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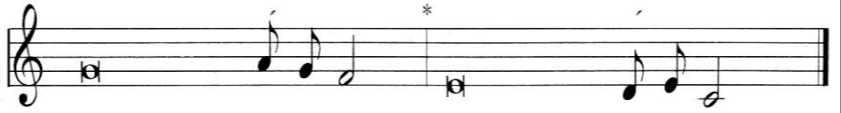
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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also notice the Prayer List where you will find a listing of all the known prayer concerns. You are invited to use this as a guide for your personal prayers throughout the coming week. If you need information about our congregation or if you'd like to update your information, make sure to fill out the yellow Worship Today Form and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. If you have a prayer concern, indicate that on your Worship Today Form at the bottom or on the reverse side. The Prayer Teams will be praying with you and for your concerns during the coming week as well. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact the Church Office this week.

THIS WEEK'S THEME – God revealed that Jesus was his Son whom he sent to take away the sins of the world. Jesus knew that he would have to die as punishment for all these sins, and that God would raise him from the dead after that. Jesus revealed that to his disciples, but it was too hard to understand at the time. But now we can understand, and everyone who believes in Jesus that he did this for us will receive forgiveness and eternal life with God as his adopted beloved children.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.



PSALM 50:1-6

¹The LORD, the God of / gods, has spoken;*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun / to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect / in its beauty,***

God reveals him- / self in glory.

³Our God will come and will / not keep silence;*

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a / raging storm.

⁴**He calls the heavens and the earth / from above***

to witness the judgment / of his people.

⁵“Gather before me my / loyal followers,*

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed / it with sacrifice.”

⁶**Let the heavens declare the rightness / of his cause;***

for God him- / self is judge.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

^{3:12} Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

^{4:1} Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.

² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; Mark 1:9-15. Readings are based on the recommended use of the English Standard Version (ESV) by the North American Lutheran Church and Lectionary of Sola Publishing. Used by Permission.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Pate and Bobbie Brendle
by David and Belinda Wilfong.

GRACE PRAYER LIST

In the Grace Church Family: Jeffrey Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Irene Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Rachel Heavner, Lula Ingle, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Phil Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Debi Pisko, Michael Pisko, Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Richard & Sandi Tallant, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Carolyn & Scott Whisnant.

Nursing Home: Juanita Haas (Trinity Village), Ted Whisnant (Trinity Village),

Friends and Relatives in our Prayers: Pray for Peace in Israel and the World, New Covenant Lutheran Mission Church, Bobby Aderholdt, Jimmy Aderholdt, LeAnn Buckwell, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Travis Bumgardner, Jessica Cassels & Family, Dennis & Evelyn Childers, Sheila Cook, Harold Crouse, Wayne Eckard, Julie Foster, Guy Franzen, Brian Fruits, Wendy Hannah, Larry Heavner, Peggy Klutz, Lily Rose, Ryan McMullen, Greg Masters, Chris Medlin, Larry Milsaps, Katie Patton, Angela Sanford, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Cozel Spencer, Shanie Spencer, Steven, Sue, Monica Thomas, United States of America; Faye White, and especially the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms and for all members of our Armed Forces.

(Names are left on the prayer list for 30 days unless the office is notified otherwise.)

PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO PASTOR BRACK EAST who is leading us in worship today!

TODAY IS SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY! All worshipers at Grace are asked to bring a couple of cans of soup which will be delivered to the ECCCM Food Pantry to feed the hungry. All donations are genuinely appreciated!

THE EASTERN CATAWBA COUNTY COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (ECCCM) food ask for the month of February is **macaroni, pasta, and canned spaghetti sauce**. ECCCM is very thankful for the support it receives from the disciples at Grace!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship as we begin our Lenten journey!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th**. The service provides a special time to focus on the road to the Cross and the great victory on Resurrection Day. Come and worship as we begin the Lenten journey.

THE SEASON OF LENT is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter (excluding Sundays) which is a period of preparation, meditation and atonement. According to the Lutheran Manual on the Liturgy, flowers are not to be used to decorate the altar or chancel during the season of Lent. Focus on the altar cross during the season of Lent and remember what Christ did for you.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING will be held on **Friday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parsonage, and again on **Saturday, February 17 at 8:00 a.m.** in the Parsonage.

ORDERS FOR EASTER LILIES BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! The lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday and can be ordered by completing the yellow form and the special envelope, which will be inserted in next Sunday's bulletin. The cost will be \$12.00, and the deadline to order is March 17th.

*“Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.”*

Psalm 50:3

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

15 – Michael Whalen

18 – Meredith Martin

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today: **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

9:30A – Sunday School

10:30A – Worship Celebration

Tuesday: 6:00P – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (FH)

Wednesday: 7:00P - Ash Wednesday Service

Friday: 6:00P – Stephen Ministry Training (Parsonage)

Saturday: 8:00A – Stephen Ministry Training (Parsonage)

Next Sunday: **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:30A – Sunday School

10:30A – Worship Celebration

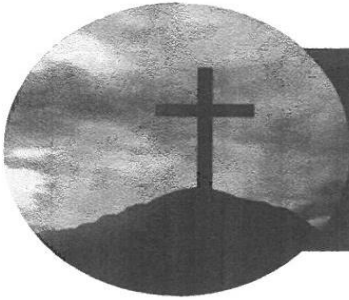
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Custodian.....Chris Abernethy



Table Talk II

By Rev. Timothy J. Swenson • ILT Dean of Chapel

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LUKE 18:31-34

"But they understood none of these things." Vs. 34

Jesus' friends and Jesus' foes acknowledged that he had acquired a status far beyond that which could be ascribed to the circumstances of his birth. Anytime you read of Jesus' foes being afraid of arresting him because of the crowd, you are reading their acknowledgement of Jesus' great honor, which was ascribed to him by the populace, earned by his conversational successes in confronting the religious leaders, and witnessed to by the seemingly miraculous deeds Jesus accomplished. In these verses set before us, Jesus describes what must happen to him. These events will happen, not only to fulfill scripture, but because his enemies must strip him of his honor, destroy his popularity, and shame him beyond redemption. If this social degradation is not accomplished, Jesus' enemies will have made a martyr of him, a slain hero of the people.

The twelve did not understand this. Swept up in the heady adulation of Jesus and caught up in his immense popularity, they basked in his reflected glory and enjoyed the glow of being associated with him. Jesus was so popular that it seemed as if the whole world had gone after him (Jn. 12:19). Consequently, when Jesus presents them with the reality of what must take place in

Jerusalem, they could not understand what he said (vs. 34). What we now know as the cross and resurrection remained incomprehensible to them, hidden from their understanding.

The Apostle Paul preaches that those who are called according to God's purpose are predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus (Ro. 8:29). Jesus himself cautions that to come after him is to bear a cross—that is, to receive our own social degradation ritual. Yet, you can take heart (Jn. 16:33). Jesus has had the victory over this sin, death, and the power of the devil because on the third day he was raised. You, too, being joined to Jesus in a death like his, have also been joined to Jesus in a resurrection like his.

Table Talk: Discuss social degradation rituals present today.

Pray: Heavenly Father, conform me to Jesus in both death and life. Amen



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