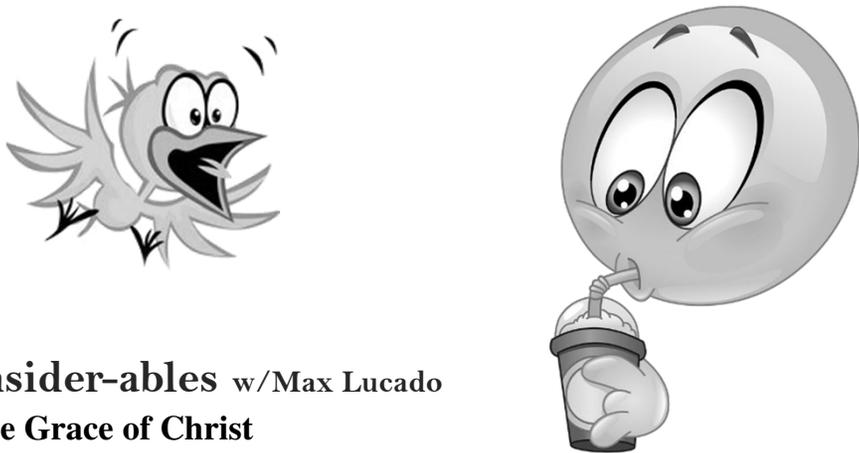


Prayer Concerns:

- Kelly K. – Possible cancer & pneumonia – Pray – Neither, heal all – 11/02/18
- Deb A. – Cancer – Pray – Successful treatment & remission – 10/28/18
- David C. – Cancer – Pray – Successful treatment & remission – 10/15/18
- Patty J. – Heart surgery – Pray – Success and speedy recovery – 10/14/18
- Larry N. – Lung infection – Pray – Clear up & quick recovery – 10/14/18
- Gavin – Concussion from football – Pray– Speedy recovery – 10/10/18
- Duane – General health issues – Pray– All gets well soon – 10/12/18
- Randy – Suffered setback – Pray -- Resolution/healing – 09/26/18 (upd)
- Joanne – Unresolved medical issues – Pray: Speedy resolution – 09/17/18
- Amanda – Moved to Assisted living – Pray: Smooth transition – 09/16/18 (upd)
- Derek – Pain, appendectomy – Pray: Resolution, healing – 09/15/18
- Hurricane victims – Pray -- Speedy resolution to all difficulties – 09/15/18
- Renee – Medical event & hospitalized – Pray: Resolution/cure – 09/14/18
- Ron H. – Cancer – Pray -- Successful treatment/recovery – 09/09/18
- Sharon & Ron Voss – Health issues – Pray -- Healing – 08/24/18
- Lila – Dizziness & falls – Pray – Cont'd recovery from stroke – 08/24/18
- Rose H. – Auto accident – Pray – Cont'd recovery from injuries – 08/13/18



Consider-ables w/Max Lucado

The Grace of Christ

Guilt sucks the life out of our souls. Grace restores it. No one had more reason to feel the burden of guilt than did the apostle Paul. He had orchestrated the deaths of Christians—an ancient version of a terrorist. Yet, Paul gave his guilt to Jesus, period. He surrendered it to Jesus! As a result he could write, *“I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us”* (Philippians 3:13-14 TLB).

What would the apostle say to the guilt-ridden? Simply this: *Rejoice in the Lord’s mercy. Trust in his ability to forgive. Cast yourself upon the grace of Christ and Christ alone!*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 106:5b-10

1-6	The LORD their God is the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
7-12	<i>The LORD their God is the one who keeps faith forever.</i>
13-18	The LORD their God is the one who executes justice for the oppressed.
19-24	<i>The LORD their God is the one who gives food to the hungry.</i>
25-31	The LORD their God is the one who sets the prisoners free.
1-6	The LORD their God is the one who opens the eyes of the blind.
7-12	<i>The LORD their God is the one who lifts up those who are bowed down.</i>
13-18	The LORD their God is the one who loves the righteous.
19-24	<i>The LORD their God is the one who watches over the strangers.</i>
25-31	The LORD their God is the one who upholds the orphan and the widow.
ALL:	The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, *“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”*

So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, *“Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.”*

As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, *“Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”*

Lesson...(cont'd)

But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

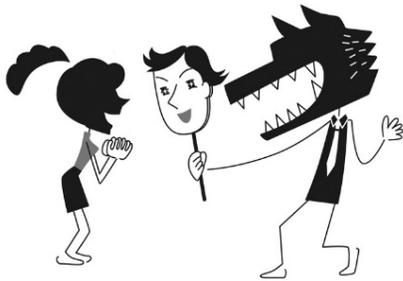
Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth."

She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He then sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."



Announce-able(s)...

Thanksgiving – Service @ 7:00pm followed by pie social --- Wednesday, November 21st.

Advent – Wednesdays (Nov. 28th, Dec. 5, 12, 19) teaching services, "The Church in the Modern World."

Lutheran-ables...From "The Lutheran Handbook II"

How to tell the difference between cheap grace & regular grace

(cont'd from last week)

BE AWARE

- Humans manufacture cheap grace. Regular grace pops out of nowhere, undeserved, uncontrived, and dismantles all your self-justifications before Christ because it comes straight from God.
- Paul reminds us in Romans 6:1-2. "Wat then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?"
- Antinomian is a fancy word for someone who indulges in "cheap grace." (Anti = "against," Nomian = "law."(cont'd next week)

Grin-able(s)...

One day an angel appeared to Adam. The angel said, "Adam, I've got great news. God is going to create something wonderful for you." Adam said, "Oh, what is it?" The angel said, "It's not an 'it,' it's a 'she'." "God is going to make something called a woman." Adam said, "Go on." The angel continued, "This is going to be wonderful. This woman will be made to be a lot like you physically, only much more beautiful. She will live to serve you at all times. When you are tired, she'll give you a massage. When you are hungry, she'll feed you. She'll come and bow down to you in the morning and when you return from working in the garden in the evening. She'll live to serve your every pleasure each day. In addition," the angel continued, "she will never argue with you or complain. She won't nag you or talk back to you either. For every command you give her, she'll simply reply, "yes, master." She'll clean your house, and tend to your every desire." Adam had a sparkle in his eye and said with excitement, "Wow, that sounds amazing. I'd really like to have something like that. But what's it going to cost me?" The angel said, "Well Adam, it's going to cost you your right arm, and a leg." Adam thought about it for a while, and then replied, "What can I get for just a rib?"



Calendar...

- Next Council Meeting – November 13th
- Next Communion – November 18th