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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Holy Spirit, you dwell on our hearts and work powerfully in us. Renew our hearts and minds this hour so that we may serve you with humility, kindness, and joy.

THEME OF THE DAY: Everyone knows that humility is a positive trait and pride is a negative one, but we still helplessly fall into the trap of pride. We all desire recognition and praise. Jesus' sharp words this week teach us that seeking exaltation in fleeting ways will only result in receiving the opposite in the end. Those who attempt to exalt themselves will eventually be humbled by God. In contrast, Jesus promises that those who live to serve God will receive honor and glory far greater than any in this life.

WORSHIP SERIES: No one likes pain, but not all pain is bad. A surgeon cuts through skin and muscle, not to harm but to heal. Words can bring us pain, but sometimes those painful words lead us to the very healing we need. In Luke 13-17 we find Jesus teaching the faithful as he travels to Jerusalem for the last time. He knows he is going to die. So, with a sense of urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even though it hurts to hear them. In this series we might not like everything that Jesus says. Yet, difficult as it may be to hear, we listen because when Jesus speaks words that wound us, his intent is to heal our very soul.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

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Piano: Robyn Stoller

Acknowledgments

Setting Four from Christian Worship

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Order of Worship

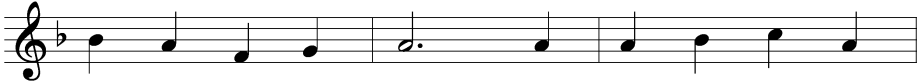
CW Hymnal, Setting Four



Hymn: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way CW 737 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

Please stand.

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."* (James 1:17-18) In truth, then, let us examine our hearts and come to him in repentance for those times we've failed to recognize his gifts or honor him as the Giver.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live;

C: May our meditation be pleasing to him as we rejoice in the Lord. Amen.

Glory Be to God : O Worship the King

CW 620 sts. 1, 5



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove,
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
O grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love,
in you do we trust his nor find you to fail;
our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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.

Be seated.

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6,7a

Solomon provides common sense about humility and pride.

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;

⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: Come, Praise the LORD! Hallelujah

Psalm 112B

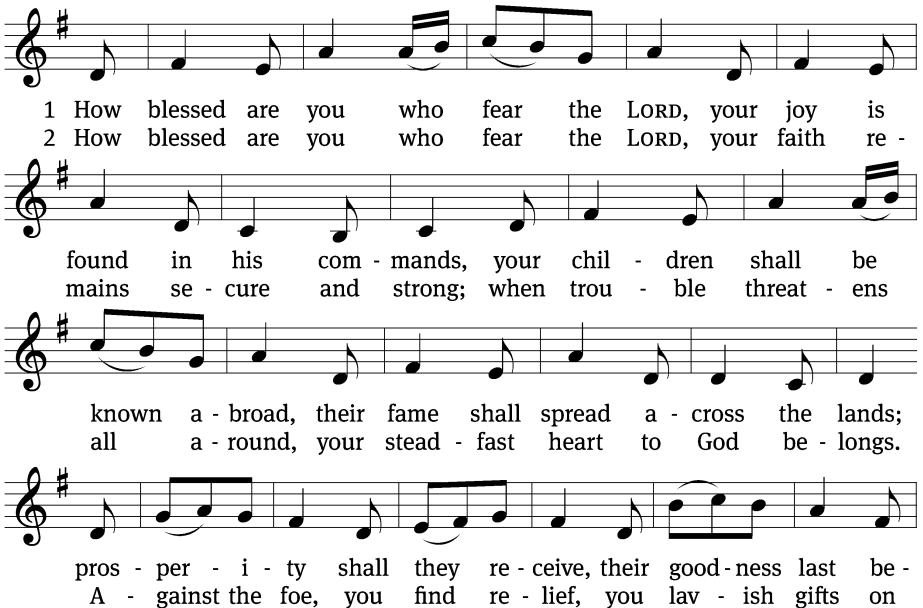
Refrain



Come, praise the LORD! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Sing out with joy! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Verses

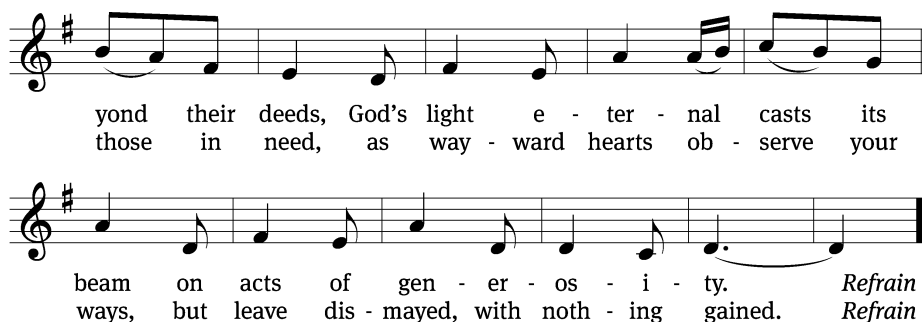


1 How blessed are you who fear the LORD, your joy is
2 How blessed are you who fear the LORD, your faith re -

found in his com - mands, your chil - dren shall be
mains se - cure and strong; when trou - ble threat - ens

known a - broad, their fame shall spread a - cross the lands;
all a - round, your stead - fast heart to God be - longs.

pros - per - i - ty shall they re - ceive, their good - ness last be -
A - gainst the foe, you find re - lief, you lav - ish gifts on



Second Reading

James 2:1-13

James teaches that showing favoritism to those we think can help us 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.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 14:11



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted. *Refrain*

Gospel

Luke 14:1,7-14

Jesus teaches some ways to demonstrate humility and promises that those who humble themselves will be exalted.

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

⁷When 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. ⁹If 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. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²Then 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. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 729 sts. 1-3



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and
2 Bind us all as one to - geth - er in your Church's
3 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us,
sa - cred fold, weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y,
oth - ers live. Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed;



hal - lows all our hu - man race, you our head, who, throned in
sad and joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or
free - ly may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and yours the



glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead: fill us with your
sor - row? Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its
sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stew - ards



love and pit - y, heal our wrongs and help our need.
crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.

Sermon

Based on Luke 14:1,7-14

God Loves Nobodies

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

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.**

Be seated.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the welcome card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

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.

Hymn: Blest Are They

CW 690



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy, mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace, they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row, they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst, they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart, they shall see God!
 suf - fer in faith, the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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.

Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CW 766 st. 4

4 Sent from wor - ship as your ser - vants, forth in your dear
name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,
love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good -
will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Adult Bible study begins at 10:15 in the sanctuary.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Wounds That Heal: Count the Cost

Bible Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Philemon 1:7-21, Luke 15:1-10

Hymns: 631, 694, 831, 617

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

For our guests

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to donate you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

For those with young children

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

