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THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLLED

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Reaching Out. Reaching Up. Reaching Across.

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WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning, whether in-person or online. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

If you would like to meet with Pastor Koepke, please contact him to make an appointment. Our pastor is here to serve both Lamb of God members and our community.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

We love having children in our service. However, if you feel your child needs to be taken out for a while, you may choose to use the children's room off the hallway near the mailboxes. We also ask everyone to reserve the back few rows for families with young children, making it easier to leave the church area if needed.

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Those Who Exalt Themselves Will Be Humbled

✠ The Gathering ✠

OPENING SONG: *To God Be the Glory (CW 399)*

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

M: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

M: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"
Let the poor say, "I am rich!"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"
Let the poor say, "I am rich!"
Because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks!

(Musical Interlude)

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Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"
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Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"
Let the poor say, "I am rich!"
Because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING: *Proverbs 25:6-7a*

Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride.

- ⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

act
justly
love
mercy
walk
humbly
with your God
Micah 6:8

HYMN: In Unity and Peace



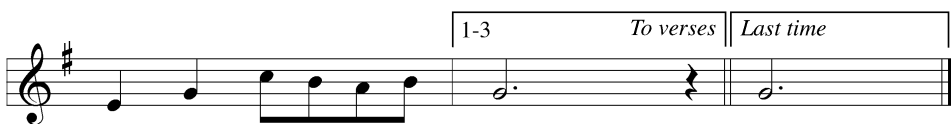
How good it is and how pleas - ant to



live in u - ni - ty and peace. How



good it is and how pleas - ant to



live to - geth-er in one Lord. Lord.



1 In the name of our Lord Je - sus Christ, a -
2 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call; be
3 Share the love that has joined us as one; u -



gree in ev - 'ry - thing you say.
hum - ble, gen - tle, and pa - tient.
nite in spir - it and i - deals.



May there be no di - vi - sions a - mong you, but
Bear with each oth - er in ways that are lov - ing; pre -
Nev - er be ri - vals; do not be con - ceit - ed, but

be u - ni - ted in one mind.
 serve the u - ni - ty of faith. For there is
 look to oth - ers in their need.

one Lord, one faith, one
 To Refrain
 God of us all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING: *James 2:1-13*

James teaches that showing favoritism to those we think can provide us with upward mobility shows a lack of mercy and puts us at risk of God's judgment.

¹My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹²Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Speak, O Lord*



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.

SERMON: Luke 14:1,7-14

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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. Amen.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Hannah Kent

Chadrick and Amanda Outcalt, and children Owen and Olivia

✠ The Prayers ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of glory, you teach us that all our striving for recognition and status will only end in humiliation. You call us instead to lay aside our pride and trust you to lift us up in your time.

C: Keep us humble, Lord, and exalt us only by your grace.

M: Father, your Word in Proverbs reminds us that it is better to take the lowly place than to seek our own honor. Give us wisdom to see through the emptiness of pride and to find joy in serving others.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

M: Lord Jesus, you warned against showing favoritism to the rich and powerful while despising the poor and needy. Forgive us for the times we have loved those who could benefit us, while overlooking those who could not repay.

C: Fill us with your mercy, that we may show mercy to others.

M: Savior, you showed true humility by taking the lowest place for us—even the shame of the cross. Because you were humbled, we know that you will also lift up all who trust in you.

C: Help us cling to your humility, and not our own.

M: O Spirit, strengthen us to follow Christ's example in our daily lives. Free us from living for human praise, and lead us to serve the widow, the orphan, the lonely, and the poor.

C: Shape our hearts to love as Christ has loved us.

M: Compassionate Lord, look with mercy on all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Give them healing according to your will, comfort in their pain, and patience to trust your promises until the day you make all things new.

C: Be their strength, their peace, and their hope.

M: Lord of the Church, bless your people everywhere with unity in the gospel and humility in service. Remove pride, division, and favoritism from among us, and give us joy in being your redeemed children.

C: Let our lives reflect your glory, until you call us to your eternal banquet.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we join to pray the prayer he taught:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (CW 332)*

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.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.
4. I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Children's Sunday School will meet at the front of church after our fellowship time—listen for the bell tone! After that, Bible class will meet to study idolatry, especially idols that hide themselves in our lives. Please join us for this time of study.

FOUNDATIONS CLASS

A new round of Foundations will begin on September 16, 2025, and will continue on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm at church. This class is a great opportunity to study the basic teachings of God's Word. It is also the starting point for those who are interested in becoming communicant members of Lamb of God. Speak with Pastor Koepke for more information.

GIVING TO LAMB OF GOD

If you wish to give your offering to Lamb of God online, this QR code is provided for your convenience. Several types of payment are accepted on this secure site. Thank you for your financial gifts to assist with the ministry of Lamb of God.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER AND CARE

Your prayer request will be treated with great discretion and shared with a limited group of prayer warriors who will consider it a gift to cover you in prayer. This is also a way to reach the Caring Committee if you need other assistance.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

During our fellowship time this morning (between the service and our Bible study) please take time to meet and welcome our newest Lamb of God members!

Also, if you can host a fellowship or two in the next several months, there is a sheet available today on the snack table. We had great participation throughout the summer. Let's keep it up!

LIFE GROUPS

Pick up a booklet or use the QR link to check out the Fall 2025 Life Groups. There are some new opportunities for the September to December session. See how you can become involved.



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