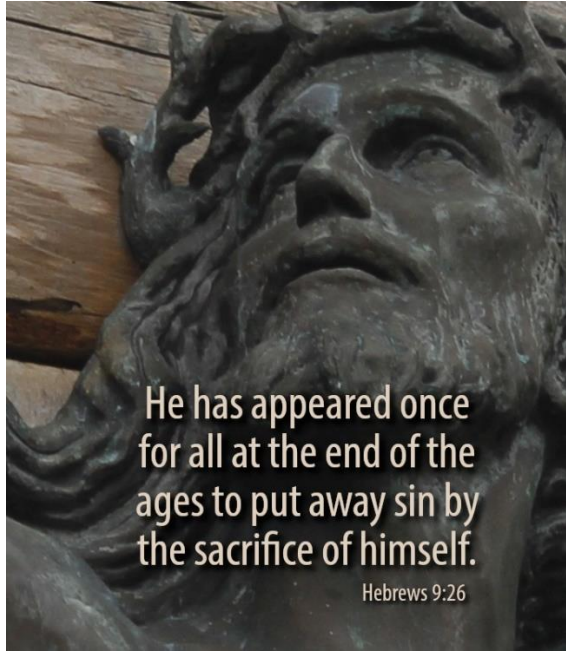


Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Postlude

* = 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: Complete trust in God is something we aspire to exhibit in our lives of faith. We struggle at times, fearful that we will be left without what we need. A widow with a son willingly gave Elijah the last of her food. She received the promise that she would not go hungry. A poor widow put all the money she had into the treasury box, trusting that God would meet all of her needs. May we be so bold in our trust of God! In the Hebrews text we read that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice to take away our sin and grant us everything we need in our life of faith now and eternally. Jesus' sacrifice of love empowers and calls us to be a living sacrifice to the glory of God. Today we remember and give thanks to God for veterans who through their service made great sacrifices on our behalf. Concerning our veterans, it has been said that "all gave some, some gave all" - including their very lives. Thanks be to God for empowering and showing us how to love sacrificially.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to {Elijah}, ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing
praises to my God while I have my being.

²**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

⁶**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸**The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

⁹The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

³⁸And in his teaching {Jesus} said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴⁰And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor

widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 116; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-13. 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of our new pastor, Doug Hefner.
By: Kim Parker

GRACE PRAYER LIST

In the Grace Church Family: Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Tim Eckard, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Irene Heavner, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Michael, Debi & Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Sandi Tallant, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Scott & Carolyn 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, Becky Cartee, Jessica Cassels & Family, Evelyn Childers, Dennis D'Alessio, Guy Franzen, Stormy Geter, Wendy Hannah, John Harwell, J.C., Michele Kirkland, Ray Porter, Lily Rose, Paul and Jenny Mulcahy, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Angela Sanford, Anita Sabino, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Nathan Starnes, 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: Rachel Heavner, Richard Tallant and Danny Cooper

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

All that have been affected by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

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

PLEASE WELCOME PASTOR DOUG HEFNER! We are thrilled that Pastor Doug has been called to serve as our pastor at Grace. He is excited to be with us and is looking forward to getting to know everyone soon. It is his goal to visit everyone within the first couple months of being at Grace. If there is a need that arises and you need to reach him, you may call his cell phone (980)234-8848.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT GRACE extend our Christian sympathy, love and prayers to the family and friends of Rachel Lorene Smith Heavner, who entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, October 27, 2024. Services to celebrate and remember Rachel were held on Thursday, October 31st at Grace. May God comfort all who mourn.

THANK YOU from the family of Rachel Heavner. To our Grace Church Family, our family was overwhelmed with gratitude for the kindness and love shown to us during the loss of our mom. Your prayers were felt and brought us comfort during our loss. Thank you for the delicious spread of food that was provided after the service, giving the family time to share Rachel's life stories and leaving us with much joy during such a tough time.

THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT GRACE extend our Christian sympathy, love and prayers to the family and friends of Richard Tallant, husband of Sandi Tallant, who entered the Church Triumphant on Friday, November 1, 2024. Services to celebrate and remember Richard were held on Sunday, November 4th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Claremont. May God comfort all who mourn.

