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Pentecost 2

June 6 & 9, 2013

Last Sunday we heard that faith trusts God's power completely. This Sunday's lessons sound the depth of that faith. Can our faith trust completely, even when faced with death itself? Facing our own mortality, or that of our loved ones, can bring out the weakest parts of our character. And so, today the Church prays: Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength...

Service: Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

Hymns: 414, 413, 429, 312, 334

Preparation for Communion: Page 156

Prayer of the Day: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:17-24

The Shunamite woman expressed her faith in the Lord by providing for the Lord's prophet, Elijah. But her faith is shaken at the death of her only son, himself a special gift from the Lord. But the Lord changes her sorrow into joy by raising her son from the dead. God was gracious to her in her weakness and gave her renewed strength of faith seen in those humble words of awe at this display of power, "Now I know."

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah, "What do you have

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Welcome! We thank



God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

"Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 30 (p. 76)

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:18b-26

Live or die, Paul is at peace with the Lord's will. The message of the risen Christ is being proclaimed. More than a prophet, Christ has come to bring life from death. Therefore, Paul knows and is confident of this: the Lord can and will bring joy even through the sorrow of death. We now know the Lord of life who took away Death's sting. In him we can rejoice with Paul who said, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

A grieving heart finds unexpected joy as death is met by the Author of life. Leaving the people in awe at the display of his power, Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead. In so doing, Jesus brought joy to his mother and a promise of help to God's people. Death is powerless before the Son of God. In this young man's rising from death to life,

Christ gives us a foretaste of what waits for God's people. Faith trusts in Christ—even in the face of death.

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Sermon:

1 Kings 17:17-24

What Do You Know?

Doubt in the face of death
Joy in God's gift of life

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 261 (36, 225) **Communion:** 22 (Thursday)

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, chapters 12-13
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Council
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	End Time Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak to Pastor Ott before communing.

Book Study will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and finish the book.

End Times Bible Class will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. We will look at "Dispensationalism." Join us and bring the family!

Christmas at Camp Registration Sunday, June 9, is the deadline to sign up for Christmas at Camp. Sign-up sheets are located on our website or on the tables in the church basement. Give your forms to Mr. Humann today!