

**The Season** The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on *The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings*.

**The Sunday** We are in the third of four weeks of warnings that the life of faith will be marked by difficulties. These warnings are given so that the believer will be prepared to meet these challenges with the confidence of the cross. Today we see that the life of faith is one of true humility. But it is humility rendered by faith in the promise of God that those who exalt themselves on earth will be humiliated for eternity, but those who humble themselves now will be exalted.

**Opening Hymn**

*O Master of the Loving Heart* CW 491:1,4,5



1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The  
 2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your  
 3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your  
 4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So



friend of all in need, We pray that we may  
 speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er  
 hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or  
 joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,



be like you In thought and word and deed.  
 sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.  
 felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.  
 ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.  
 Tune: AZMON (CM) Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829, alt.

*Stand*

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

**C:** And also with you.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**

as we  
**Gather**  
 around the Gospel  
 to help people

**Grow**  
 in the Gospel  
 and

**Go**  
 with the Gospel

**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.

If your children need  
 to leave worship,  
 please take them to  
 the basement. A TV  
 broadcasts the service  
 in the basement.

Today we gather  
 together in the  
 presence of God. He is  
 present among us in a  
 special way through his  
 Word and Sacrament.  
 We 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.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.**

**C: Amen.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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**Junior Choir**

*I Praise the God of Grace (10:30)*

### First Lesson

**Proverbs 25:6,7**

Sinful pride can be one's undoing. Better is humility in the presence of the king than humiliation in his court. These words of Solomon are nearly identical to the words of Jesus in the Gospel today. It would be easy to dismiss these words as simply dining etiquette for the royal court. But these words touch nearly every aspect of life for the believer. Humble service before the King of heaven and humble service in his kingdom mark those who will dine at the King's table for eternity.

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

### Psalm of the Day

**Psalm 119a CW**

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

*Psalm tone*



Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,\*  
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his statutes\*  
and seek him with all their heart.

You have laid down precepts\*  
that are to be fully obeyed.

*Refrain*

Oh, that my ways were steadfast\*  
in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame\*  
when I consider all your commands.  
I will praise you with an upright heart\*  
as I learn your righteous laws.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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## Second Lesson

## James 2:1-13

These words from James reiterate the lesson from Jesus in the closing verses of the Gospel. Self-exalting pride can also be found in the display of favoritism towards those who can elevate our societal position or somehow benefit us. James warns that those who show such favoritism are self-exalting lawbreakers headed for judgment. Rather, as humble servants who have known the mercy of the King, show mercy to all those in need. For it is by the King's mercy that we will spend eternity beyond the reach of his exacting judgment.

**2** My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. **2** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. **3** If 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," **4** have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

**5** Listen, 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? **6** But 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? **7** Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

**8** If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. **9** But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. **11** For 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.

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

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jr 15:16)

*Stand*

## **Gospel**

**Luke 14:1,7-14**

It is difficult, perhaps, for most of us to imagine ourselves in this specific situation. We are so far removed from royalty and subjects, masters and slaves. First, Jesus speaks to the immediate situation of the banquet he was attending and the actions he saw there. But then he also drives home his point on humility with a parable. As Jesus warns against sinful pride, he warns those who would promote themselves and seek places of honor in the presence of the Host of the Heavenly banquet. Only those who humbly wait on the King's merciful acknowledgment will find eternal reward at his table. For now, the King calls on us to humbly serve those in need. This is not for personal gain. Rather, humble service to the citizens of his kingdom is a display of humble service to the King.

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

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> “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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

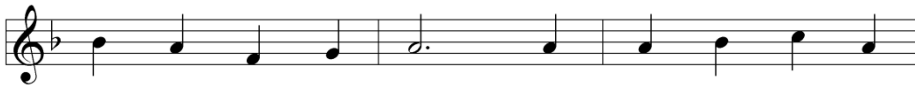
*Be Seated*

## Hymn of the Day

*O Font of Good, for All Your Love* CW 524



1 O Fount of good, for all your love Our  
2 But you have need - y broth - ers here, Par -  
3 In their sad ac - cents of dis - tress Your  
4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear And  
5 Your face with rev - 'rence and with love We



true thanks should be paid. What can we ren - der,  
tak - ers of your grace, Whose names you will your -  
plead - ing voice is heard; You may in them be  
glad - ly do your will, Each oth - er's dai - ly  
in the poor will view, And, while we min - is -



Lord, to you, When you own all that's made?  
self con - fess Be - fore the Fa - ther's face.  
clothed and fed And vis - it - ed and cheered.  
bur - dens share, The law of love ful - fill.  
ter to them, We do it as to you.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51; altered by Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.  
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, alt.

## Sermon

**James 5:1-11**

*Stand*

### **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.**

## Prayer of the Church

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **Benediction**

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**

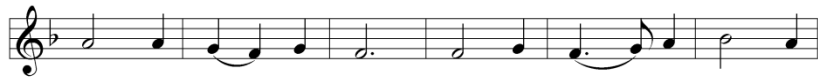
*Be Seated*

# Hymn

## Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us CW 486:1,5



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your  
5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the  
stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.  
gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87.

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