THE JOHN HOYLE CHAPTER, NSDAR AND THE CATAWBA COUNTY, SAR invite you to attend the rededication of the grave of Patriot Lieutenant John Hoyle on Saturday, **November 16th at 10:00am** in the Grace Lutheran Church Cemetery. Light refreshments will be served. For your comfort during the ceremony, please bring your own portable chair.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - **Shoeboxes can be found in the Children's Choir Loft.** Each box contains a "How to Pack a Shoebox" pamphlet and a "peel and stick" label. There are additional labels in the Children's Choir Loft and the Narthex. **The deadline is Sunday, November 17th. The shipping cost is \$10 this year.** You do not need to include cash or check in your shoebox. Instead, **make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church and be sure to write: "For: Shoebox" on the memo line and place it in the offering plate on Sunday.**

THE GRACE PRAYER LUNCHEON will be held on **Wednesday, November 20th from 12-2pm** in the Grace Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend! The menu for November is Chicken n' Dumplings, Creamed Potatoes, Sugar Peas and a Surprise Dessert! Please plan to play Betty's famous BINGO after lunch.

PLEASE ADORN THE CHANCEL ON CHRISTMAS by giving the gift of a poinsettia. This is a great way to honor or make a memorial to someone or some event. The order form and special envelope for poinsettia orders are in your bulletin each week. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. **Please have all forms in by Sunday, November 24th!**

ASHURE ask for the month of November is flour, cornmeal and sugar. Your donations make a real difference right here in Catawba County! Thank you for helping to keep the food pantry stocked! Servants of Grace have donated **1301 lbs.** of food during 2024 to ASHURE! **Let’s see if we can get that donation up to 1500 lbs. by the end of the year, only 199 pounds to go!**

*“Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing
praises to my God while I have my being.”*
Psalm 146:1

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

11 – Dale Willis

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today: **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship Celebration

Monday: Church Office Closed in Observance of Veteran’s Day

Friday: Church Office Closed

Saturday: 10:00am – John Hoyle Plaque Presentation in Cemetery

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



Table Talk II

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

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MATTHEW 9:18-26

"a ruler came in and knelt before him" (Vs. 18)

The gospel of Mark is more expansive on this ruler who came and knelt before Jesus. From there we learn that this ruler is a ruler of the synagogue, that the ruler's name is Jairus, and that this is a "little" daughter. Jairus pays Jesus great respect by kneeling before him. This action represents the behavior of an inferior to a superior. Jairus, ruler of the synagogue, pays homage to this itinerant preacher. In addition, the ruler, who would have been of the elite class, forsook the normal class privilege of engaging professional healers and sought out this traditional wonder-working rabbi named Jesus.

While the exact age of the daughter is not given, knowledge of the general situation regarding personal health and longevity sheds some light on the situation. Children dying in those days of antiquity would have been a common occurrence. Sixty per cent of children born alive would not live until their thirtieth birthday and those that did suffered from rotten teeth, the effects of protein deficiencies, internal parasites, and bad eyesight. Few lived to be forty. No wonder the aged were accorded such high status in the community.

Also notice that the ruler does not expect a mere healing from Jesus. The ruler grants to

Jesus the power of life and death. Jesus' touch will raise the dead. The ruler is confident of this. You might say it is his confession of faith. In a turn of phrase that brings to mind Jesus' call of his disciples (Mt. 4:20), Matthew tells us that "Jesus rose and followed him..." (vs. 19). Arriving at the ruler's home, Jesus' entourage finds that the crowd of mourners has gathered, and their mourning begun. When Jesus goes to dismiss them because they are inappropriate, these gathered mourners laugh at him. After all, they are the professionals here. They know dead when they see it. Nonetheless, the scoffing crowd is expelled from the house. Jesus' takes the daughter's hand. And she miraculously arises from the bed.

You, my brothers and sisters in Christ, are exposed by these healings... exposed in your lack of faith... exposed in your reliance upon rationalism... exposed in your claims to status and privilege. This exposure reveals that you have nothing of your own to bring. Only Jesus matters... his faith... his work... his word.

Table Talk: Discuss being exposed in all these ways and being turned, then, to Jesus only.

Pray: Father, Grant me trust in Jesus only. Amen

