

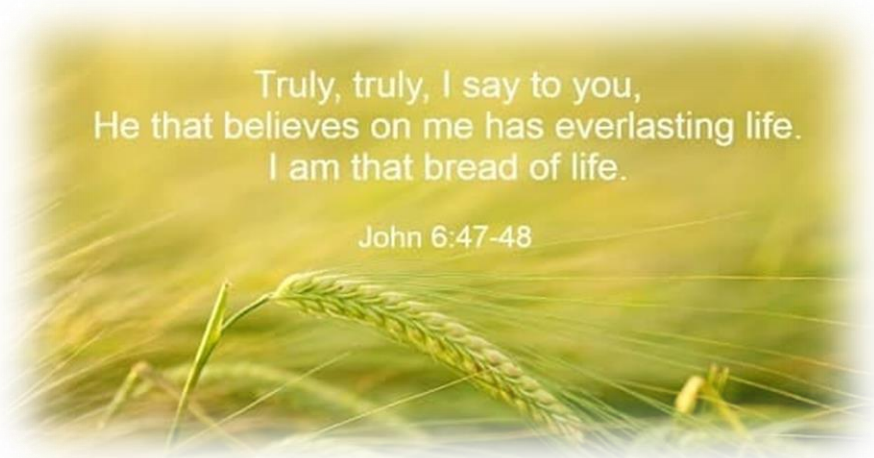
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024 A.D.

10:30 A.M.

Truly, truly, I say to you,
He that believes on me has everlasting life.
I am that bread of life.

John 6:47-48



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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: Some news is hard to believe. I can still remember years ago, I was in my first call, when the USA Ice Hockey team won the gold medal in the Olympics. That was back when all our players were college kids and they were playing professionals from other countries. It was an unbelievable win for USA. Today we get unbelievable news in the Gospel Lesson. God sent His Son to save you. You can earn salvation. You can't buy salvation. It is God's gift to you.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

PSALM 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

⁵Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ! — ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and

slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:35-51

³⁵Jesus said to {the crowd}, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” ⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — ⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:12-22; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69. 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: 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

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, Danielle Bumgardner, 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, Robyn Reynolds, Angela Sanford, Jimmy Smith, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Rodney Stallings, Monica Thomas, United States of America; Faye White, Todd Wright, 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 is today with a covered dish lunch beginning at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Maiden.

LEONARD FAMILY REUNION is next Sunday, August 18th with a covered dish lunch beginning at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall here at Grace Church.

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!

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPERVISION will resume on Monday, September 9th at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Herb Travis.

THE GRACE PRAYER LUNCHEON Will resume on Wednesday, September 18th from 12-2pm in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Betty Wilfong looks forward to seeing you all again! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Betty.

KEEP IRENE HEAVNER in your thoughts and prayers as she approaches her 91st birthday on August 18th.

*“Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his name together.”*

Psalm 34:3

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

12 – Jane Moss

17 – Reagan Burris

18 – Irene Heavner

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today:

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:30 AM - Worship Celebration

Next Sunday:

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30A – Sunday School

10:30A – Worship Celebration

1:00 PM – Leonard Family Reunion

The Ministers.....The People of Grace Lutheran Church
Pastor
Organist..... Sandi Tallant
Administrative Assistant Kristi Tucker
Leadership Board President Tim Eckard
Youth LeaderStormy Shull
Lector Todd Childers
Communion Assistants.....Rick & Cindy Bivens
Ushers Jeff Scronce & James Hall
Altar Preparation.....Herb & Libby Travis
Offering TabulatorsTodd Childers & Tim Eckard
Custodian Chris Abernethy



Table Talk II

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

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LUKE 18:9-14

"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other." (Vs. 14)

One man listed his virtues. The other confessed his sin. Jesus uses this parable to emphasize distinctions... the distinction between the self-righteous and the confessed sinner... the distance between the so-called "clean" and the "unclean..." and the Temple as a place of conflict versus the home as the place of the saved.

For the self-righteous, their visible works set them apart from sinners. Those that look to their own pious works and ask others—perhaps even God—to witness those works as well... those proud of their righteous deeds, cannot help but think themselves better than sinners. In fact, their distinction from sinners becomes a matter of thanksgiving, "God, I thank you that I am not like other men..." (vs. 11). This supposed distinction permits them to look upon sinners with contempt for their deplorable state.

Jesus uses the parable to emphasize the distance between these so-called "clean" Temple goers and the sinful "unclean" Temple attendees. The clean Pharisee stands by himself (vs. 11). The unclean tax collector stands far off (vs. 13) and won't even look up and possibly violate that physical distance with the intimacy of a locked gaze. The Pharisee's perilous and self-

righteous cleanliness would not survive even a brush against the tax collector and his unclean clothes.

Throughout the gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, the Temple is increasingly depicted as a place of conflict and persecution while the home grows increasingly important as the place where the saved abide. Take, for example, how the Temple goes from a place of learning for Jesus (Lk. 2:46) to being a "den of robbers" (Lk. 19:46) to a place of testing for Jesus (Lk. 20:1-19) to a place of trial and condemnation for the apostles (Acts 5:27-33). During this same time, we hear Jesus telling people, "Go home!" (Lk. 5:24; 8:39; 18:14; Acts 2:46). The life of faith... your life of faith in Christ is not lived out in pious religious works but in the very plain duties of home and family. That's where the justified live!

Table Talk: Discuss how religious duties and pious works interfere with the duties of family and home.

Pray: Father, let me not look to the works of my hands but to your nail-scarred hands for my righteousness. Amen

