

The Luther League would like to **thank our church family** for your generous donations at our recent breakfast. Together with a donation from the Mission Committee, we were able to present Ron and Linda Leininger with over \$1000 to assist with his medical and travel expenses. Several of the youth visited them this week and they were very grateful. Thank you for helping us help others!

THANK YOU

November 6th we arrived home at 3:45 tired after another long day of doctors meetings at the Dayton V.A. Around 6:15 our doorbell rang and our day was brightened up by Jennifer Woolley, the members of Grace Lutheran Church Luther League Teen Group and the rest of the leaders. Jennifer told us about the Fellowship Breakfast they had in my honor. The gift they gave us from the collection is much appreciated..

It was so nice to see so many young adults that still participate in what is so important in our lives as they continued to study and learn what the Bible teaches us that God is love. Linda and I want to thank the Grace Lutheran Church Luther League Teen Group and The Grace Lutheran Church Mission Committee and all who read this for your gifts of love. Thank you Julie for the chili it was really delicious and the special remembrance. I sit and read the cards and look at the names of the cards all the time. It is these cards and the names on those cards that I receive that help me keep pushing forward. and it is all your prayers that give me hope.

May God's blessing continue to be on all of you, as we work together towards our heavenly home. Again thank you for your kindness and continued prayers.
Ron and Linda Leininger

Calling All Young Adults Ages 18-30 There has been some interest in a gathering at Grace of those in our congregation and their friends who are 18-30 years old. The first gathering will be **Sunday, November 17 at 9:15 am** in the Fellowship Hall (north end). Purpose: young adults doing life together as followers of Jesus.

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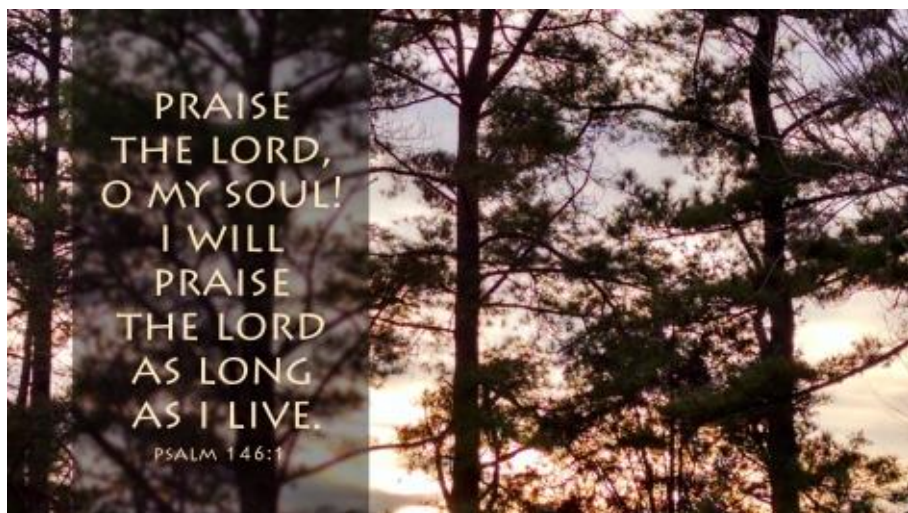
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Jackson Center, Ohio
November 10, 2024
8:00 am*

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Welcome to All

Siblings in Christ, welcome to worship, Christian fellowship and time to learn and grow in God's Word. May you be blessed and strengthened now. 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. If you desire to be baptized in Jesus, please speak with the Pastor.

The Common Thread in Today's Readings

"Thus says the Lord." When God speaks, his word accomplishes his will ([Isa 55:11](#)). So, we may trust because just as he spoke heaven and earth and sea into existence, he also provides everything we need: food, justice, freedom. He is always faithful, so we may also hope in him. This hope is based on more than words; it is based on the action of his Son, who has redeemed us and is coming again for those who fervently await him. The poor widow trusted him through the means of faith. May we too, spend our all for God, believing he is our faithful provision.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

*Opening Song **"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"** LBW # 328

The Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: 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 our Lord.

