

**Today's Theme for Worship: The humble will be exalted; the exalted will be humbled.**  
We cannot help but think that our ascent to the exalted status we desire is our responsibility, but Jesus has made it his. Those who humble themselves Christ will exalt.

**Hymn: 918 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;  
our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with grace divine,  
and let your truth within us shine.
- 2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise;  
our souls to you in worship raise.  
Make strong our faith; increase our light  
that we may know your name aright
- 3 Until we join the hosts that cry,  
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"  
And in the light of that blest place  
we then shall see you face to face.
- 4 All glory to the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise throughout eternity!

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**Order of Service: Morning Praise, New Service Settings** (*handout*)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **(sing) And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God

C: **(sing) O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: **(sing) Come, oh, come, let us worship.**

**Come, Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord** (p. 2)

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;

come, enter in with our songs of praise,  
come enter in with thanksgiving.

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;  
come, enter in with our songs of praise,  
come enter in with thanksgiving.

You are a great and a wondrous God,  
cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
You made the hills and the mountains high,  
you made the seas and the dry land.

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;  
come, enter in with our songs of praise,  
come enter in with thanksgiving.

Come, let us worship and, bowing low,  
kneel before the One who has made us all.  
You are God whom we call our own,  
we are the flock that you shepherd.

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;  
come, enter in with our songs of praise,  
come enter in with thanksgiving.

## **Confession and Absolution (p. 3)**

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Stanza 1

O Jesus, Lamb of God, you are  
My comfort and my guiding star;  
I come, a sinner, trustingly  
And bring my many sins with me.

C: **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I am bowed down and brought very low; I groan in anguish of heart. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.**  
*(selected verses from Psalm 38)*

## Stanza 2

O Lord, my sin indeed is great;  
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.  
Be merciful to me I pray;  
Take guilt and punishment away.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## Stanza 3

Saint John the Baptist points to you  
And bids me cast my sin on you,  
For you have left your throne on high  
To suffer for the world and die.

P: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. In Jesus you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (*Ephesians 2:4-5 & 1:7*)

C: **We have been brought from death to life. Sin shall not be our master, because we are not under law, but under grace. (*Romans 6:13-14*)**

## Stanza 4

Help me to change my ways, O Lord,  
And gladly to obey your Word.  
While here I live, abide with me,  
Then take me home eternally.

## Psalm 63 (p. 6)

*Refrain (congregation sings)*

In the morning I will sing,  
I will sing glad songs to you,  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

O God, you are my God;  
for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you like a dry,  
weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory

*Refrain (congregation sings)*

In the morning I will sing,  
I will sing glad songs to you,  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life, in your name  
I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

*Refrain (congregation sings)*

In the morning I will sing,  
I will sing glad songs to you,  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night,  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

*Refrain*

In the morning I will sing,  
I will sing glad songs to you,  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.  
I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

## Lessons

### First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup>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.

### Second Reading: James 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>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.

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

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.”

### **Seasonal Response**

P: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

### **Hymn of the Day: 729 Son of God, Eternal Savior**

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us,  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrongs and help our need.

- 2 Bind us all as one together  
in your Church's sacred fold,  
weak and healthy, poor and wealthy,  
sad and joyful, young and old.  
Is there want or pain or sorrow?  
Make us all the burden share.  
Are there spirits crushed and broken?  
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
- 3 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

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## Sermon

### You are God; We Praise You (p. 7)

You are God; we praise you.  
You are Lord; we acclaim you.  
To you, O Father holy, all creation offers praise.

With the angels in heaven,  
We praise you, we praise you!  
With cherubim and seraphim,  
We praise you, we praise you!  
With apostles and prophets,  
We praise you, we praise you!  
With the martyrs and your holy Church  
We sing in endless praise!

You are God; we praise you.  
You are Lord; we acclaim you.  
To you, O Father holy, all creation offers praise.

Creator of all things  
We praise you, we praise you!  
O Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
We praise you, we praise you!  
O Spirit, most holy,  
We praise you, we praise you!  
To the Trinity most blessed,  
We sing in endless praise!

You are God; we praise you.  
You are Lord; we acclaim you.  
To you, O Father holy, all creation offers praise.

O Christ, King of glory,  
We praise you, we praise you!  
You became a man to set us free;  
We praise you, we praise you!  
You have risen to free us;  
We praise you, we praise you!  
And with all your saints in glory,  
We sing in endless praise!

You are God; we praise you.  
You are Lord; we acclaim you.  
To you, O Father holy,  
all creation offers praise,  
all creation offers praise,  
all creation offers praise.

## Offering Prayer

You can give your offerings from your smartphone with the new **Vanco Mobile** app, which can be downloaded for free at Google Play or the App Store. You can also give at [holytrinitylutheranwyoming.com](http://holytrinitylutheranwyoming.com) by clicking the Offerings link at the top of the page. If you have any questions about any of these options, please contact Dave Vogel at [financialsecretary@holytrinity-wels.net](mailto:financialsecretary@holytrinity-wels.net) or 616-808-6320.



## **Lord, Have Mercy (p. 10)**

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: *(sing)* **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Hymn: 733 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive**

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.
- 2 How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how small are others' debts to us,  
how great our debt to you!



4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.

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## Prayer for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **(sing) Amen**

## Blessing (p. 11)

P: Let us praise the Lord

C: **(sing) Thanks be to God**

P: The Lord bless and keep you.

C: **(sing) Amen**

P: The Lord's face ever shine upon you

C: **(sing) Amen**

P: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: **(sing) Amen**

## Hymn 928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
and the Father's boundless love  
with the Holy Spirit's favor  
rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess in sweet communion  
joys which earth cannot afford.

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