



Take the
lowest place,
so that when
your host comes,
he will say to you,
“*Friend,*
move up
to a better place.”

LUKE 14:10, NIV

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As We Gather

Everyone knows that humility is a positive trait and pride is a negative one. So, why bother talking about what we already know? Because in spite of that knowledge, we still helplessly fall into the trap of pride. We cannot help but think that our ascent to the exalted status we desire is our responsibility. We even take our exaltation into our own hands, either by treating poorly those we believe we can stand on top of or by showing favoritism to those we believe can provide us with upward mobility. Rather than minimizing pride as a sin that is common or harmless, Jesus' words today confront us with this hard truth. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled by God. But Jesus also gives us the promise we need to be freed from pride's trap. Our exaltation doesn't need to be our responsibility because Jesus has already made it his. Those who humble themselves Christ will exalt.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 224 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

[Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
C **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

P Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 112

P Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

C who greatly delights in his commandments!

P His offspring will be mighty in the land;

C the generation of the upright will be blessed.

P Wealth and riches are in his house,

C and his righteousness endures forever.

P Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;

C he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

P It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;

C who conducts his affairs with justice.

P For the righteous will never be moved;

C he will be remembered forever.

P He is not afraid of bad news;

C his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

P His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,

C until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

P He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;

C his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

P The wicked man sees it and is angry;

C he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

Gloria Patri


Glory be to the Father



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

Kyrie


Lord, Have Mercy



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on High - Hymn 238, st. 1



All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev - er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

James 2:1-13

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you,

‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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.

Hymn

TLH 175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon Text

Proverbs 25:6-13

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal

another's secret, ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. ¹¹ A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. ¹² Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. ¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters.



Sermon

Seek Humility

- I. In View of Yourself
- II. In Your Actions Toward Others
- III. In Your Words of Council

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with in me.
Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence;
and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion;
and up hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

Hymn

TLH 395 (1-5) – O God, Thou Faithful God

Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

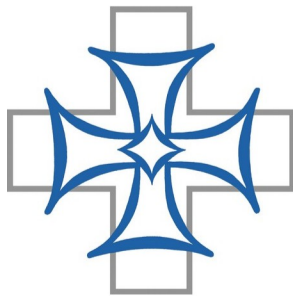
Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

TLH 410 – Jesus, Lead Thou On

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TLH 224 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Acts 2: 4

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

Martin Luther, 1524

Tr., composite

7. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 10. 8.

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

15th-century melody

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy gra - ces now out - poured
2 Thou ho - ly Light, Guide Di - vine, Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!
3 Thou ho - ly Fire, Com - fort true, Grant us the will Thy work to do

On each be - liev - er's mind and heart; Thy fer - vent love to them im - part.
Teach us to know our God a - right And call Him Fa - ther with de - light.
And in Thy serv - ice to a - bide; Let tri - als turn us not a - side.

Lord, by the bright - ness of Thy light Thou in the faith dost men u - nite
From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our Mas - ter be
Lord, by Thy pow'r pre - pare each heart And to our weakness strength impart

Of ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue; This to Thy praise, O Lord,
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our Lord, with all
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Thro' life and death to Thee,

our God, be sung. Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 our might con-fide. Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!
 our Lord, as-cend. Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! A-men.

TLH 175 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gal, 6: 14
 Isaac Watts, 1707, ab. and alt.

L. M.
 (FIRST TUNE)

Hamburg
 Based on First Gregorian Chant
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

1 When I sur-vey the won-drous cross On which the

Prince of Glo-ry died, My rich-est gain I count but

loss And pour con-tempt on all my pride. A-men.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God; Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
 All the vain things that charm me most, Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 I sacrifice them to His blood. Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

TLH 395 (1-5) – O God, Thou Faithful God

1 Kings 3: 5

6. 7. 6. 7. 6. 6. 6. 6.

