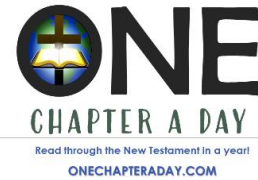


Week 27 – GRACED to give – 05.1.2022– (weekly readings: 2 Corinthians 8-13)



Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV) ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Sermon notes: what joy do you find in giving? Children love to give. They love to give until they think, discover, realize, their resources may be limited. (Scarcity mentality) once a child learns this, scarcity reality, the giving can go out the door. So can ours. But the good news is we have been given grace to give. Because God has poured into us his marvelous grace of Christ. And this that is **unlimited**. **In fact, the more you give away the more you get.** **2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)** ⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Today's message will focus the memory verse, **2 Corinthians 8:9, and, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

(sermon outline) We have been graced by Christ to give

1. give bountifully
2. give cheerfully
3. give from the heart
4. God's promise – ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 cor 9:8.
5. **2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)** ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN

Opening Psalm 30:1-5

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths

and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

O LORD my God, I called to you for help

and you healed me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave;

you spared me from going down into the pit.

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;

praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,

but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Opening Song:

Confession & Absolution

We have come to worship our great God. However, in our sinful condition, we cannot get near to Him. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I

am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.

By the grace of God, there is One who is worthy to take our requests for forgiveness to God's throne of grace. Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.

Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song:

Children's Message: (no song after the children's message)

Scriptures:

First reading: **2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15 (ESV)**

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that

their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (ESV)**

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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11:00 VERSE

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Alleluia.. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 21:1-14 (ESV) ¹ After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee,

and two others of his disciples were together.

³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No."

⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Message Song:

Message:

Creed

Prayers of the Church

As we pray together for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, you are invited to take a moment now in

silent prayer to lift up the names and needs that are upon your heart this day.

(A time of silence for personal prayers)

Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, when we are faced with living in the unknown, not knowing what today or tomorrow may bring,

Give us Your Holy Spirit that He may help us to trust in Your unfailing love and know that for those who love You all things work together for good, for those who are called according to Your purpose.

You set apart nations and governments for the protection of people, for justice, and for the promotion of virtue.

Raise up good and honest leaders here and everywhere, and guide them on the path of peace for the benefit of all.

You deliver the sick from their illness, the wounded from their pain, the grieving from their sorrow, and the dying from their fear, especially today we pray...Bless all people according to their need with grace sufficient to carry them through their day of trouble, and sustain them in faith, according to Your gracious will. Risen Lord, in Your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You bestow upon us the resources we need for this body and life and You equip us with eternal life.

Grant that in our baptismal vocation we live for more than the moment and use the resources entrusted to us for Your eternal purpose.

You show us mercy and grant us forgiveness though we deserve neither. Through Your Means of Grace You come to us in simple ways, yet with powerful grace through Jesus' body and blood given and shed for us.

As we join in fellowship at Your Table, help us through Your Spirit's gift of faith that we may recognize our risen Lord, and Him alone, for our forgiveness of sins and for the nourishment of our faith.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose Risen and Victorious name together we pray,

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Song (during distribution)

The Dismissal & Sending

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace to serve the Lord.

Benediction

As you leave God's house today

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace."

(The Benediction is from & Numbers 6:24-26)

The Dismissal & Sending

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace to serve the Lord.

Benediction

As you leave God's house today, go in the confidence that "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace."

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Closing Song:

Sending

Go in peace to serve the LORD.

Thanks be to God!