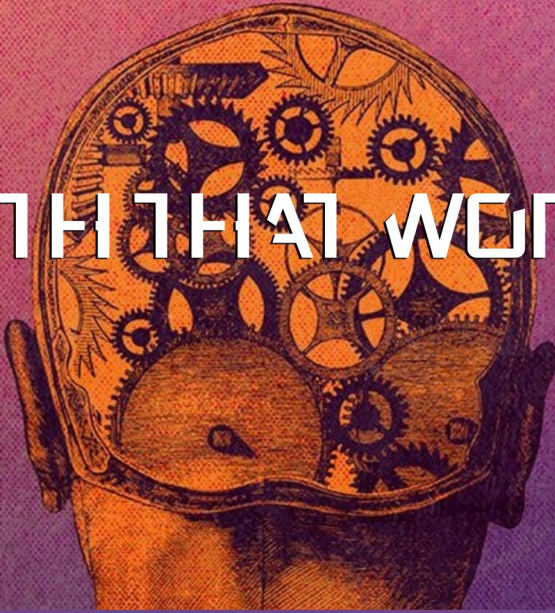


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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

- September 12, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 am-Traditional Service

10:30 am-Contemporary Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are required even for fully vaccinated people.**
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like you are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **We will no longer be doing a temperature check at church, but do ask you to self monitor your temperature at home before coming to church.**

**September 12, 2021
8:30 am Service**

PRELUDE

Please be quiet during the prelude to help set a worshipful tone for those worshipping online.

“American Pastorale” ... John Dixon

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837 verses 1, 4-6

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, we humbly come to You this day to tell You thank You. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues. We have hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not hate. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to win more citizens for the kingdom. It's in the name of the one who saved us, Jesus Christ, that we pray.

C: Amen!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: O God,

C: Right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek Your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for Your insight and forgive us for the times our tongues are not tamed. For when our tongues are not tamed, we hurt You and hurt others. So please forgive us for these moments of sin. Fill us with Your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing. Thanks be to God we are all forgiven in the name of the Father, Son + and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” *LBW 403 verses 1-3*

Tune: Winchester New – LSB 441

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
In living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let us seek
Your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
The precious truths which you impart,
And wing our words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

SERMON

Taming the Tongue

James 3:1-12

Pastor Matt Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

Meditation—“A Thousand Tongues” ... Kishline

PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

PRE-COMMUNION HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357 verses 1, 7

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee,
O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

COMMUNION

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BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *LSB 918*

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

POSTLUDE

During the postlude please remain quiet in your seats or move into the lobby to have conversation to help keep it worshipful for those watching online.

“Fanfare For The Common Man” ... Aaron Copland



**NO HUMAN BEING CAN TAME
THE TONGUE. IT IS A RESTLESS
EVIL, FULL OF DEADLY POISON.
- JAMES 3:8**

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Matthew Mantey
A/V Team:	Andy Andrew, Alex Lindeke
Elder:	Frank Peto
Organist:	Carl Kishline
Reader:	Doyle Tonkinson

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Praise God:

- **We praise you that you give us the ability to speak.** May we use our words to glorify you, to build people up, to help mend broken relationships, and to put out fires rather than start them. Give us your strength to tame our tongues.
- **We give you thanks and praise for the gift of marriage and for the celebration of anniversaries!** We celebrate with Frank and Ann Lindeke as they celebrate 69 years of marriage on Tuesday! Continue to sustain them both in your love as they continually share love with one another.
- **O God of music and movement, we know your beauty in the gifts of different instruments and composers, in the blending of voices and the bending of dancers.** We thank you for these sounds and sights that can touch our hearts once more, and open our souls to praise you. We also give thanks for those who stitch patterns with thread and those who set patterns on our plates, mixing colors and flavors. Finally, we thank you for those who build and repair, refinish and restore the things we need and the things we cherish.
- **Lord we give thanks for our firefighters who help protect us and work diligently to put out forest fires.** Keep them safe as they fight so many different fires and may you bring the relief of rain to lands that so desperately need it.

