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“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”

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Extended Prelude & Words of Greeting

Opening Song in The Spirit “Be Still”

Evans

(All are invited to join the Worship Leaders in singing each song in our service today!)

- vs. 1 **Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**
- vs. 2 **Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**
- vs. 3 **Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

Litany Seeing & Believing God’s Glory & Grace – written based on Psalm 51

Pastor: Today, we are blessed to be still once again, to believe and to see God’s glory and grace, for the Holy One is here, moving in this place, to make first things first, so we worship, in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: People of God: Jesus knows our transgressions, and our sins are ever before him. Against Jesus alone have we sinned. He is justified in judging us. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to make first things first. *(silence for reflection)* Friends in Christ: Receive anew, first things first, all of God’s glory and grace in these words: Jesus saves, and Jesus forgives you all your sins. He has washed you and made you whiter than snow. You are blessed anew with a clean heart, and a new and right spirit is in you. Sing anew, for the Lord listens to his children praying!

Song of Trust Anew “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Medema

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**

Pastor: Friends in Christ: We have seen God's glory and grace! In repentance, God has made first things first; our lives, our spirits are turned around. Believe and see; The One who graces us first! Believe and sing! Trust anew; the Lord listens to his children praying!

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Prayer of the Day

All: Loving God, you bless us with first things first, making yourself known through your gifts of glory and grace. By your Spirit, reveal to us once again what matters most, and renew our faith, trusting with you all things are possible. As we explore our true net worth is in you alone, we celebrate and trust anew, all good gifts are sent from heaven above, placed into our care. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message & "Jesus Loves Me"

Percival & Warner

Hearing The Word of God

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 4:12-16

(all read bold print)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (New Revised Standard Version)

Special Music

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

arr. L. Riley

Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

(all read bold print)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "**Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.** You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." **Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,** "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go

through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another. “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, **“For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”** Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers, and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. **But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.**” (New Revised Standard Version)

Statement of Faith based on Revelation 21:5-7

Pastor: As God’s children, we trust God the good steward and God’s grace first love us and then fill us with countless blessings. In thanks to God’s faithfulness, we believe and we see anew, and we now boldly proclaim our faith, making God and our neighbors first.

All: **God who sits upon the throne says, “Behold, I make all things new. Write these words for they are trustworthy and true. It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain the water of life without payment. They who conquer shall have their heritage, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.” Amen.**

Sermon

“First Things First, ...!”

Pastor Jamie Thompson

Song of Hope & Grace

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scriven & Converse

vs. 1 **What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry, Ev’rything to God in prayer.**

vs. 3 **Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus, ...

All: **Bless us, to believe and to see anew, all your glory and your grace.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion

The Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Song During Holy Communion "Down to the River to Pray"

American Folk Song

**As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who should wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

**As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who should wear the robe & crown, Good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

**As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who should wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.
O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

**As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who should wear the robe & crown, Good Lord, show me the way.
O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

**As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who should wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.
O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,
O sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.**

**As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who should wear the robe & crown, Good Lord, show me the way.**

Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, this day, and on into life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ, The Lord of life. Amen.

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, as you believe and see God's glory and grace. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, and serving the Lord of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Going Anew In Grace

"Forever"

Tomlin

vs. 1 **Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things. His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.**

vs. 2 **With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.**

ref: **Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, Forever.
Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, Forever. Forever.**

vs. 3 **From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on. His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. (refrain)**

Postlude

Confirmation Class for 8th grade students meets at 11 a.m. today.

*Join us next Sunday, October 17, The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
"What Kind of Glory and Grace Do You Want?"*

*Worship includes a Children's Message, a Sermon, and Holy Communion!
Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts on our Facebook page, under "videos."*

*As we share worship in this way, we are seeking volunteers to assist with greeting, ushering, serving communion, live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

All who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion is now offered once again during worship, as we share pre-packaged single servings of communion, including a wafer and grape juice.

*Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ, given for you;
then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!*

Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!

***For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!
Offering is collected in baskets by the ushers as you exit the building.***

For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.

***From everyone on every level of leadership and service,
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!***

Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org

***We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,
as together we make known and we trust anew***

***God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God's light, love, and grace!***

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“FIRST THINGS FIRST; IN GLORY & GRACE!” – OCTOBER 10, 2021
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15; HEBREWS 4:12-16; MARK 10:17-31
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

“Failure is not an option!” “Winners never quit, and quitters never win!” “Give 110%!” Every day such clichés try to draw us in. Employers, advertisers, children, parents, lovers, all send messages they want taken seriously. We can feel like we are not being heard. We try emphatically to make our point. Jesus spoke simply, he said it like it is, like it has been, like it always will be. Jesus is direct, he draws the line without reservation. When it comes to our spiritual walk, it cannot be out of comfort or convenience; it cannot be done with a spirit of self-righteousness. God is to be first! As we make God and neighbors first, we believe and see God’s glory and grace, we see God in Jesus has made us first. As we continue to explore the net worth of our core values, we trust anew, our true net worth is in God’s grace alone! When God is first, we may feel last in this world. Trust then, always, what needs no further explanation, only a little more faith, believing first things first: God makes you first, first; you are God’s everything; and God is forever emphatic about you!

1. `Let's get things straight,' "no one is good but God alone." Mark 10:18
 - A. Try as we might only God is good!
 - B. God is good in Jesus - who saves; in the Father - who creates and recreates; in the Spirit - who comforts and strengthens and directs; in us and through us - thanks to the gift of faith.

2. `The most important point,' `Jesus looked at him, loved him.' Mark 10:21
 - A. Jesus loves us, just as we are. We are his everything!
 - B. `He knows our transgressions, how great our sins are, how self-righteous we are, how self-serving we can be, ...' Amos 5:12
 - C. `We can approach him with boldness to receive his love, mercy, and grace.' The rich man knew who to talk to, so do we! So let us pray with boldness! Hebrews 4:16; Mark 10:17-20

3. `To make it clear, crystal clear,' "sell what you own ... you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me." Hebrews 4:12; Mark 10:21b
 - A. If our riches are where we ground our trust and security, we will not see the glory of God, and it is time for a change.
 - B. Giving is not about giving it all for the sake of giving it all. We are to give, to serve, with Jesus being first!
 - i. No matter the gift given, Christ is to be at the center.
 - ii. An empty heart will equal an empty gift.

- iii. When our heart, soul, and faith are central - giving is crystal clear, the numbers go away, God is first!
 - iv. Our true net worth is in God's grace alone!
4. 'The number one thing to remember is,' 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God, when God is not first!' Mark 10:10:23-25
- A. 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of the needle, than for a rich person to enter,' etc.
 - B. We cannot do it on our own! We cannot buy our way in, give our way in, perfect our way in. We can only surrender our will, our energy, our all, our faith, and our trust to Him.
 - C. We cannot out give our God. We cannot even out sin His love.
5. 'If you leave today remembering only one thing ...,' For us to make God and neighbor first, to believe, to see on our own the glory of God is impossible; "for God all things are possible." Mark 10:26-27,31
- A. Before 'with God all things are possible' can be believed; we must first trust and praise, "for God all things are possible."
 - B. God is who saves, loves. If up to us to be good, to surrender, to make God first - impossible. With God, all things are possible!
 - C. God did what everyone thought was the last thing a God would do, he sent His Son, Jesus, to reveal and to fulfill God's glory and grace, to make first things first, to make you first!