C: Amen

P: 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. (1 John 1:8-9)

(Silence for personal confession)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All: God of abundance, you pour out upon us grace and mercy without limit, still we live as those in fear of scarcity. Teach us your ways of generous living that we might share the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

“There’s Room for More”

Adult Choir

Word

God speaks to us in scripture – read, preached and sung

First Lesson: 1 King 17:8-16

ESV # 299

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 (read responsively)

146 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

ESV # 1006

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.

Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

ESV # 849

Glory to you, O' Lord (sung)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Bert

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 Bert

The Prayers of the Church

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

Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the saving Word and all God’s gifts.

Gathering of the Gifts

- *The Offering Music **“We Gather Together”** Children’s Bell Choir
- *The Offertory **“Doxology”** LBW # 565
- *Offertory Prayer Page 67

Pastor: 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.

Benediction

Mission and Ministry Moments

Match Day Temple Talk

- *Sending Song **“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”** LBW # 383
- *Sending
- P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.**

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Organ Postlude

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.

Jingle Offering – Today there will be a “special” offering for our area “We Care Fund”. 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.

Mission Committee will be **hosting the fellowship breakfast next Sunday** and donations will go towards the Tanzania vehicle fundraiser.

Reminder from the Endowment Committee: **Match Day 2024** started November 8th and ends December 3rd. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to provide a gift to Grace Lutheran's mission objectives and have it "matched" (up to a total of \$5,000) by the Community Foundation. Material with additional information is at the back of the church.

Christmas Poinsettia Order forms are available at the back of the church and in the November Church newsletter. Orders need to be turned in no later than Monday, November 25th. The cost is \$8.75 each, they will be from Andy's Garden.

10th Annual JC Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held November 24th. at the JC American Legion Hall located at 627 E. College Street. Dinner will be served 11:30 am-1:30pm. Donations are accepted but not required. Carry Outs are available. All are welcome to attend! Proceeds will benefit “The Fish Pond Food Pantry” and “The We Care Fund” Entertainment by JC School Music Department.
Sign up sheets for pies and helpers are at the back of the church.

Please **pick up** your **ballot** at the back of the church, each are labeled with individual names/families, the remainder were mailed out in the church November newsletter. Please fill out and turn back into the designated ballot box at the back of the church by November 24th @ 11:30 am.

Men's Group Soup & Sandwich meal will be Sunday, November 17th from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm. Freewill donation. Menu will be a variety of sandwiches and soups, desserts and beverages. Come and join us for food & fellowship!

WOC November Collections. Personal care items for Mercy Mission in Sidney, Ohio. Donations asked for: Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body wash, Soap, Body lotion, Deodorant, Razors, Brush/comb.
Any questions please contact Cindy Davis, Chairperson.

Interested in **becoming a member** of Grace Lutheran or have questions about us? If you have an interest in becoming a member of Grace Lutheran Church or have questions about who we are and what we believe or would like to become more involved in the Jesus' ministry, this informational gathering is for you. We will meet **Today, Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Pain and Suffering Bible Study Sunday mornings at 9:15 am

Where is God when it hurts? Using Serendipity Bible for Groups, we begin asking the tough questions. "My best friend died in a car wreck. My grandfather died of cancer. My sister has MS. My parents got divorced. If God is supposed to be good and loving, how can he allow such terrible things to happen?"

Continuing Sunday mornings in November at 9:15 am in the sanctuary, together we will be looking into

- Harsh Realities
- When Will It End
- Hard Questions
- Finding God
- Comforted by Others
- Things Can Change

Pain and suffering are realities in the world in which we live. Join the group Sunday mornings as we look at what God in Jesus has to say about the present reality of this world.

Members, the Lay/Witness Committee would like for us to get to know each other a little better. Lay / Witness members will personally be asking families to fill out a form with some suggested questions to answer. We would like to put a family profile from early and late service in our newsletter. Thanks for your help with this project! There will be a container on the back table for your forms! We are calling this project, "GETTING TO KNOW YOU!"

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.

Today, Veterans Day Supper The Son's of The American Legion is having a Veterans Day Supper November 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall 627 East College Street in Jackson Center. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. *Bring your favorite covered dish.* The Son's are providing the meat. All Veterans, their families, spouses of veterans, live alones and those who would like to honor our veterans are invited. Come and make this an evening of fellowship for everyone.