



# THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP

Followers of Christ  
Are Humble Servants



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**W**elcome! 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, bless me with the fruit that grows from your gift of faith. Turn me away from this world and fix my eyes on Christ. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Pride exalts oneself at the expense of God and others. Humility exalts God and others at the expense of self. Pride is the essential vice, increasing a person's hunger for all other sins. Humility increases a person's hunger for forgiveness and healing in Christ. The one who is proud demands to be served. The one who is humble desires to serve others. As we see all Christ did to serve us, our pride melts and humility grows. Followers of Christ want to serve others, without counting the cost and without expecting to be repaid. Christian followers alike find satisfaction in selfless service.

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** Have you ever been a part of a group that needed better leadership? We become frustrated when politicians, management, or coaches don't lead well. Leadership is extremely important. Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. His leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are wrong, what we need is not better leadership, but better followership. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead.

**A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God; we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

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# Order of Worship

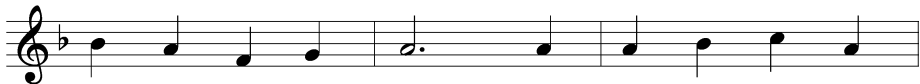
CW Hymnal, Setting One



(5:00/8:00) Hymn: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way CW 737



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -  
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but  
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you  
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  
place with - in the hands of those who seek to  
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.  
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.  
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.  
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

(10:30) Song: Train Me Up

Ruth Elaine Schram

Preschool - 3rd Grade

Refrain: Train me up in the way I should go,  
and then when I am grown, I'll remember!

Verse: God has promised that if we hide his Word in our heart,  
Though someday we may leave your side.  
From his ways we will not depart (*Refrain*)

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.** (*Psalm 32*)

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,  
 we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
 We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.  
 We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.  
 We have done those things that we should not have done,  
 And we have not done those things that we should have done.  
 Have mercy on us Lord!  
 Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
 according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

CW 612 sts. 3-4

3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion

he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, How great thou  
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my  
 Sav-ior-God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

## THE WORD OF GOD

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### ***Prayer of the Day***

**M:** Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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***

*Numbers 12:1-15*

*The pride of Aaron, the high priest, and Miriam, a prophetess, let them to turn against humble Moses and belittle Moses' wife.*

<sup>1</sup>Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. <sup>2</sup>“Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this.

<sup>3</sup>(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

<sup>4</sup>At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. <sup>5</sup>Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and sum-

moned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, <sup>6</sup>he said, “Listen to my words:

“When there is a prophet among you,  
I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions,  
I speak to them in dreams.

<sup>7</sup>But this is not true of my servant Moses;  
he is faithful in all my house.

<sup>8</sup>With him I speak face to face,  
clearly and not in riddles;  
he sees the form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid  
to speak against my servant Moses?”

<sup>9</sup>The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

<sup>10</sup>When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, <sup>11</sup>and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. <sup>12</sup>Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

<sup>13</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “Please, God, heal her!”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” <sup>15</sup>So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

James 3:13-18

*St. James teaches that ambitiously pursuing greatness is not just prideful but also demonic. True greatness in Jesus’ kingdom is acting toward others in humility.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

*The greatest in Jesus' kingdom is the one humble enough to gladly serve a little child who could not possibly repay that favor.*

<sup>30</sup>They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup>because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup>They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup>Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

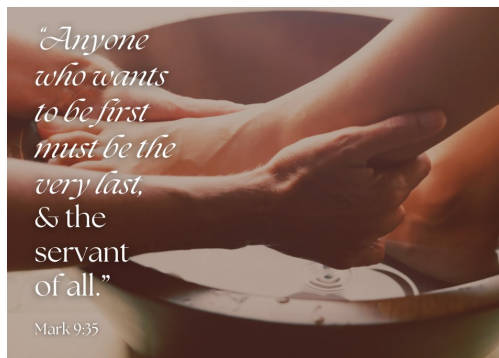
<sup>36</sup>He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated.*

## Children's Devotion



# Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

CW 767 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,  
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your



life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your  
life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings  
till our cold and self - ish na - tures, warmed by  
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to



count - less as the sand to th'un - thank - ful  
you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

## Sermon

Based on Mark 9:30-37

### *"How to be a great Christian!"*

- 1) Recognize the greatness of Christ
- 2) Recognize the greatness of service

Please stand after the sermon.



# THANKSGIVING

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. 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 connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.*



## **(10:30am) Confirmation of New Members**

*After study with Pastor Wolfe, we welcome and confirm as new members Kristen Hennenman, Jace Schlechter, Rob Sorenson, and Alisa Onken (and children Luke, Eric, & Kip).*

*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.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The meal also bears witness to the unity and fellowship we share with each other. Therefore, we invite to communion all those who share in our confession by virtue of their membership here or in a sister WELS or ELS congregation. We ask visitors to speak to the pastor before communing.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

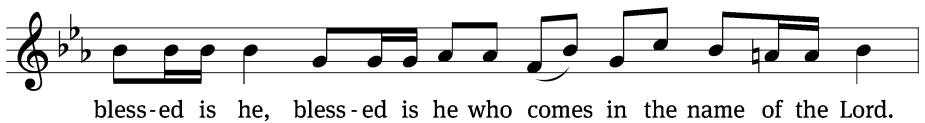
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

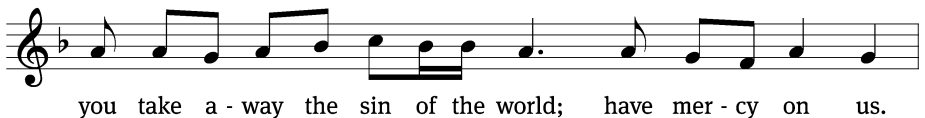
## O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



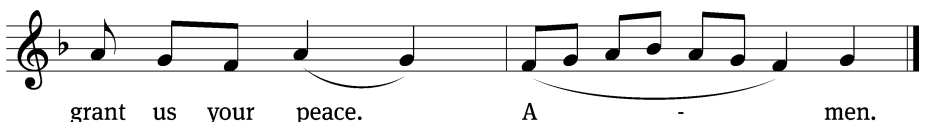
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

## Communion Distribution

*For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.*

*Communicants may choose to receive the wine by individual or common cup. If you choose the common cup, please allow the individual tray to pass and then assist the minister by helping to tip the common cup.*

## Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing CW 668



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my  
2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his  
gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the  
ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter  
On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor,  
bidden by his gracious call.  
Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me,  
fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation,  
balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error,  
makes my wounded spirit whole.

*Please stand at the pastor's direction.*

### **Response of Thanksgiving**

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 118:1*

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

### **Closing Prayer**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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: Before You I Kneel

CW 735 sts. 1-2



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the  
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your  
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my



ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad  
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each  
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -  
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.  
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

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### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

All are invited Sunday to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the kindergarten room. The CAMM presentation will begin in the sanctuary at 9:15.

### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: A Time to Prioritize: A Time to Embrace and a Time to Refrain

Bible Readings: Joshua 24:14-24, Ephesians 5:15-20, Matthew 6:25-34

Hymns: 911, 828, 760, 929

## PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Also printed in the hymnal)

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

# 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** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers. Cards can be placed in the offering basket or left on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- † 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 make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

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.

