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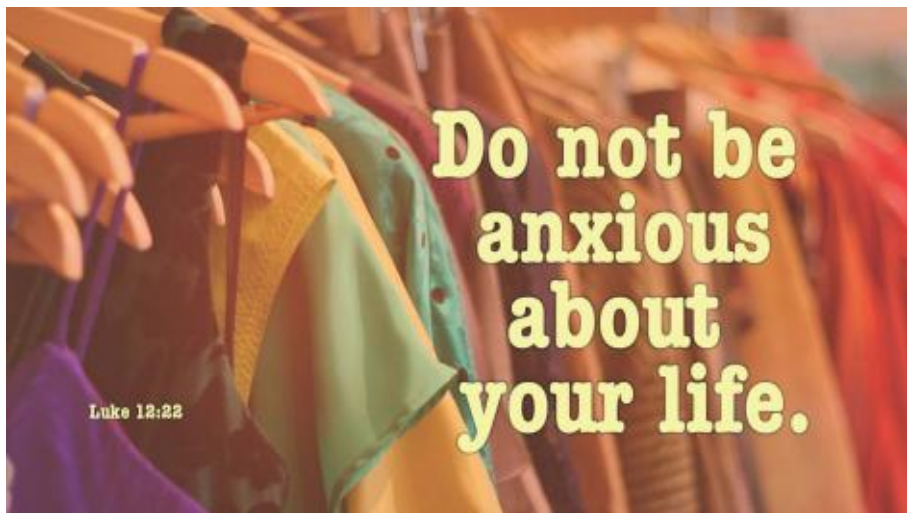
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*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
August 10, 2025
Traditional Service
8:00 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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.

As We Gather

Your faith, as Abraham's, is reckoned to you as righteousness. The Lord God is our sure defense, for we cannot be saved from ruin by military or political might, but by the strong right arm of the Lord. It is our unwavering conviction that God both created and sustains by his word. How can we not trust him with fear and faith, and hope in his steadfast love? We do not concern ourselves over each day's bread, as God has given us the whole kingdom, the heavenly city, the glorious homeland that we both seek and find in Christ.

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: **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

LBW # 328

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: God of all grace, you delight in your children and give them the kingdom. Give us faith to trust in your loving provision, that we might not worry needlessly, but live in freedom and gratitude; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

ESV pg # 10

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 33:12-22 (read responsively)

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;**

¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ **he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷ **The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹ **that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.**

²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

²¹ **For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16

ESV pg # 1007

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 12:22-34

ESV pg # 871

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

Pastor Shelly

*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.

Sending God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve

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.

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.

Catechism Connection Catechism orientation for parents and 7th-8th grade youth is Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Friends are always welcome to join us for Wednesday evenings 6:15-7:45 pm lesson, game, snack, and prayer time. Catechism youth continue throughout the summer with Sunday morning studies at 9:15 am.

GRACE FOR MARRIAGE- The Lay/Witness is looking into a video series for Marriage Enrichment, so whether you are newly married, thinking of getting married, or celebrating several years of marriage there is a lot of good info and guidance in these videos. Our marriages can sometimes fall into a routine of work and business to the point we stop growing toward God and each other, or we might become tolerant with each other and wonder how we get beyond being “STUCK” to really “STICKING” together in the full meaning and blessing of marriage as Christ intended. “GRACE FOR MARRIAGE” taught by Randy Hunter has a series of videos on marriage like: Simply Marriage, Sticky Marriage, Richer Marriage and Distracted Marriages where we can learn ways to change behaviors, cut negatively, communicate openly, identify distractions and build trust and so much more with Grace to bring glory to GOD and JOY to each other. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary and the class would be offered once a month with a video and discussion. Watch bulletin for dates!

Elizabeth’s New Life Center Stand Together 2025 Partnership Celebration

August 26, 2025 Doors open at 5:30 pm, and meal served at 6:15pm. No cost to attend, however there is a donation time during the evening. Guest speaker is Steventhen Holland. He is an author, a recording artist, a passionate worship leader, National pro life speaker and founder of “Broken Not Dead Ministries.” Any questions please contact Linda Jenkins. Papers are available at the back of the church with additional information.

Seeing Jesus' Parables in Luke Through Ancient Middle Eastern Eyes

The Parables of Jesus – August Sundays

Jesus' parables are timeless, powerful, and profound. Yet there is a dimension to them that can best be appreciated fully when seen through ancient Middle Eastern eyes. Drawing on remarkable cultural and historical insights from renowned New Testament and Middle East scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey, this study explores how Jesus' audience would have understood eleven of Jesus' parables as recorded in Luke. See these remarkable stories come to life for you. Join us for Adult Sunday morning Sunday School at 9:15 am each week.

Upcoming Parables of Jesus: The Unjust Manager, The Judge and the Widow, and The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Thank you for all of the prayers & card. They were all very much appreciated.

Jim Maxwell

St. Mark Lutheran Church **Ice Cream Social** will be held Sunday, August 24th from 4:30 -6:30 pm. They will be offering homemade ice cream, pies, desserts, & sandwiches. Freewill donation all proceeds to benefit Jerry Shipp.

We Need Volunteers

LifeWise Academy is a bible-based character education program that exists to reach public school children with the gospel during school hours. LifeWise Jackson Center is seeking volunteers to assist children in their LifeWise classes beginning this fall. Volunteer job responsibilities: Model positive behavior through Godly character and example, Actively listen during the Bible lessons, Participate and assist in classroom activities and games, Get to know the students through conversation, Learn the students' names, Escort students back and forth from the school to the classroom, Assist with lunches and cleanup, Help with classroom management as needed. If you LOVE Jesus, and you LOVE children, you will LOVE LifeWise. Go to lifewise.org/jacksoncenteroh and click "Join the team"