In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for situations and circumstances where either our tongues or others tongues have caused division, hatred, or stress in our lives.** On a larger scale we also pray over these same type of situations across our nation and world. Tame tongues, O Lord, and put out fires of anger and rage that burn in so many places.
- **We reflect on the 20th anniversary of 9-11, and pray that never again shall hatred and evil ideology cause such harm anywhere on this poor suffering earth.** Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning-hooks. Soften every heart to receive, cherish, and share your pure, holy love for us, for we are all created in your image and offered forgiveness and salvation through the death and resurrection of your Son.
- **Grant humility and wisdom to the leaders of nations and captains of industry, the giants of culture and icons of sport, the legislators and judges, the researchers, teachers, philosophers, and others who shape our world.** Remind them that all they have is from you, given in trust for the benefit of all people. Give everyone the desire and ability to live justly and kindly with each other, despite our differences. Make them examples of integrity and compassion to their citizens.
- **We thank you for the healing arts, for the care and relief offered by professionals throughout our health-care system and for support given to those who suffer by friends and volunteers.** We pray for all who seek healing—those anticipating or recovering from surgery, those living with pain or illness, those struggling with grief and loss, those who bear anxiety, depression or dementia, and other conditions which trouble mind and body. Give each one your presence and peace through our prayer and friendship. Reach out through us to bring aid and advocacy to the most vulnerable of your creatures.

Weekly Personal Study Guide

Taming the Tongue

Read: James 3:1-12 How big a sin do most people think gossiping is? How big a sin does James seem to suggest it is?

Looking at verse 1, Why do you think James holds teachers to a higher standard?

As you explore verses 3-5, do you agree with James' assessment that the tongue can do such great harm? Where have you seen examples of this in the world? How can we as Christians bring healing to circumstances like this?

How might we be more intentional to offer words of affirmation and blessing to people who desperately need them in our everyday lives?

Re-reading verses 11-12, what are James' images of the spring and a tree attempting to convey about our lives?

What might God be calling you to do as a response to this passage?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Doubleheader Sunday as we continue to explore our faith that works!

Today are looking at how James wants to help us tame ours tongue. Why? Because we've all experienced the sting of the tongue as we were growing up, and even as adults. We all know what it is to bear the brunt of rumors or misrepresentations or words spoken in anger. And just as likely we know what it is to watch our words bring pain to another, intentional or not. Once again thanks for joining us as explore how God's Living Word is the most powerful remedy to help tame our tongues!

Pastor Matt will be out of the office September 14th-21st.

Just wanted to let everyone know Pastor Matt and Melina will be back in Michigan visiting family and friends September 14th-21st. If you need any support from RLC during this time please contact your elder.

Next week at 10am we will explore what the root of conflict is.

Join us next week at 10am as Pastor Matt preaches via video on a hard topic in our nation. We see so much conflict around us, some people even seem to be rooted in it. When this happens like a weed, it just chokes out life and causes chaos. So what is the solution? Rather than seeds of conflict, what are the seeds we as Christians are called to sow? Well, join us next week in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/lcldesmoineswa> at 10am to get gardening pointers from Pastor Matt on how we root out conflict and sow something eternally better in its place!

Check the Office Copy of the Directory and Make Edits!

We are working on an updated copy of the directory so please take a moment to doublecheck your information in the Office Copy in the Lobby. Please edit it where necessary. Finally, please do not take this copy home with you so we can make sure to get all the proper changes into the new directory.

Stewardship Thoughts—James 3:6

“And the tongue is a fire. The tongue, a world of unrighteousness, is placed among our members. It stains the whole body, sets the course of life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.” When we let our thoughts and emotions run out of control and contrary to the Word of God, our mouths will follow. In contrast, when we learn to control our mouths and keep silent, we give ourselves time to realize that our thoughts and emotions are not necessarily righteous just because they popped up inside of us. Closed, controlled lips allow us the time we need to rein in those runaway thoughts and emotions. With a little time and effort, we can protect against the damage that an overactive mouth can wreak on the people around us.

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