

Extra Worship Opportunities begin next week! Sunday worship will be at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bible Class and Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. Thursday worship will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Light Bible Next week we will begin a two year program to read through the Bible and discuss what we read. The discussions are based on the *Today's Light Bible*. This Bible has the readings for each day along with an introduction to the day's reading and a devotional thought to close the reading. Discussion guides are available for anyone to pick up in the church basement. Bible Class discussions begin next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. They will be very beneficial if you can make them. But if you can't, please consider committing yourself to joining us in this program and using the available resource materials. You can still discuss the week's reading with other people after worship. Pick up your discussion guide today!

Warren Cranberry Fest Saturday, September 28. A bus will leave the school parking lot at 6am and return at 9pm. The cost for the trip is \$38. If you have any questions please contact Sue Stanelle at 864-2504. More information is available in the church basement. The deadline to sign up is September 1

Service Project On September 21 our school is planning a service project for congregation members. Do you need a little help around the house? Need someone to help with vacuuming, dusting, cleaning, etc.? Do you need help with gardening, weeding, picking up debris? If you would like a little help around your house on September 21 from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., please contact Mr. Humann right away!

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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.

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52) Thursday
Common Service (p. 15) Sunday

Hymns: 491, 524, 499, 458

Prayer of the Day: O 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.

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.

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

⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"

than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119a (p. 109)

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

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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.

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

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.

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.

Verse of the Day: *Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:16 cf. RSV)*

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.

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

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

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

Sermon:

Judges 7:1-8

**The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings
The First Will Be Last—Humble Yourselves**

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 236 (61, 220) **Communion:** 195 (27, 166)

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Aid
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement
	6:30 p.m.	School Board
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship, communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
	9:15 a.m.	Translation Bible Study, school commons
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible discussion, church basement

Ladies Aid Meeting will meet this Sunday after 9:00 a.m. worship. Please bring ideas on when to meet in the future or share them with Mary Laabs.

Tuesday Bible Class will begin this week. We meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. Our first course is: Christian Decision Making. The first lesson is: "What Shall I Do?"

The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings is our four week theme of worship. The final topic we will look at is: *Count the cost of discipleship*. If you know of someone who could benefit from this topics in their walk with Jesus please invite them to join us!

Sunday School for 3-5 year olds begins next week. We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement.

Adult Christ Light begins next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. We will meet in the church. We will study the Old Testament this year.

Translation Bible Study will meet next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. This four week course will look at the challenges that face translating the Bible from the original languages and how to evaluate translations.