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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May God work in us by his Holy Spirit that we may be moved to work for him.

*Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.*

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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope to stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew. Amen.

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**SERVICE THEME** The humble will be exalted; the exalted will be humbled.

**BELLS**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Great Is the Lord* | LAPPY page 100

**GREETING**

Pastor/**Congregation**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*Father, I Adore You* | LAPPY page 67

**Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!**  
**Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!**  
**Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Proverbs 25:6-7a

*Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride.*

Do not honor yourself in a king's presence. Do not stand in a place reserved for great people, <sup>7</sup>because it is better to be told, "Come up here," than for you to be humiliated before a ruler whom your eyes have seen.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**

*Jesus, Lead Me Day by Day* | LAPPY page 157 v 1

**Jesus, lead me day by day, Ever in your own sweet way.**  
**Teach me to be pure and true; Show me what I ought to do.**

**SECOND LESSON**

James 2:1-13

*James teaches that showing favoritism treats others with judgment rather than mercy, putting us at risk of receiving the same from God.*

My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. <sup>2</sup>For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold

rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. <sup>3</sup>If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, “Sit here in this good place,” but you tell the poor man, “Stand over there” or “Sit down here at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you dishonored the poor man. Don’t the rich oppress you, and don’t they drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Aren’t they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? <sup>8</sup>However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

<sup>10</sup>In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not commit murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. <sup>13</sup>For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE** *Jesus, Lead Me Day by Day* | **LAPPY page 157 v 2-3**

**When I’m tempted to do wrong, Make me steadfast, wise, and strong;  
And when all alone I stand, Shield me with your mighty hand.**

**When the day is fresh and new, Help me to remember you,  
Happy most of all to know That my Jesus loves me so.**

**GOSPEL** Luke 14:1, 7-14  
*Jesus teaches some ways to demonstrate humility and promises that those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. <sup>9</sup>The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’

Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

<sup>11</sup>“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

<sup>13</sup>“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Old Rugged Cross* | **LAPPY page 226**

**“Display True Humility”**

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Humility of spirit
2. Humility in action

**SERMON RESPONSE**

*Make Me a Servant* | **LAPPY page 202**

**PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD’S PRAYER**

**SERMON HYMN**

*It Is Well with My Soul* | **LAPPY page 154**

**CLOSING COLLECT & BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* | **LAPPY page 164**

**ORGANIST**

Laura Nolte

**GREETERS**

8:00 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz

10:00 ~ Jim Pflum