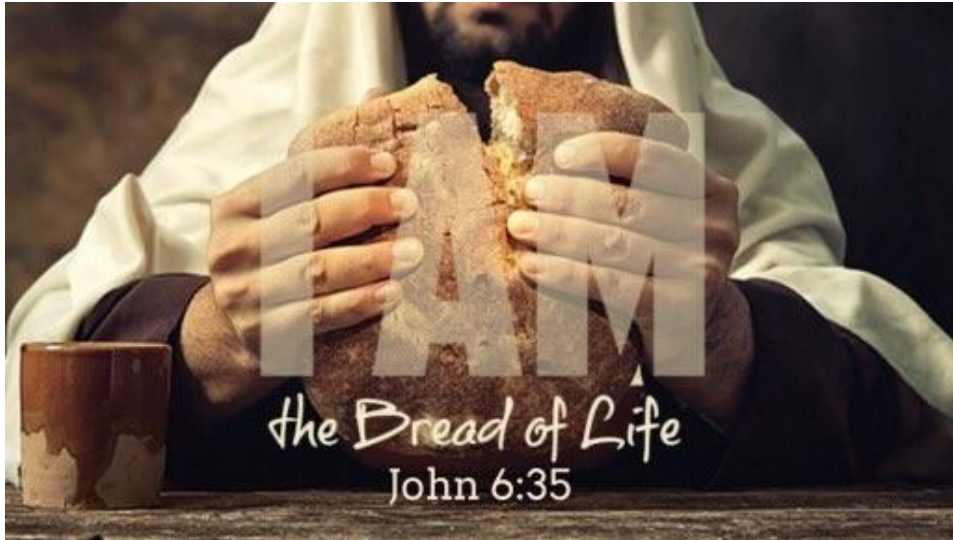


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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also 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: For what are you working? Today we are going to remember what many in this world work for, but more importantly, we are going to talk about what we as God's people should be working for. Jesus is asked, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (John 6:28). Jesus' answer is simple: "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."
⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?"
⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him — what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the

face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

PSALM 145:10-22

¹⁰All your works praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹**They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;**

¹²That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵**The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷**You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

¹⁹**The LORD is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.

²¹**The LORD preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.**

²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and

he gave gifts to men.”⁹(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:22-35

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: 1 Kings 19:1-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:17-5:2; John 6:35-51. 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 honor of Gary Leatherman's Birthday.

By: His Dad and Sisters

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, 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

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, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Family of Julie Norris, Robin Reynolds, Lily Rose, Angela Sanford, Jimmy Smith, Donald Smith, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Rodney Stallings, 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.

YODER FAMILY REUNION will be held Sunday, August 11th with a covered dish lunch beginning at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Maiden. RSVP to Rachael Kennedy (704)467-2272 or rachaelkenedy466@gmail.com.

2024 NALC ONLINE MISSION COVOCATION - Join us online Friday, August 9, from 6-9 p.m. ET to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo, participate in elections and voting, and hear updates from across the NALC. It is easier than ever to attend the NALC Mission Convocation. With no need to travel, and minimal registration costs, we encourage all pastors and delegates to attend. Invite members of your congregation to join in on the livestream as well!

THE GRACE PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held this **Saturday, August 10th at 9:00 AM** at Four Peas in a Pod Restaurant on Highway 70 in Conover. Great food and great fellowship! Please come and bring a friend!

HOMECOMING AT GRACE will be held on Sunday, August 25th with Guest Pastor, Nathan Yoder and a Covered Dish Lunch to follow. Make sure to mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate!

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

THANK YOU FROM THE CORNER TABLE – On behalf of The Corner Table, thank you for your recent donation. We appreciate your care and concern for our mission to feed the need in our community. We could not do what we do without supporters like your congregation.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

- 4 – Bill Heavner
- 7 – Martha Johnson
- 10 – David Matheson

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today: ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - Worship Celebration
- 1:00 PM - Wilfong Reunion at Grace

Saturday: 9:00 AM - Grace Prayer Breakfast at Four Peas in a Pod

Next Sunday: TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

The Ministers..... The People of Grace Lutheran Church
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Lector Todd Childers
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Ushers Jeff Scronce & James Hall
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Custodian Chris Abernethy



Table Talk II

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

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LUKE 19:41-48

*“And when he drew near and saw the city,
he wept over it...” (Vs. 41)*

Jesus weeps over the city. Jesus weeps for the city that is filled with unbelief. Jesus weeps even now, as he had lamented earlier (Lk. 13:34) over the deadliness of the city’s idolatry. It spurned the true Word of the Lord and its messengers, stoning them or killing them. Jesus weeps over the city and its coming destruction (vs. 44). Jesus weeps just as when he stood outside the tomb of Lazarus. Jesus weeps over the death of his friend. Jesus weeps over the death of the city. Jesus weeps over the death of his people. He takes no joy in the consequence of their sin, yet the Lord delights in repentance (cf. Ez. 13:21-32). There is no smug “I told you so!” in the love of Jesus or the almightiness of God. There is only the promise, “Though he die, yet shall he live” (Jn. 11:25). Jesus, confronted with the reality of death staring him in the face... with the promise guaranteed by nothing other than the trustworthiness of God’s Word... even Jesus grieves.

And so, we too grieve. We grieve at the death of those we love. We grieve at the losses of life. We grieve over the brokenness of our sin and its consequences. We grieve that this world, full as it is with human accomplishment, must pass away. We grieve even though there

is the resurrection from the dead... even though we have the forgiveness of sin... even though the New Creation in Christ surpasses any achievement by human hands. We grieve because Jesus has given us permission to grieve for he himself grieves. We grieve because it is fully human to do so; we and Jesus are fully human.

But, as the Apostle Paul preaches to us, we do not grieve as others do who have no hope (1 Th. 4:13). All of sin’s brokenness... all of the losses incurred during our fleshly existence... all of the deaths... all these do not nullify the trustworthiness of the promise. God does not lie. The resurrection is certain... the New Creation is certain... all the promises are certain simply because God has said so. God’s work and God’s Word are unthwartable. “Who can turn it back?” (Is. 43:13). Our certainty does not rest in the things of nature, nor in the events of human history, nor in our own reason or strength. Our certainty rests in God and God’s Word.

Table Talk: Discuss how you look to things other than God’s Word for your certainty.

Pray: Heavenly Father, grant me the certainty of your promise so that I trust not in my own reason or strength. Amen