O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johann Heermann, 1680

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

O Gott, du frommer Gott

"Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch"

Meiningen, 1693



1 O God, Thou faith-ful God, Thou Foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant Thou me strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Oh, let me nev - er speak What bounds of truth ex - ceed - eth;
 4 If dan - gers gath - er round, Still keep me calm and fear - less;



Who good and per - fect gifts In mer - cy art be - stow - ing,
 What - e'er Thou shalt com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Grant that no i - dle word From out my mouth pro - ceed - eth;
 Help me to bear the cross When life is dark and cheer - less;



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 To do it when I ought, With all my might, and bless
 And then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,
 And let me win my foe With words and ac - tions kind.



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin!
 The work I thus have wrought, For Thou must give suc - cess.
 My words grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 When coun - sel I would know, Good coun - sel let me find. A - men.



5 And let me with all men,
 As far as in me lieth,
 In peace and friendship live.
 And if Thy gift supplieth
 Great wealth and honor fair,
 Then this refuse me not,
 That naught be mingled there
 Of goods unjustly got.

TLH 410 – Jesus, Lead Thou On

Luke 5: 11

Jesu, geh voran

Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1725

Cento by Christian Gregor, 1778

Tr., Jane Borthwick, 1854, alt.

5. 5. 8. 8. 5. 5.

Seelenbräutigam

Adam Drese, 1697

1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the Foe be near, Let not faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief; When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly Lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.
 fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - trol, pro - tect us,

Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - ya woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land. A - men.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLutheran.com/calendar

August 28	9:00 am	Worship Service
August 30	6:30 pm	Elders
August 31	8:00 am	LMS School Opening Service
	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship Service (Sunday Repeat)
September 1	6:30 pm	Mission Committee
September 4	9:00 am	Worship Service
September 6	6:30 pm	School Committee
September 7	6:30 pm	Midweek Worship Service (Sunday Repeat)
September 9	6:30 pm	Game Night
September 10	8:00 am	Fondue Fest
September 11	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship Meal

Midweek Worship Service: A repeat of the Sunday worship service will be held on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Please spread the word to those you know who are unable to make it to church on Sundays.

Paper Products/Supplies: We are making an effort to keep all of the supplies you may need on the main level of the church. Paper products are no longer kept in the basement. You should be able to find everything you need somewhere in the kitchen. For example, paper towels are now kept in the cupboards on either side of the sink. If you need help finding anything, please reach out to Barb H.

Property Needs: There are several needs currently for our church property. We may need to hire out the work on the trees. In that case, any references would be helpful. If you can help, please contact Tyler Kern at 920-266-9366 or tyler@kernhome.org

1. Shades need to be installed in the 146 teacherage.
2. Painting (possibly) needs to be done at the 146 teacherage

3. Branches need to be trimmed away from the roof at the parsonage
4. Dead tree needs to be taken down in yard of 146 teacherage
5. Dead tree needs to be removed by backstop

Back to Church Sunday: Back to Church Sunday is September 11. We will return to our regular schedule with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am and the worship service at 10:00 am. There will be a fellowship meal following the worship service. The Mission Committee will be providing items for a taco bar. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for other items needed.

Youth Group: The youth of the congregation are invited for a night of fun at Fondy Sports Park on September 16th from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. The cost per person is \$10. For more information, please contact April Kern.

Man Up! Retreat: The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is on for this fall will be held September 22-25, 2022, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment by August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

Southeastern Women's Retreat: The women of the Southeastern Conference of the CLC will be hosting a women's retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC October 7-9, 2022. Any CLC women who would like to join us (as well as any friends you would like to bring) can obtain a registration form from their pastor or can find it on the "CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat Information" Facebook page. The registration deadline is September 1, 2022.

CLC Women's Retreat West: Mark your calendars! Coming up – a weekend of Bible study, interviews, personal narratives, and a special presentation by Missionary Todd Ohlmann at the 17th (almost) annual Women's Retreat West to be held September 16-19 at Chadron State Part, Chadron, NE. For more information and to register, visit <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/>

