

Sunday Service with Communion
Shock and Awe
Luke 7

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**the JESUS
EXPERIENCE**
Discover Luke's Story

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

HOLY COMMUNION

is celebrated in our worship service today. This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing. If you are not a member of the LCMS, please talk with the pastor before communion.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

ATTENDANCE BOOKS: PLEASE BE SURE TO PASS ALONG THE RED ATTENDANCE BOOKS IN YOUR ROW AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN IT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

The Jesus Experience

Luke's Story of Jesus Luke wants to tell us a story; no, he wants to give us an experience. It's about someone who is doing something new, someone who is bringing miracles, healings, and parties, someone who defies expectations, someone whom everyone has an opinion about, and who will save the world.

Today: Shock and Awe

Chapter seven is filled with shock and awe. An outsider shows great faith, a widow's son is raised, John the Baptist is not sure about Jesus, and a sinner is forgiven much. Many times when we encounter true faith, we are filled with shock and awe.

-THE OPENING HYMN

Oh, Worship the King (lW 458)

1. *Oh, worship the King,
all glorious above,
And gratefully sing
His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
the ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendor,
and girded with praise.*
2. *Oh, tell of His might,
and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.*
3. *The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your pow'r
has founded of old,
Established it fast
by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea.*
5. *Frail children of dust,
and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies, how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender,
redeemer, and friend!*

-- PSALM OF THE DAY

Pastor: God has found the Messiah, His servant.

PEOPLE: WITH HIS HOLY OIL, HE HAS ANOINTED HIM KING

Pastor: He will cry out to God, 'You are my Father,

PEOPLE: MY GOD, AND THE ROCK OF MY SALVATION!'

Pastor: His unfailing love will always be with him, protecting him;

PEOPLE: HIS COVENANT WITH US WILL NEVER BE BROKEN.

Taken from Psalm 89

--THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")

-THE HYMN OF PRAISE

I want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. *I want to walk as a child of the light,
I want to fol-low Je-sus,
God set the stars
to give light to the world
The star of my life is Je-sus.*

REFRAIN
IN HIM THERE IS NO DARK-NESS AT ALL.
THE NIGHT AND THE DAY ARE BOTH A-LIKE.
THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT
OF THE CIT-Y OF GOD.
SHINE IN MY HEART, LORD JE-SUS.

-- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)

Pastor:  *O Eternal God,*

**PEOPLE: WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE
BROKEN. WE HAVE LOOKED
ELSEWHERE FOR HOPE, INSTEAD OF
LOOKING TO YOU.
WE HAVE PURSUED WHAT
WE WANT AND HAVE FORGOTTEN
THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.
WE HAVE LOOKED TO OUR OWN GAIN
WITHOUT HELPING THOSE IN OUR
COMMUNITY.**

**FORGIVE US LORD.
CALL US TOGETHER TO REMEMBER
THAT WE ARE THE BODY IN CHRIST,
THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL
AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS,
TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME.**

AMEN

Pastor:  *The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.
You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new
life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE:  AMEN

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:  *Almighty and eternal God,
you rule over everything in heaven and on earth. In mercy listen to the prayers of
your people, and give us your peace in our times. We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.*

PEOPLE:  AMEN

THE FIRST LESSON

Joshua 2:1-7

Throughout the story of God's people, the partnership between human beings' faith and God's power leads to God's purposes being fulfilled in human lives.

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you,

who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

Reader:  *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE:  **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 2:15-21

Some preachers from Jerusalem think that believers must keep true to Jewish rules regarding circumcision, Sabbath observance and kosher food. Paul argues that it is only the faithfulness of Jesus and the presence of the Spirit that serve as the foundation of the new covenant and as the entrance into the people of God.

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works

of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:36-50

Greeting a teacher with a kiss and providing a guest oil for him to anoint his head were basic courtesies. The host may have clearly insulted Jesus, or at least treated him as being of low rank, which most teachers would have viewed as insulting.

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among[a] themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

APOSTLES CREED

-HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (LW 509)

- 1. *Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!***
- 2. *The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.***
- 3. *Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far,
His grace will see me home.***
- 4. *Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.***

--- THE SERMON

Shock and Awe

--- THE OFFERTORY

***Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day
He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the
right hand of God,
the Father, Almighty.
From thence
He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

---- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: *May the Lord be with you!*

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Pastor: *The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat.
Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life has been
restored. And so we praise you*

PEOPLE: **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD,
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,
HEAVEN AND EARTH
ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA, HOSANNA**

**HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

---- THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come O Savior to Thy Table (LW 242)

**1. *I come, O Savior, to your table, for
weak and weary is my soul;
You, Bread of Life, alone are able to
satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood be
for my soul the highest good!***

**2. *Restless am I and heavy laden, with sin
my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously, and gladden my
heart that here is now your guest.***

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory
Forever and ever.
Amen

***Lord, may your body and your blood be
for my soul the highest good!***

3. *Your heart is filled with fervent
yearning that I, a sinner, come to you;
I, Lord, to your sure mercy turning, my
ancient bond of faith renew.
Lord, may your body and your blood be
for my soul the highest good!*
4. *In hope I come to your high table, your
testament of deepest love;
For by its grace I now am able to know
the heart of God above.
Lord, may your body and your blood be
for my soul the highest good!*
5. *What greater gift can I inherit? It is
faith's bonded solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
the covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may your body and your blood be
for my soul the highest good!*
6. *Your body crucified, O Savior, your
blood which once for me was shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
by them my hungry soul is fed.
Lord, may your body and your blood be
for my soul the highest good!*

