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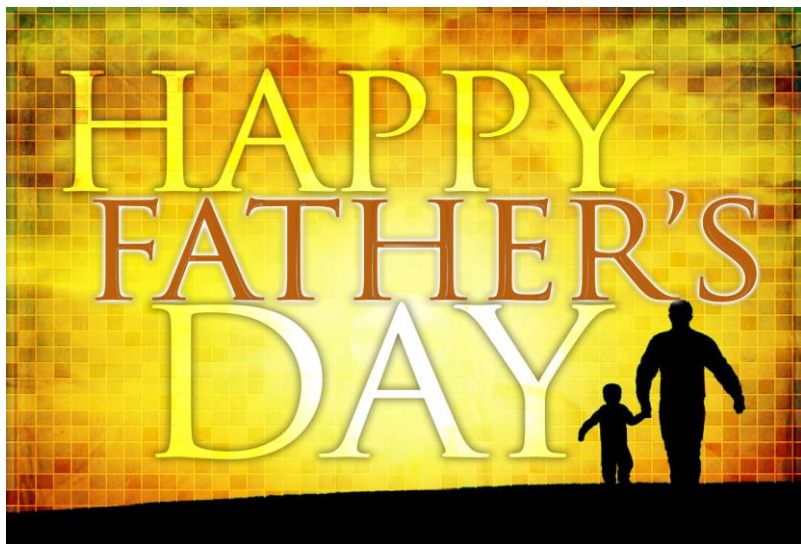
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*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
June 16, 2024
10:30 am*

Welcome to
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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Our Guests

Our Maker loves us and offers us lavish forgiveness. Welcome, friends. 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.

Focus for Today

The kingdom of God is a work in progress. He has been at it for a very long time. When we think things are going sideways, we may be certain God is in control of his kingdom. We may pray with confidence, "Thy kingdom come," for the Lord himself will build his kingdom. When it seems that the kingdom is failing here on earth, we know it is coming just as surely as it is established in heaven. We walk by faith, not by sight! As we walk, we scatter the seed of the Gospel—and God gives the increase.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

"Revelation Song"

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

Gathering

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

*Gathering Song ***“Made to Worship”***

*The Confession and Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us draw near with a true heart, confessing our sin to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord from 1 John 1:9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Moment of silence for personal confession of sin before the Lord.

O God, our heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways, not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires, which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known to you.

I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my offenses, and I ask of your great goodness to have mercy on me. And for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord to forgive my sins and graciously amend my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death, and resurrection of his dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty One, renew us daily through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might be nurtured in faith and holiness through having been grafted onto the true vine, Jesus Christ, our Lord; in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Word

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

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

ESV pg. 704

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (read responsively)

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

ESV pg. 966

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

ESV pg. 839

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Shelly

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.

* Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

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

*Blessing

Ministry and Mission Moments

Abby Pence

*Closing Songs

“You are My All in All”
“God So Loved”

Enter to Worship --- Depart to Serve
Ministry and Mission Moments

There is a **box for offering** located on a table at the back of the church for you to drop off offerings. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings.

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!

Today, 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 everyone for supporting our mission breakfasts, Pork dinner fundraiser and for all the prayers as we traveled to Tanzania! We were able to share God's love and ministry with many people while in Tanzania.
Pastor Bert, Pastor Shelly, Darrel, Macy, Abby, Gabrielle and Grace