Klopfenstein

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 (read responsively)

111 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!
Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

ESV pg. 995

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: Luke 17:11-19

ESV pg. 876

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

Kathy Klopfenstein

Sermon Prayer

Danielle Schwietzer, New Choices

L: 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.

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

Sermon

Danielle Schwietzer, New Choices

Apostles Creed

Elsa Stengel

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.

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 Becky Copeland, Joyce Regula, Roberta Pitts, & Barb Wical

*The Offering Hymn **"Praise and Thanksgiving"** LBW # 409

*The Offertory **"Doxology"** LBW # 565

*Offertory Prayer Page 67

Leader: 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 Andrea Kirtley

Mission and Ministry Moments

*Closing Hymn **"For the Fruit of All Creation"** WOV # 760

Sending

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! Linda Jenkins

All: 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.

There is a **special offering box**, located at the back of the church for donations to New Choices.

Please welcome Danielle Schwietzer of New Choices, located in Sidney who is our featured speaker this morning for the Women of the Church Thankoffering Services. New Choices was incorporated in 1983 as a non-profit agency dedicated to serving the unique needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse. For over 30 years their advocates have worked tirelessly to help men, women, teens and children through their individual crises, whether it be in the home, workplace, school, online or wherever abuse may arise. They strive to become an integral part of the community, working to make life safe for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who participated in leading worship this morning.

Jingle Offering – Today there will be a “special” offering for our area “Fish Pond Food Pantry”. Any loose change that you have, please place in tin pan when passed. Remember that this loose change offering will be used to continue to provide assistance for area families who are in need.

Grace's Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 26 5:00 -6:30 pm

So what exactly is trunk-or-treat? The idea is simple: Bring your car to the Grace Lutheran north parking lot. The drivers and their families decorate their cars for Halloween, sometimes creating elaborate scenes out of their trunks. Then kids walk from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy or a Christian novelty item so that we might share Jesus' love. You are invited to participate in this first Trunk or Treat at Grace.

Tanner Hilbun and the JC FCCLA are collecting Legos. The goal for this project is to provide Legos to children in need and spread cheer. He will be collecting new Legos in the original box/bag unopened for children at Dayton Children's and Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospitals. He will also be collecting used Legos that he will sanitize and create kits to give to children in homeless shelters or other less fortunate situations. Please place any new or used Legos in the red Recycle Lego bin in the south vestibule.

Kendall Hilbun and the JC FCCLA are taking pledges of fresh produce. The goal for this project is to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to those living in our community with a focus on those who may not have access to it. She will be using the pledged produce to give to students at school and those who come to the Jackson Center food pantry. You can find the pledge cards on the table at the back of the church.

Official Announcement
Quarterly Congregational Meeting
9:15 AM Sunday, October 19, 2025

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold the quarterly congregational meeting beginning at 9:15 am Sunday, October 19, 2025.

Adult Bible Study Sunday mornings at 9:15 – 10:15 am Psalms

Photo albums are fun to look at. The photos give a snapshot ... of an event, loved ones, celebrations, significant times in our lives. Photo albums tell stories of our human life. Photos remind us of who we are and perhaps who we long to be. In much the same way, the book of Psalms provides a window to the human soul. The book of Psalms served as a hymnbook to the ancient Israelites. But this book tells the story of every human. Across 150 different psalms, it hits on topics that still resonate with people today. It provides an honest look at what leads to our celebrations and our frustrations. Each Psalm paints a picture of who we were, who we are, and who we would like to be. The Psalms address almost every human need and emotion imaginable. Which includes our need to be in a relationship with God. Make a commitment to study Psalms this Fall. On Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 am in the sanctuary. No prior Bible study experience is necessary. **Cost per book is \$5.49 and payable to Grace Lutheran Church. Thank you!**

The **next Luther League meeting** will be on Sunday, October 26th at 4:00 pm. We will have a brief meeting and devotions, have some food, and then participate in Trunk or Treat at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The Luther League advisors will get the candy to pass out. Feel free to wear a costume or decorate your vehicle!

The **Jackson Center Methodist Church** is hosting a fundraising event **Today, Sunday, October 12th** 11:00 am-1:00 pm to assist Nick & Daleen Braun after their devastating loss due to a fire in their home. Menu will be Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Mac & Cheese, 7-Layer Salad & Dessert. All free will donations will be given to the Braun family.

Maplewood Methodist Church is hosting a **5K Halloween fun run on Saturday, October 25th** at 9:00 am, there also will be a 1/2 mile fun run for the children. We encourage costumes and will be giving out prizes and awards. Medals for all who register. You can register online at Can't Stop Running. Questions can be email to Sharon Asbury, CooperKinley1@gmail.com