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**Christ is risen!**



**He is risen, indeed!**

***Alleluia!***

*Resurrection of Our Lord  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jackson Center, Ohio  
April 20, 2025  
Contemporary Service – 10:30 AM*

Welcome to  
**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Resurrection of Our Lord  
April 20, 2025 ~ 10:30 A.M.

*Holy Communion Beliefs and Customs*



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We Celebrate Holy Communion today. All who are baptized and believe Jesus Christ is truly present in this sacrament are invited to dine at the Lord's Table. If you desire a pastoral blessing please come forward with your hands folded. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. White grape juice is in the center of the tray. Lined baskets are available on each side aisle to dispose of your used cup. If you desire to be baptized in Jesus, please speak with the Pastor.

**Welcome to Our Guests**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome to worship on this Resurrection Sunday! 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.

*“This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has  
raised Jesus from the dead, who  
was put to death on a cross. In Jesus’  
resurrection, God allows Jesus to appear “to  
us who were chosen by God as witnesses”  
in holy baptism and invites us to eat and  
drink at the table of the risen Christ.*



## As We Gather

\* Indicates times during which the congregation stands.

The Prelude                      **“Glorious Day”**

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

### Gathering

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

\*Opening Song                      **“Low in the Grave He Lay”**

\*The Confession and Forgiveness

P: We are gathered together in the name of the one God: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In this season of Easter, let us draw near to the Lord and examine our hearts and minds for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God.

*(Silence for self-reflection and examination)*

P: Most Holy God,

**C: You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. We confess that we have failed in many ways to follow him in our lives. We have forsaken the poor and hungry, we have neglected the sick and sorrowful, and we have looked out for our own needs rather than the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to a new and right relationship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; all those who believe in Christ are living stones in his holy house. Hear his Word of forgiveness and be comforted by his love. You are made new again by the blood of Christ who gave himself for us so that we might be holy and precious in his sight. (1 Peter 2) By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

**All: God of all mercy and grace, your only Son's death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; 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 Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

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Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

16 Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

**3** As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

**5** The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

**7** I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8 I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

**9** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

**11** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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\*Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

Sermon

Pastor Shelly

\*Nicene Creed

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge  $\times$  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

## Lord's Supper

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

\*Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Blessing

\*Prayer after Communion

## Sending

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

\*The Easter Benediction

P: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: Go now, and may the peace of the Risen Christ go with you!

**C: May we go out into the world proclaiming:**

P: Christ is risen

**C: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

\*Closing Songs     *“Happy Day”*  
                              *“My Redeemer Lives”*

## *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.

**The Backpack program** will be packing at the JC Methodist Church on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Everyone is invited to attend this year’s **Choir Service**. The adult choir of Grace will be leading the 8:00 service on **Sunday, April 27**. The message will be a combination of songs performed by the choir and an inspirational message from Fritz Serr. We hope to see you at this year’s choir service on Sunday, April 27, at 8:00 am.

**WOC April Collections.** Elizabeth’s New Life Center is located at 2201 N. Main Street Sidney, Ohio. They educate & help support pregnant women in our area. They are currently in need of Baby Diapers size 3,4,5,& 6, baby wipes, summer clothes preemie -4T. Watch the April bulletin for a list of current items in need of in April. Any questions contact Joyce Regula, Chairperson.



**Adult Sunday Morning Sunday School at 9:15 The Parables of Jesus – April and May 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 great stories come to life for you.

**IT’S GAME DAY** Inviting all senior members of Grace (and the community) to our first “JOY” (Just Older Youth) gathering. We’ve planned an afternoon of fun and fellowship for anybody (regardless of age)-all are welcome! If you like to play cards or games, Grace Church is where you’ll want to be on Thursday, April 24th at 1:00-3:00. We will provide the cards and a variety of games (and we’ll have some refreshments too)! We hope you’ll join us for this afternoon of fun and fellowship! Sponsored by the Lay/Witness Committee

**Mission Trip for High School Youth and Congregation Members -- Disaster Relief Rebuilding** The Luther League high school youth are inviting congregation members to join them for a mission trip to North Carolina to assist in rebuilding homes in Burnsville, NC. This summer June 19-25, 2025. Join the high school youth as you are able, it is not necessary to be there the full time. All skill levels are needed for cleanup, building, meal preparation, devotional and prayer leadership. Please let Lori Wiswell 937-538-7182 or the Pastors know of your interest and to receive more information.

**Ohio Mission Region District** meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are in need of 2 representatives from Grace to attend. If you are able to attending, please contact Pastors Bert or Shelly.

**Last Gospel Gang meeting** for the 2024-2025 year will be Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:15 pm-7:30 pm. We would like to invite everyone back for the 2025-2026 year with our kickoff on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Thank you** for your thoughts, prayers, and visits from Pastors Shelly & Bert Schultz. The family of Marcia Lippert

**National Day of Prayer**

Prayer Walk & Live Worship Thursday, May 1, 2025 4:30 pm live worship begins, 5:30 pm Prayer Walk begins. Location is the Sidney First Presbyterian Church 202 N. Miami Ave. Sidney, Ohio.