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*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
August 11, 2024
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
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Welcome to Our Guests

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry". You have come into this physical space; I invite you also to let your heart be nourished by the true bread from heaven. 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

At times ministry, or even the Christian life itself, can seem overwhelming. We take our eyes off the Lord, and flee. We run, it seems in the moment, as though for our lives. Perhaps this is a good thing, though in retrospect, it can feel faithless. We can get worn out, in need of rest and refreshment. In order to taste and see that the Lord is good, sometimes we just need a nap first. At other times, we need to put off an old way of life, or some emotional bondage, before our spirits may be renewed. The goal, of course, is to feast upon the Lord. The one who hungers and thirsts for Christ, will be eternally satisfied, full and at rest.

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: **"God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord"**

LBW # 270

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:13

C: And also with you.

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

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

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

P: One does not live by bread alone,

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

Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, through your extravagant love sustain us with the living bread that is Jesus that so nourished we may live in love for you and love others just as Christ has loved us; 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: 1 King 19:1-8

ESV pg # 301

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8 (read responsively)

34 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ESV pg # 978

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Holy Gospel: John 6:35-51

ESV pg # 892

Glory to you, O Lord (sung)
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

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

Seminarian Cody Cooper

*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.

*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

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| *The Offering Hymn | "I Am the Bread of Life" | WOV # 702 |
| *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

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| *Song | "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" | LBW # 320 |
| *Sending | | |

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

All: 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 Grace, Seminarian Cody Cooper. Cody has written a little about himself. He writes, "I was born and raised in Nebraska most of my life. I grew up predominately within the Lutheran Church and even served on the Lutheran Youth Organization of Nebraska Board where my goal was to reform the ELCA from the inside out which is difficult for a 16-year-old to achieve independently. That should have been my first clue that God was calling me to Word and Sacrament ministry; however, it would take nearly 10 years before I'd start to obey the call God had placed on my life. The path has not been easy and there have been many obstacles in my way, yet God continues to work in my life to help me overcome all the things that keep me from serving Him. I look forward to worshipping with y'all and sharing with you all the good news."

A Free Will Offering will be collected for the Seminarian Scholarship fund at the back of the church. Please place donations in the designated box. Thank you!

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 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.

WOC August Collections

School Kits for NALC Disaster Response Needs.

One cloth bag which will be in South vestibule to pick up!, 4- note books- no loose leaf papers, One blunt scissors, One ruler, Two pens, Four new pencils, One pencil sharpener, One eraser, 4- pocket folders, ONE box of 16-24 crayons

Put all items in the bag and place in vestibule baskets at church.

Any questions please contact Nancy McName, Chairperson

Back to School Prayer Night is August 15th at 6:30 pm. For anyone who can make it, meet at the flag at the main entrance of school at 6:15. Anyone is welcome as we pray for the students, teachers, staff, administration and facilities.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clay Twp. is having an Ice Cream Social Benefit, Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Items available will be homemade ice cream, pies, desserts, and sandwiches. This is a freewill donation and all proceeds to benefit Kaelyn Zwiebel a 17 year old high school senior at Wapakoneta High School. She is the daughter of Dan & Brandi Zwiebel. She was diagnosed earlier this year with juvenile granulosa ovarian cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy at OSU.

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!"

Calling all 7th and 8th grade Youth and Your Friends.

Gearing up for a FUN year of catechism to begin with a **parent and youth orientation** on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The congregation is invited to participate in our **youth-led outdoor worship on Sunday, August 25th at one worship service at 10:30 am.** Sunday school for all ages will be at 9:15 am as we kick-off the Sunday school year with Rally Day. After worship you are invited to enjoy a lunch provided by the Women of the Church and home-made ice cream. Then stick around for games for all ages, face-painting for the young at heart, and fun music. What you need to bring: yourself for FUN and your own chair.

Update on the Luther League Kick-off : The Luther League Kick-Off will now be held on Sunday, September 1st. We will be going to a Dayton Dragons game directly after the late service that Sunday. If any high schooler is interested in going and have not yet confirmed they are attending, then please call or text Julie Klopfenstein at 937-726-6402 or email her at julieregula@hotmail.com More details to come.

Mark your calendars. Parents of youth grades Pre. K - 6th graders- Gospel Gang's kickoff will be Wednesday, September 4th at 6:15pm. Our kickoff will include a lesson, wiener roast, smores and outdoor games. Meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month 6:15 pm-7:30 pm.

A new group study starts Sunday, August 25 at 3:30 pm at Grace Lutheran. Take the next step in your spiritual journey with Jesus. The group will meet on the fourth Sunday of each month. RSVP to the church office jcgracelutheran@outlook.com and we will provide a copy of the study book for you.

Elizabeth's New Life Center invites you to join us in celebrating the Babies Saved and Lives Changed this past year and look with us to the future. Our Annual North Partnership Celebration, Wonderfully Made, will be held on Monday, August 26th at Romer's in Piqua and Tuesday, August 27th at the Palazoo in Botkins. We ask that you prayfully consider supporting ENLC by hosting a table at the event by inviting new friends to be a part of the work we do. This is an opportunity to be an advocate for life by sharing our ministry with others who might not know about the lives we are impacting. Each table seats 8 people. Interested parties should contact Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414 Ext. 430 or lernest@enlc.life to reserve your table(s).