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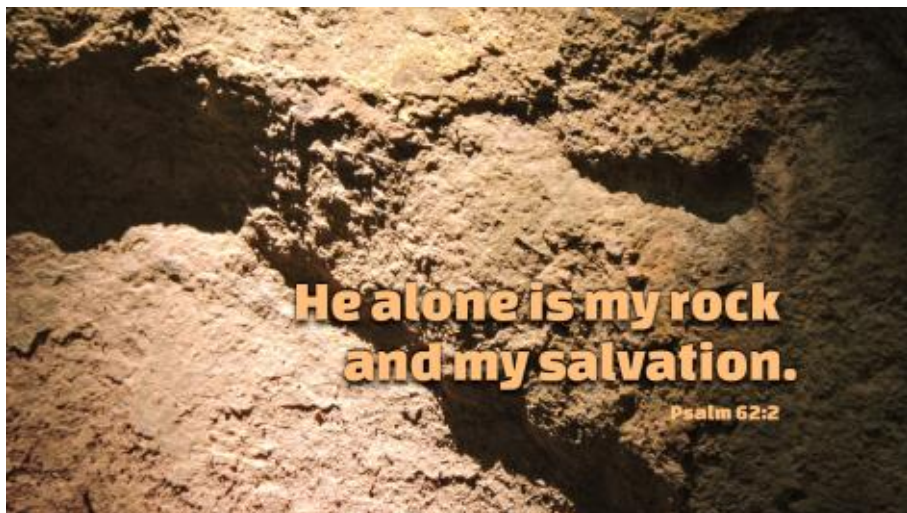
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*Third Sunday after Epiphany
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
January 21, 2024
Contemporary Service- 10:30 am*

Welcome to
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024 ~ 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Our Guests

Jesus often gathered for worship with his disciples and others. Following his example, we gather now to grow in God and glorify his name. Welcome! 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.

The Common Thread in Today's Reading

Belief requires repentance; true faith works repentance in the heart. Because God gives us our due, changing our evil ways may even cause God to turn from his wrath. As we trust in him, waiting for him to soften his anger, we begin to learn that he alone is our hope and salvation, that we cannot trust in self, anyone else, or anything. As we learn that he is our refuge and rock, anxieties begin to melt away. All of this depends upon believing in the gospel, and the repentance that comes through a knowledge of God's grace toward us.

As We Gather

** Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

"Build My Life"

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

Gathering

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

*Baptism Hymn

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Baptism of Colton David Schmiesing

Blue Insert

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray:

ALL: Merciful God, through the gift of your grace you call us to repentance, obedience, and eternal life. Transform us so that we are able to set aside all that might prohibit us from following your call to new life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Word

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

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62 (read responsively)

62 For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

2 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

³ How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

4 They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Selah

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷ On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

10 Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

12 and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.

Praise the LORD!

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Shelly

*Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Sending

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

Benediction

Mission and Ministry Moments

*Closing Songs

"You are My All in All"

"Sing Wherever I Go"

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. All offerings are greatly appreciated to help the church stay in good financial standings.

Today we welcome to the family of Jesus Christ at Grace Lutheran through the sacrament of Holy Baptism Colton David Schmiesing infant son of Dustin & Jessica Schmiesing.

Luther League will be tonight from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the church. Any high schoolers are invited to attend.

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.

Year end giving statements are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you use offering envelopes for your church giving you have a statement available, all are individually labeled.

Lay & Witness is **in need of packages of diapers** for the new baby bags that the Pastors deliver to the new born babies in the congregation. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

WOC February Collection is **Cookies for Alpha Center** any kind of cookies are excepted. Please bring to the **church kitchen by February 4th** and label for the "Alpha Center". Any questions please contact Darlene Woolley, chairperson.