Let All Together Praise Our God (LW 44)

1. *Let all to-geth-er praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
To-day He o-pens heav,n a-gain
To give us his own Son,
To give us his own Son.*
2. *The Fa-ther sends him from his throne
To be an in-fant so small
And lie here poor-ly man-gered now
In this cold ,dis-mal stall,
In this cold ,dis-mal stall.*
3. *With-in an earth-born form he hides
His all -cre-at-ing light;
To serve us all he hum-bly cloaks
The splen-dor of, his might,
The splen-dor of, his might.*
4. *He un-der-takes a great ex-change,
Puts on our hu-man frame,
And in re-turn gives us his realm,
His glo-ry and his name,
His glo-ry and his name.*
5. *He is a servant, I a lord,
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ child's
love!
No truer friend than he,
No truer friend than he.*
6. *He is the key and he the door
To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more,
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.*
7. *Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise you evermore.*

I Surrender All

1. *All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.*

REFRAIN
***I SURRENDER ALL, I SURRENDER ALL.
ALL TO THEE, MY BLESSED SAVIOR,
I SURRENDER ALL.***

3. *All to Jesus, I surrender
make me Savior wholly Thine,
Let me feel the Holy Spirit truly know
that Thou art mine. (REFRAIN)*

4. *All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee,
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let
Thy blessing fall on me. (REFRAIN)*

2. *All to Jesus I surrender
humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken take me,
Jesus, take me now. (REFRAIN)*

----- THE BLESSING

*Pastor: The Lord bless with a strong, true faith.
The Lord go before you into shocking acts of faith.
The Lord look upon you with grace as he gives you peace.*

PEOPLE: AMEN.

-----THE CLOSING HYMN

Go My Children, with My Blessings (vs 1)

*Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children with My blessing, you are My own.*

----- SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

<u>Today</u>	<u>January 20 , 2019</u>
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	8:45 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	Immediately following worship
Korean Church Worship	1:00 pm
AA	7:30 pm

This Week

Via de Cristo @Bocks home	Monday, 1/21--6:30 pm
MOPS	Wednesday, 1/23--9:15 am
Bible Study @Perkin's Restaurant	Thursday,1/17-- 7:30 am
Scripture Narration	Thursday, 1/17--11:00 am
Worship Team	Friday, 1/18--10:30 am
Korean Prayer Service	Saturday, 1/19--6:00 am

REMEMBER THIS DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2019...4pm and 7pm.

Please mark your calendar and save this date for an important informational meeting. There will be two informational sessions with a representative of ACC (Alzheimer's Community Care) and Grace's New Facilities Committee to give the congregation complete information on the proposed building project. We want you to be informed. Any questions you may have will be answered.

Your New Facilities Committee is so excited about this project and the future of Grace Lutheran. We know once you attend one of these sessions, you will be excited too! Please join us.

The vote on this project will be at our Voters Meeting, FEBRUARY 17TH. Please save the date so you will be able to attend one (or both) of these sessions as well as the Voters Meeting.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS Jill Wallen, 1/20; Joan Lemke, 1/26.

ANNIVERSARIES No anniversaries listed this week.

THE FLOWERS adorning the altar are given to the glory of God.

FLOWER CHART

The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to order flowers to adorn the altar for a specific Sunday, please write your name on the appropriate line. The cost per Sunday is approximately \$27.00. We thank you for your help.





REMEMBER THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, ***Please make your requests in writing or email.*** You can make your request by email either to Midge Watts, meowatts@bellsouth.net or to the church website, www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray. Also, your loved one will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of needs.

DON'T FORGET THE BACKPACK PROGRAM; A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and a collection box is in the narthex. Cash donations earmarked "Backpack" may be placed in the offering plate as well. For more information contact Leigh Liagre.



MOPS at Grace Lutheran, a local Christian moms group that meets here twice monthly, is hosting a yard sale in the church parking lot. The sale will be held on Saturday, February 2 at 8 am. If you are interested in partaking in the yard sale, the group is asking that you purchase a table for \$15, but you will keep 100% of your sales. A generous donation towards our group would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Laura Davis at 772-233-6894 to request a table. Set up would start at 7am. MOPS moms thank you for your generosity and participation!

WE STILL HAVE A FEW ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS "Two-for-one" and 50% off discounts at hundreds of great names you know in the Treasure Coast. Cost is \$35 per book. Profits from the sale go to the Youth Fund for their future events. January 27th will be the final opportunity. See Susan Becker in the narthex following the service.



QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK.

1. Describe a time when you've seen someone act in faith. What did it look like?
2. Read Luke 7: 1-10. A centurion, someone who was a Roman military officer and was not Hebrew. He did not feel like he could ask for something from Jesus because he was an outsider to the faith. How does Jesus respond to him?
3. Why is it shocking that Jesus says "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."? (Luke 7:9) What does this tell us about the nature of faith?
4. Read Luke 7:36-50. Why do you think this sinful woman would have shown up at this Pharisees house where Jesus was eating?
5. Compare the responses of Jesus and Simon the Pharisee, as they encounter this sinful woman who comes into their presence. How does Jesus view the situation differently? What does this tell us about the nature of faith and forgiveness?