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**You shall be called  
by a new name.**

**Isaiah 62:2**

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jackson Center, Ohio  
January 19, 2025  
10:30 am*

Welcome to  
**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 19, 2025 ~ 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.

**Focus for Today**

Jesus performed his first miracle on earth at a wedding. The first sign after our resurrection from the earth will also be at a wedding: the wedding feast of the Lamb. There, our Lord and husband will once again drink wine with his Bride, his Delight: the Church. They who fear the Lord, and follow him, disciples walking in his ways, will be blessed and fruitful. God gives them varieties of gifts for this very reason: that they be fruitful in his house or kingdom.

**As We Gather**

*\* Indicates times during which the congregation stands.*

The Prelude

***“Holy Spirit”***

Praise Band

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Prayer

**Gathering**

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

\*Gathering Song

***“Hosanna”***

\*The Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, †Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Hear the word of the Lord from 1 John 1:8-10...

P: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

*(Silence for personal confession)*

P: Most merciful Father,

**C: Although in Christ our light has come, too much we prefer the darkness of sin. We do not let your holy light shine in our lives so others may see our good works and glorify you. We are deeply sorry and humbly repent. Forgive us and fill us with your Spirit. Give us once again the joy of your salvation; and send us out to proclaim your strong saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Arise, shine, for your Light has come; and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines round about you. In the name of and by the authority of our Savior Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of your sin. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until he comes in glory. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

**All: Gracious Lord, giver of all that is good, through the power of your Holy Spirit you abundantly bless your children with gifts for the building up of the body of Christ. Empower us to recognize and value the gifts of others and through the strengthening of faith use our own gifts for the work of the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Word

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

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

ESV pg. 621

Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 128 (read responsively)

**128** Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!

**<sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

**<sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.**

**4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.**

**5** The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

**6 May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!**

**Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

ESV pg. 959

Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

ESV pg. 887

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

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

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

\*Closing Songs            *“We Fall Down”*  
                                      *“God You Reign”*

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

**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.

**Backpack packing Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** 6:00 pm at the JC Methodist Church.

**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. There is a labeled box in the south vestibule for your donations.

**We are in need of Deacons for our Grace worship**

So, what is a Deacon, you ask? A deacon is a server during worship.

Here at Grace Lutheran, a Deacon assists with serving Holy Communion, receiving the offering, counting the offering after worship, assisting the worshipers when needed, assisting with Baptism.

Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am and other special worship times throughout the year  
Contact Chris Stengel 8:00 am or Greg Woolley 10:30 am if you will serve as a deacon as needed. Training is available.

## **Catechism Connection**

The Lord God makes us members of His Church through the **power of Baptism**. He washes us clean from sin, forgives sins and gives eternal life. Continuing on Wednesdays in January, our catechism youth will be studying God's gift of Baptism into the life of Jesus Christ. We meet 6:15 – 7:45 pm each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. Sundays' studies this school year focus on "apologetics." Which means why do we believe what we believe as Christians. Thanks to Lori Wiswell, Greg Woolley, Bonnie Kaufman, and Pastor Shelly for their connections with our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth.

## **Adult Sunday Morning Sunday School at 9:15**

Did you know that Christmas and Epiphany were foretold in the Old Testament? Christmas in Isaiah. The advent of Christ was prophesied in the Old Testament beginning with the words to Adam in Genesis 3:15. The blessed promise is repeated throughout the Old Testament, and one of these choice prophets is Isaiah. We begin a series based on four texts from Isaiah entitled "Christmas in Isaiah." The four texts are Isaiah 7:14, the prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ, Isaiah 9:1-7, the promise of the great light for a dark world, Isaiah 11:1-10, the promise of peace on earth, and Isaiah 53:1-6, the picture of the Messiah from the manger to the cross. All these texts are of the promised Savior quoted in the New Testament as the fulfillment of the prophecy of the coming Savior.

**Year-end giving statements** are available for pick up at the back of the church. Each envelope is marked for the designated family. These are only for people using the numbered offering envelope system.

## **WOC January Collection**

Please remember to save your greeting cards for the WOC January collection. Linda Jenkins is the chairperson for this project. Please put in the Church vestibule baskets, collection will take place the whole month of January.

Dear friends in Christ,

After 14 and 1/2 years, the time has come for some **changes in the leadership of the We Care Fund Ministry**. We appreciate the opportunity to not only serve our community but to help those who have been in need of financial assistance. In the future any financial contributions made to this ministry should be sent to the Methodist Church in Jackson Center Ohio.

Thank you.

Ron and Linda Leininger and Dick and Linda Jenkins