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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 do you do when life throws you lemons? I know the traditional answer is that you make lemonade. I hope that isn't your answer. Today's first lesson comes from a time when Israel is in exile. It is a very low period in the life of Israel. And yet they are told to trust God. Focus on Him and His love for them. And so when life throws you lemons, give them to God and let him deal with them.

FIRST LESSON: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; ²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust — there may yet be hope; ³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. ³¹For the LORD will not cast off forever, ³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

PSALM 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;**

give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favor for a lifetime.

**⁶Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

⁷While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**⁸Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.**

⁹I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with the LORD, saying,

**¹⁰"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"**

¹¹Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."

**¹²You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

¹³Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

¹³For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” ³⁵While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Next Sunday’s Readings: Ezekial 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Mark 6:1-13. 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.

GRACE PRAYER LIST

In the Grace Church Family: Jeffrey 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, Phil and Malinda 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, Becky Cartee, Jessica Cassels & Family, Dennis & Evelyn Childers, Harold Crouse, Dennis D'Alessio, Guy Franzen, Wendy Hannah, Larry Heavner, J.C., Michele Kirkland, Peggy Klutz, Lily Rose, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Greg Masters, Chris Medlin, Paul and Genni Mulcahy, Katie Patton, friends and family of Harold Ray Scronce, 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 WELCOME PASTOR GARY COBLE who is leading worship this morning.

GRACE PRAYER LUNCHEON Reminder that the Grace Prayer Luncheon will not be held during the summer months.

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPERVISION is canceled until August 2024.

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give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness”*
Psalm 30:4

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Table Talk II

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

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LUKE 5:1-11

“...the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God” (Vs. 1)

Jesus has acquired quite a following (Lk. 5:1). He has received baptism by John in the Jordan (Lk. 3:21). He has endured the wilderness and the temptations of Satan (Lk. 4:1-2). He has taught in the synagogues of Galilee and has been glorified by his hearers (Lk. 4:14-15). He has preached the Word of God in Nazareth and received the first attempt on his life (Lk. 4:16-30). He has taught in the synagogue in Capernaum (Lk. 4:31), healed the man with an unclean spirit (Lk. 4:34), visited Simon's house (Lk. 4:38) and healed his mother-in-law (Lk. 4:39). Jesus has acquired quite a reputation as a preacher of the Word of God, a teacher of the Word of God, and a healer of God's people (Lk. 4:43-44). All this he has done before this occasion at the lakeshore.

There, on the shore of lake Gennesaret, Jesus calls Simon and the other fishermen. Jesus speaks no “Follow me.” Instead, Jesus provides an acted-out example of the call to follow him. The fishermen have beached their boats and are now tending their equipment after a disappointing night of taking nothing. Jesus speaks to that situation, telling Simon to take the boat to deeper water and let down the nets. Simon protests but acquiesces. Immediately, the nets are filled with fish. This unusual and totally

unexpected catch astonished all the fishermen and prompted repentance from Simon (vs. 8). Into the fishermen's astonishment and Simon's repentance, Jesus speaks. He speaks the biblical greeting when the divine confronts human beings, “Do not be afraid.” And then, Jesus speaks the words making this incident an acted-out example: “From now on you will be catching men” (vs. 10). And, when the boats had returned to land, “They left everything and followed him” (vs. 11).

The crowd had come to hear the word of God. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, had come to the lakeshore. At that lakeshore, God's Word confronted the fishermen with such impact that they abandoned fish, boats, nets... everything. Their old life as fishers after a scaly catch had ended. Their new lives as fishers of men just begun.

Table Talk: Discuss the impact of this reading on your discipleship.

Pray: Father, grant me to leave the old behind as the new begins. Amen



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