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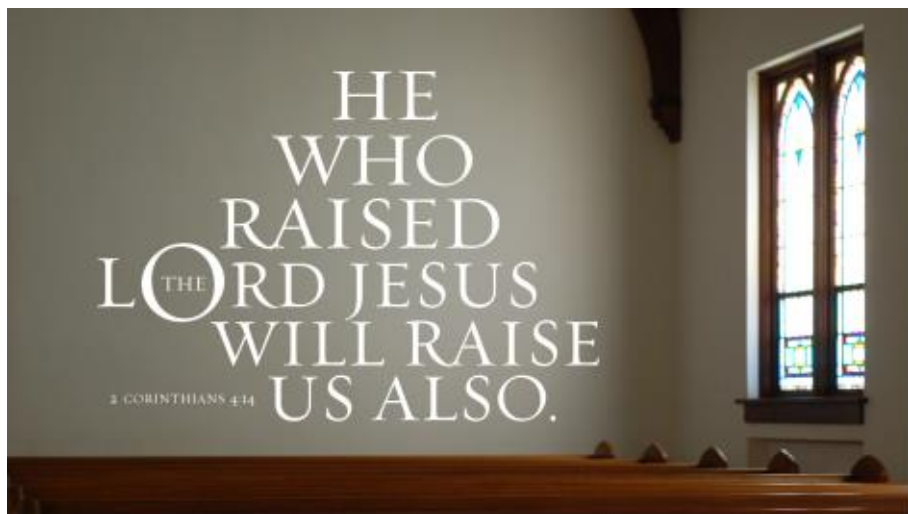
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*Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jackson Center, Ohio  
June 9, 2024  
Traditional Service  
8:00 am*

Welcome to  
**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*  
June 9, 2024 ~ 8:00 A.M.

**Welcome to Our Guests**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to this time and space apart, where we can turn our focus from self to God and from fear to faith. May you sense God's gentle touch. 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**

God wants our fellowship. When things cool down a bit, we see him there, new every morning, ready to walk with us. There is yet hope for we sinners, if we do not lose heart, waiting in the promises of his Word. God desires so much to love us that, even in death he brings us to life again so that we may again be the object of his great love. Even in sin, his forgiveness is ready to embrace us again.

**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:

**“Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

LBW # 509

Leader: Let us pray,

**All: Holy God, renew in us the gifts of faith and hope so that joined to Christ's death and resurrection, and knit together in the body of Christ, we may go forth into the world from this holy assembly to do your will; 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 3:8-15

ESV pg # 3

Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130:1-8 (read responsively)

**130** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

**2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

**3** If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

**5** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

**7** O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

**8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

**Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

ESV pg # 966

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.**

**Glory to you, O Lord** (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

Larry Schaller

Sermon

Larry Schaller

\*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

<p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p>
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<p>We give thanks for the saving Word and all God's gifts.</p>
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Gathering of the Gifts

*The Offering Hymn	<b>“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”</b>	LBW # 294
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*The Offertory	<b>“Doxology”</b>	LBW # 565
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*Offertory Prayer	Page 67
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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

Mission and Ministry Moments

\*Song                                   **“On What Has Now Been Sown”**                                   LBW # 261

\*Sending

Leader: 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 lay preacher Larry Schaller. Larry is from Westerville, Ohio. Larry writes: I have been involved in the lay ministry since the year 2000, when I was approved for service of the word only. I was approved by the ELCA and I served with them in the Northwest Ohio Synod. After the vote of the ELCA we left and went to the LCMC Synod of Ohio, and in 2015 I was called to a church in Tiffin Ohio. I served as interim for 14 month. In January of 2018 I served a LCMC/ NALC church in Clyde Ohio for 4 months. This all took place in Northwest Ohio. In the fall of 2018 we moved to Westerville and are members of Grace Lutheran in Westerville. I applied to be a lay minister with the NALC and was accepted as a minister of the word only, in September of 2023. I have held services at several churches since that time.

**Financial update** for the first 17 weeks of 2024 our average offerings were \$4,922.94 per week and our average expenses were \$5,794.91 per week .

**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.

I want to **thank my church family** for the guidance, support, and kindness throughout my childhood and high school career. I am blessed to be raised in such a loving and caring environment. Also, thank you for my scholarship and thank you to the ladies that made my amazing quilt. God’s faithfulness and mercy shines through all of you.

Macy Klopfenstein

**Thank you** for always supporting me and giving me such a wonderful church family to grow up in. Your support over the years means a lot to me! The scholarship will be helpful as I start college in the fall at Ohio State-Lima majoring in Primary Education/ Intervention Specialist. **A special thanks** to Kay and Shirley for the beautiful T-shirt quilt. I appreciate all the time you spent making it for me. Thank you!  
Maleah Kipker

**Help is needed to mulch** the church and parsonage on Saturday, June 22nd at 8:00 am. Mulch will be available that morning and the more hands on deck, the quicker we can get it done. Please bring gloves, shovels, rakes, a wheelbarrow, and anything else you think may assist. Thank you!

**WOC June Collections** are Gift Cards for NALC Disaster Response needs.

They are also collecting items for kitchen kits:

June 2, 2024- dish cloths.

June 9, 2024- dish towels.

June 16, 2024- hot pads.

June 23, 2024- spatula.

June 30, 2024- serving spoons. Please place items in vestibule baskets. Thank you!

**VBS Needs** clear plastic jars with lids, (peanut butter, mayo, etc) also needing 16 oz clear plastic bottles with flat bottoms. Please clean and drop off in the designated tote in the south vestibule. Thank you!

**Mark your Calendars**, BBQ Chicken Dinner sponsored by J.C. Sons of the American Legion at JC American Legion Hall 627 E. College St. will be held June 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm or until sold out. Cost is \$10.00 per meal Drive Thru Only. Pre-Sale tickets are available at the JC Village Office or JC Hardware. Tickets also available the day of the event. Please come out and support the Son’s of the American Legion.

Come out to enjoy the sunshine and **support Elizabeth's New Life Center** at their 3rd Annual Loving Life 5K! The event will be held on Saturday, July 13th at the Englewood Metropark (West Park Entrance, Lawwill Shelter, 100 E National Rd, Englewood, OH 45322). Race sign-in begins at 7:30 AM with the race starting at 8:15 AM. There will be medals for all who finish the race! Bring along your family, friends, and pets! The 5K is along the paved walking paths in the park – stroller and walker friendly.

Registration is \$40 per person and includes a T-Shirt if registered before June 30th. To register visit <https://enlc.life/loving-life-5k/> Questions? Call Lori Ernest at 937-226-7414!

**Thank you** to Dick & Linda Jenkins, Kent Leininger, Michael Hecht, & Jerry Metz for installing the new curtains & curtain rods and removing the old blinds in the fellowship hall, meeting room and downstairs Sunday School area. Your hard work is very much appreciated!