

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Glory of Humility Before God
August 31 & September 1, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Humility is an underappreciated virtue, one that many laud but few seek. Today we hear a story in contrasts between pride and humility of place in our earthly relationships, before God, and in service to God and our neighbor. Far from being a burden, the path of humility is the path of faith, delighting in how God has revealed Himself and desiring to follow Him in His way in the ordering of our many relationships here on earth.

WELCOME

"Rejoice Always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

¤ PREPARATION ¤

OPENING HYMN #907 "God Himself Is Present"

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSON & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is God who executes judgment,

People: putting down one and lifting up another.

Pastor: Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,

People: and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: we are a disobedient people who have forsaken your ways and too often chosen the desires of our own hearts over your Word. In thought, word, and deed we have sinned against you and against one another, done what is evil, and failed to do what is good. In pride we have sought to repair our sinful condition and have failed. We are sorry for all our sins, and we pray you to forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, asking you to send also your Holy Spirit that we may amend our sinful lives and live to the praise of your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Be comforted, dear people, for the Lord has heard your cry for mercy and forgiven you for the sake of your Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Give to us the true humility of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we shed all arrogant and prideful ways that would condemn us and by your grace learn to love and serve you above all and to love and serve our neighbor as Christ has loved us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✖ WORD ✎

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 25:2-10* (In pride you will be put to shame.) It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, 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 do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 13:1-17* (Let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.) Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the

outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:1-14* (Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "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, 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. 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. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will

be exalted." 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. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #854 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"

SERMON "A Life of Humility"

Luke 14:1-14

(Rise)

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord of the Church to hear His people and grant their prayers for mercy's sake.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for your Holy Church here and throughout the world, and for all who confess the name of Christ.

People: **Bless us all to seek unity of the Church in doctrine and practice.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, grant us all a humble faith, and fill us with joy in the mercy of God who has raised up the poor and undeserving and given us a place at His table.

People: **Grant that the work of the Spirit would bring us to repentance and keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for all who receive the body and blood of Christ today and ask for the renewal of our lives, that we may show forth daily contrition and repentance.

People: **Keep us in your grace, bless us with a good conscience, and grant us a strong faith until Christ comes to bring all things to their perfect fulfillment.**

Pastor: Father in heaven we pray for our nation and those who lead us in this land, for those who serve us on our behalf, and for the nations and for justice and peace to reign.

People: **Give us all courage that we may always endure in faith, especially in times of test, trial and persecution.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for each of your children, that we may fulfill our calling to love and serve our Lord above all, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

People: **Bless us all in our various callings, husbands, wives, parents and children, workers, supervisors, friends, and servants of Christ, that we may be a blessing to others.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, on this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks for the gift of work, for the labors of our hands, and for the privilege of enjoying the fruits of our labors.

People: We pray also for those unemployed and underemployed, as well as for the wise use of our time and energy in leisure and retirement.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for the schools where our children learn, and for a healthy appreciation of the majesty of God's wonderful creation.

People: Empower us to be responsible stewards of all you have made, and fill us all with grateful hearts for all your goodness toward us.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for the sick, for the suffering, for those troubled in mind, for those suffering depression, and for those with chronic illness and pain, especially for John, Pam, Shirley, Jim, Mary, Cindy, Bill, Sarah, Katie, Marge, Dolores, Dick, Herb, Russ, Gladys, Arlene, Shirley, Jonathan, Sarah, and all those whom we lift before the Lord in our hearts now.

People: Grant them courage and endurance, give them healing according to your will, and bless them with a strong and steadfast faith in the face of their troubles.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for all those who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood in this Communion, that by this eating and drinking we may receive forgiveness of sins, the renewal of our lives of faith and holiness, and strength for our lives of service.

People: Grant us to leave your table with peace in our hearts and filled with the joy of salvation.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we pray for all those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Comfort them in their sorrow. Bless especially Jerry and Linda Raatz as they remember Jack and Virginia, Ray and Carlene, and comfort Hermine as she lovingly remembers Al and also gives thanks for our Radio Ministry.

People: Grant them peace of heart, and grant us all to look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Pastor: Father in heaven, grant us all these things, not because of our own merits or worthiness, but solely for the sake of Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

¤ SACRAMENT ¤

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

HYMN #804 "O Worship the King"

HYMN #535 "How Wide the Love of Christ"

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COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O Lord, that you have dealt with us not as our sins deserve but in grace and mercy. Give us such humility of heart that we never forget what you have done for us and guard us against such temptation to pride lest we presume ourselves worthy of all that your mercy has given to us. Build in us the humility of faith that delights in serving you with all that we have and all that we are and in serving our neighbors as ourselves, and so displaying the true glory of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN #851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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