

# Second Sunday after Pentecost

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\* = Stand Hymnals in Pew Rack: LBW = Green WOV = Blue TCH = Burgundy

**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. 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:** What is your most prized possession? We now have Hope's father's pocket knife. That is pretty valuable to us but probably not to anyone else. I have a cross stitch piece my mother made for me when I was named Firefighter of the Year many, many years ago. I hope that for all of us none of those would even be close. God's love should always be what we cherish most, and when we do, everything else takes its proper place.

**FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

<sup>12</sup> "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

## **PSALM 81:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph,  
when he came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>6</sup>**I heard an unfamiliar voice saying,  
"I eased his shoulder from the burden; his hands were set free from bearing  
the load."**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I saved you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters  
of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you;  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**

## **SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup> We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup> always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup> So death is at work in us, but life in you.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-3:6**

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>26</sup> how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" <sup>27</sup> And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." <sup>3:1</sup> Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. <sup>2</sup> And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup> And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." <sup>4</sup> And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup> And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup> The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35. 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.

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## **GRACE PRAYER LIST**

**In the Grace Church Family:** Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Sheila Drum, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Irene Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Rachel Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, 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, Terry Barnett, LeAnn Buckwell, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Travis Bumgardner, Becky Cartee, Jessica Cassels & Family, Dennis & Evelyn Childers, Harold Crouse, Dennis D'Alessio, Julie Foster, Guy Franzen, Wendy Hannah, Larry Heavner, J.C., Michele Kirkland, Peggy Klutz, Lily Rose, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Greg Masters, Chris Medlin, Jenny Mulcahy, Katie Patton, Angela Sanford, Melinda Smith, 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 WELCOME PASTOR GARY COBLE** who is leading worship this morning.

**WE WELCOME TO GRACE** this morning Joy Heavner as our guest musician. We thank Joy for sharing her musical gifts and adding to our worship. Please greet Joy following worship.

**LET US THANK** Tim Eckard for the wonderful musical solo this morning.

**ASHURE (FORMERLY ECCCM)** food ask for the month of June is cereal. Your donations make a real difference right here in Catawba County! Thank you for helping to keep the food pantry stocked!

**THE GRACE PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Four Peas in a Pod Restaurant in Conover. Come join us and bring a friend!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** starts next Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Plateau United Methodist Church from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Set-up will be at Plateau on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:00 p.m. The theme this year is “Campfire Light.” There will be classes and activities for every age. Please plan to attend!

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** - Please offer your services as a Lector, Usher, or Communion Assistant for the upcoming months. Worship Assistants help to make our worship experience more meaningful. If you would like to serve during a particular month, please notify Tim Eckard.

**THE 2024 FLOWER CHART** is posted in the Narthex. If you wish to give the flowers for a given Sunday, please list your name on the chart in the narthex. *You are responsible for ordering the flowers from a florist of your choice; we do not have a standing order with any florist.* Please notify the Church Office the Tuesday prior to your selected Sunday so that the correct information is placed in the bulletin. You can call the Church Office between 8:00 am and Noon on Monday through Thursday, leave a note in the Church Office mailbox downstairs, or send an email to let us know the occasion or memoriam for this wonderful gift of beatification of the worship.

*“Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.”*

Psalm 81:1

**HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO:**

2 – Helen Smith  
9 – Carrie Setzer  
Jeffery Warlick

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Today:** **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:30A – Sunday School  
10:30A - Worship Celebration

**Friday:** 5:30P – VBS Set-Up at Plateau UMC

**Saturday:** 9:00A – Grace Prayer Breakfast at Four Peas

**Next Sunday:** **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:30A – Sunday School  
10:30A – Worship Celebration  
6:00P – Vacation Bible School – Plateau UMC

The Ministers.....The People of Grace Lutheran Church  
Pastor .....  
Organist..... Sandi Tallant  
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Altar Preparation..... Herb and Libby Travis  
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Custodian ..... Chris Abernethy



# Table Talk II

By Rev. Timothy J. Swenson • I.L.T. Dean of Chapel

First Sunday after Trinity | June 2, 2024



## LUKE 16:19-31

*“Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.” (Vs. 25)*

Here Jesus tells a story bringing to life the reality of his mother Mary’s proclamation in what has become known as The Magnificat (Lk. 1:46-55). In her song, Mary declares the greatness of the Lord. That greatness is exemplified by the reversals which the Lord brings about: the mighty are cast down, the lowly are uplifted; the hungry are filled, but the rich are sent away empty (Lk. 1:52-53). The telling of the story with its careful choice of details reflects more on Jesus’ agenda rather than an accurate depiction of the afterlife.

The narrative is carefully constructed to emphasize the reversals taking place between the two characters, Lazarus and the Rich Man. The Rich Man, who dined so sumptuously at his table without giving a thought to the crumbs that fell from it, contrasts with Lazarus, who received comfort from the dogs and who desired like a dog to eat the crumbs that fell from the Rich Man’s table (Mt. 15:37). But after death the Rich Man received torment in Hades while Lazarus received comfort at Abraham’s side. In this life, the Rich Man had a mansion on an estate while Lazarus possessed only a space at the estate’s gate, but in the afterlife, Lazarus had blessed rest in the company of his father Abraham

while the Rich Man suffered without rest or blessedness. While in the world, the Rich Man had no awareness of Lazarus or his condition but after this world, the Rich Man was acutely aware of Lazarus and his circumstances.

Abraham is harsh in his refusal of the Rich Man’s plea (vs. 25) ... even harsher in his rebuttal of the request to send a messenger (vs. 29) ... and even harsher still in his rejection of those who do not hear Moses and Prophets (vs. 31). But God has one more reversal in mind. The rest of this story is completed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This Jesus and his Gospel... this Jesus and the Holy Spirit that he sends... this Jesus who even welcomes tax collectors and sinners and eats with them... this Jesus turns the Lazarus and the Rich Man tale into an account of God’s mercy as well as his judgment.

**Table Talk:** Discuss the Gospel’s freedom vs. strict accountability under the Law.

**Pray:** Father, give me Jesus’ word not Abraham’s. Amen



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