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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.

### **FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble that was among {the Israelites} had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.

<sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." <sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. <sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp.

<sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

<sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

## PSALM 104:28-37

<sup>28</sup>**All of them look to you**

**to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup>**You hide your face, and they are terrified;**

**you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;**

**may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles;

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him;

I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>36</sup>**Let sinners be consumed out of the earth,**

**and the wicked be no more.**

<sup>37</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

## SECOND LESSON: James 5:[1-12] 13-20

[<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. <sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. <sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no,

so that you may not fall under condemnation.] <sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. <sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to {Jesus}, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup>Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Genesis 2:18-25, Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-13 [14-18]; Mark 10:2-16. 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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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God,  
and in memory of Dennis Childers  
By: Glenda Childers

## 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, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Debi Pisko, Michael Pisko, Stephen Pisko, Alan Shull, 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 & Danelle Bumgardner, Jessica Cassels & Family, Evelyn Childers, Harold Crouse, Guy Franzen, Wendy Hannah, Denver Hensly, J.C., Lily Rose, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Katie Patton, Angela Sanford, Anita Savino, 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.

**Family and Friends of:** Harold Gene Crouse Sr. and Dennis Childers

(Names are left on the prayer list for 30 days unless the office is notified otherwise.)

**PLEASE WELCOME PASTOR CARL HAYNES** who is leading worship this morning.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** - The call committee recently presented a potential pastor to the Leadership Ministry Board. On Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Leadership Ministry Board held a special meeting to have a conversation with the pastor. After thoughtful discernment and prayer, the decision was made to recommend Pastor Doug Hefner to the congregation for a vote on extending a call for him to be our next pastor at Grace. Tim Eckard and Stormy Shull will address the church this morning to announce this recommendation. Pastor Doug will be joining us on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for a Meet and Greet at 9am to allow church members the opportunity to meet him, as well as having an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. Following the Meet and Greet, Pastor Hefner will preach and preside during worship. He will also be available after worship for anyone who would like to have a conversation with him then. The following Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have congregational meeting to vote on Pastor Doug.

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT GRACE** extend our Christian sympathy, love and prayers to the family of Harold Gene Crouse Sr., who entered the Church Triumphant on Friday, September 20, 2024. Harold was the father of Gene Crouse. May God comfort all who mourn. Services to celebrate and remember Harold were held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Living Word Church in Maiden.

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT GRACE** extend our Christian sympathy, love and prayers to the family of Dennis Childers, who entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, September 22, 2024. Dennis was the uncle of Todd Childers. May God comfort all who mourn. A graveside service to celebrate and remember Dennis was held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Grace Church.

**NEXT SUNDAY** has been designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday. Please **WEAR PINK** next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> to honor those that have been affected by Breast Cancer.

*“I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.”*  
Psalm 104:34

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 2 – Nikki Houser
- 3 – Juanita Haas  
Zachary Speagle

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Today:** **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**Friday:** Church Office Closed

**Next Sunday:** **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

The Ministers.....The People of Grace Lutheran Church  
Pastor .....  
Organist..... Sandi Tallant  
Administrative Assistant ..... Kristi Tucker  
Leadership Board President ..... Tim Eckard  
Youth Leader .....Stormy Shull  
Lector .....Stormy Shull  
Communion Assistants.....Herb & Libby Travis  
Ushers ..... Jeff Scronce & Jack Wilfong  
Altar Preparation.....Herb & Libby Travis  
Offering Tabulators ..... Todd Childers & Jason Yoder  
Custodian ..... Chris Abernethy



# Table Talk II

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

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## MATTHEW 22:34-46

*"And one of them... ..asked [Jesus] a question to test him." (Vs. 35)*

Like the situation last Sunday at the ruler of the Pharisees' home, Jesus is being tested. Jesus is holding court in the Temple, under examination, as was the Passover Lamb, to ascertain any fault or blemish, and proving quite capable of fending off the examination by turning the questions back on his interrogators. A lawyer, a supposed expert in the law, puts Jesus to the test challenging him to evaluate the Law of Moses and choose the greatest of them all (vs. 35). Jesus (as was discussed in the Table Talk 2 for the 17th Sunday after Trinity) turns the question around and makes it about obtaining the spirit of the law vs. obedience to the letter of the law. The Pharisees have proved to be experts at the latter but rather poor at the former.

For Jesus, the spirit of the law entails love... love of God and love of neighbor. Obedience to a command cannot produce love. Love must flow spontaneously from the attitude of the heart. It cannot be forced or coerced or bribed with reward or punishment. For sinners... for those of us to whom the flesh still adheres... for we who live between the sacramental death of going down beneath the water and word of baptism and the physical death of going down beneath the dust from which we came... for

you and I who do not know the content of our hearts or what their true attitude is... we must be content with what God's Word tells us about our hearts (cf. Mt. 15:19 & Ge. 6:5 among many). The Word tells us our hearts do not have a loving attitude. The best we can manage is obedience. Obedience may point to love; it may approximate love; but it will not be love. The Law demands that sinners be the one thing they cannot be and that is a person who loves, fears, and trusts God above all things. Sinners must die so that they can be raised up to walk in newness of life. This newness of life is nothing less than Jesus reigning from the throne of our conscience... nothing less than Jesus' clean heart replacing our sin-blackened and stoney heart. When Jesus reigns, the love of God and the love neighbor flow spontaneously without any commandment... with no obedience... without the Law.

**Table Talk:** Discuss situations where you may have loved God or loved neighbor spontaneously.

**Pray:** Heavenly Father, grant me newness of life as I die to sin and am raised up with Christ as my life. Amen

