

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is October 15, 2024

This past Sunday was:

Pentecost 21

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday Pastor shared about Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler in Mark 10. The theme of the message was: "Jesus Loves with the Truth." Jesus loved the man, as He loves us all, and out of love He told the rich young man what he needed to hear. That while he had many good intentions, he still held his riches as an idol and this was a problem.

Next Sunday, October 20 is:

Pentecost 22

This coming Sunday we hear three key themes. The OT and Gospel lessons return to the problem of the sinful temptation of riches. Hebrews brings up the theme of rest in God. Hebrews also speaks to us the great theme of the living word and the power of the Word of God in our lives.

The readings are:

[Ecclesiastes 5:10-20](#)

[Hebrews 4:1-16](#)

[Mark 10:23-31](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

"Hope of the World" - LSB #690

Grace Events This Week

Tue 10/15 (7p) - Church Council Mtg

Thu 10/17 (9:30a) - Thursday Morning Bible Study - "Judges"

Sat 10/19 (9a-3p) - Grace IMPACT Craft Show

Sun 10/20 (9:15a) - Bible Study - "Genesis"

Sun 10/20 (Noon) - Voters Meeting

Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

Pentecost 21

October 20, 2024

Psalm: Psalm 119:9-16

Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Did you know the proverbial idea of “naked we came into the world, and naked we will leave this world” comes from King Solomon in Ecclesiastes 5? Its similar to the proverb “he who dies with the most toys still dies” and “you can’t take any of it with you.” No doubt there are more proverbs about death and riches and Solomon captures the thought well. The Biblical message is never that riches and wealth are *intrinsically bad*. After all they are at the same time blessings from God and inanimate objects. But riches and wealth are a great temptation to our sinful hearts as Solomon warns. Instead, Solomon points his hearers to the goodness and joy of being fruitful to the glory of God and with love for our neighbor.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:1-16

This passage in Hebrews 4:12 points us to the powerful nature of the Word of God: “*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*” Too often we approach the Bible as though it is merely another textbook like our math and science texts from high school. We approach it as if we are just learning more facts or getting good advice about life. The Word is so much more. The Spirit is active in the Word. The writer to the Hebrews calls it “living and active” and it holds power to cut to the heart and change both heart and mind. This is a good thing!

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:23-31

In this passage is some of the most fascinating teaching of Jesus. He makes a startling statement “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God.” He is right! The temptation to sin is so great that none of us come away innocent. Indeed, none are even born innocent. We join together with his disciples asking the desperate question in verse 26 “then who can be saved?” And we hear Jesus Gospel answer “with man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” What an amazing hope we have in Christ! When we hear that promise in verse 27 of “all things are possible” let us immediately think of the resurrection. That God is able even to raise the dead, and of this Jesus is the firstfruits.

The Five Solas

Included in the October 13, 2024 Worship Folder

This week we look at *sola gratia*, “grace alone”. This was one of the central points of the Lutheran Reformation with more time being spent in the Augsburg Confession and in the Apology (Defense) on the topic of justification and grace alone than any other. To be blunt, the question of grace alone is one of the key differences between Lutherans and Roman Catholics.



The belief in grace alone is based in Romans 3:10-12 and Ephesians 2:8-9 “for by grace you have been saved through faith...” and many other Scriptures.

When we say grace alone we mean that our salvation and justification from the judgment and condemnation we deserve because of sin is a gift of pure grace from God alone on account of Christ. We have done nothing to earn it or deserve it. Grace.