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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. 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:** We all react to things around us. When Hope turns on Jeopardy on TV, I usually react by going to another TV to watch something different. She reacts the same way if I turn on Pickleball on TV! Today's lessons, to me, seem to ask how you react to the Word of God. There are many possible reactions. I hope you react by allowing it to shape your life so that you follow it more closely.

### **FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>This is what {the Lord GOD } showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

### **PSALM 85:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

<sup>3</sup>You have withdrawn all your fury  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

**<sup>4</sup>Restore us then, O God our Savior;  
let your anger depart from us.**

<sup>5</sup>Will you be displeased with us forever?  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

**<sup>6</sup>Will you not give us life again,  
that your people may rejoice in you**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your mercy, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

**<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their  
hearts to him.**

<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were

the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of {Jesus' works}, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44. 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, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Rachel Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Gary Leatherman, Phil & 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, Betty Wilfong.

**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 Di'Alessio, Guy Franzen, Wendy Hannah, J.C.,

Michelle Kirkland, Lily Rose, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Angela Sanford, Jimmy Smith, Donald Smith, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, 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.

**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!

**THE LEADERSHIP MINISTRY BOARD** will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All board members are urged to attend.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM PAM TALLENT** - Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - my last day as administrative assistant at Grace - was a bittersweet day for me. I was sad to leave my job at Grace, but at this point in my life, I felt like it was the right move. I am very excited about the future! I was absolutely speechless when I received the monetary gift, which is very much appreciated! I thank all of you for your kind words. Enjoy your summer!

*“Show us your mercy, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.”*  
Psalm 85:7

**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO:**

18 – Emily Crouse  
20 – Michael Scronce

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Today: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:30A – Sunday School  
10:30A - Worship Celebration

**Next Sunday: NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:30A – Sunday School  
10:30A – Worship Celebration

The Ministers.....The People of Grace Lutheran Church  
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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 • ILT Dean of Chapel

Seventh Sunday after Trinity | July 14, 2024



## MARK 8:1-9

*"And they ate and were satisfied...." (Vs. 8)*

Satisfaction... Satisfaction and contentment... satisfaction and contentment mark relief from two conditions: anxiety and covetousness. Jesus admonishes that we should not let our hearts be anxious (Jn. 14:1). Likewise, he cautions us against worry (Mt. 6:25) which is just a more emotional form of anxiety. Both worry and anxiety present as symptoms of being in want... as symptoms of being in lack. Coveting, as the commandment would have it (Dt. 5:21), is the desire—whether from greed or sexuality—to possess something which you don't have but another does. Satisfaction and contentment eliminate desire and fulfill any lack. They are qualities of the New Creation... qualities of eschatological completion (cf. Is. 55:1-5 or Rev. 21:1-4). The psalmist portrays them as the good things of this creaturely life provided by the Lord's opened hand (Ps. 104:27-30).

Satisfaction and contentment result from the work and presence of Jesus Christ. In our text for the day, Jesus satisfies the people's hunger directly with a miraculous blessing of abundance in the loaves and fishes. Jesus himself has his compassion (Mk. 8:2) satisfied for the people are fed. The Apostle Paul himself, speaking out of his life in Christ and of Christ's life in him,

declares, "for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content" (Phi. 4:11). Satisfaction and contentment cannot co-exist with coveting and anxiety. Desire and lack cannot be present when Christ is your life, and your life is Christ.

Of course, we still live in the flesh, that is our reality in this sin-broken and passing away creation. Our life in Christ and Christ's life in us is also our reality as we live in faith... faith that the New Creation is already present to us (2 Cor. 5:17). While in the flesh, we covet and want. In faith, however, coveting is stilled (Ps. 46:10) and want is filled. In faith, we are satisfied and content. In Christ, we lack nothing nor covet anything. Thanks be to God!

**Table Talk:** Discuss times your anxiety and covetousness have been stilled and filled by faith in Christ.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, grant me Christ's stilling and filling so that I do not covet or worry. Amen

