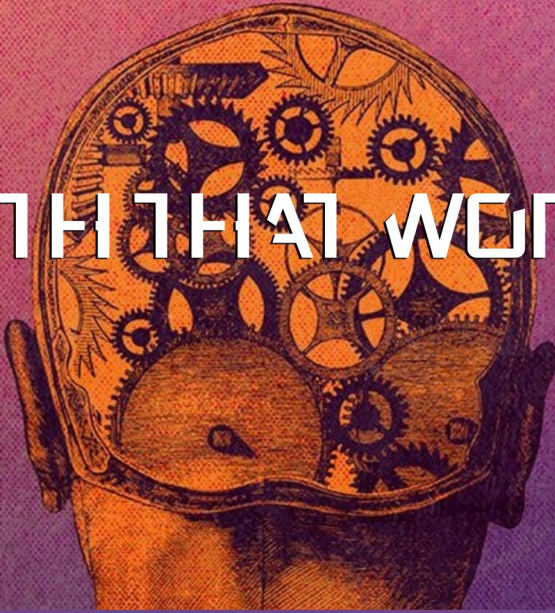


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LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**



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

**September 12, 2021  
10:30 am Service**

## **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **OPENING PRAISE SONGS**

#### **“Grace Like Rain”**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see so clearly

#### **Chorus 1**

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
they're washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

#### **Chorus 1**

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing Your praise  
Than when we first begun

#### **Chorus 2 x2**

Hallelujah grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away

#### **Chorus 3**

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah all my stains are washed away  
They're washed away

## **“What a Beautiful Name”**

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God, the Lord most high  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You, our Christ

### **Chorus 1**

What a beautiful name it is  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King  
What a beautiful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful name it is  
The name of Jesus

You didn't want Heaven without us  
So, Jesus, You brought Heaven down  
My sin was great;  
Your love was greater  
What could separate us now?

### **Chorus 2**

What a wonderful name it is  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King  
What a wonderful name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus  
What a wonderful name it is  
The name of Jesus

### **Bridge 1**

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

### **Bridge 2**

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

### **Chorus 3**

What a powerful name it is  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King  
What a powerful name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful name it is  
The name of Jesus

### **Bridge 2**

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

### **Chorus 3**

#### **Ending**

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

### **“Your Name”**

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your Name

### **Chorus**

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your Name

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE**

# 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.**

## SERMON SONG

### “This I Believe (The Creed)”

Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

#### Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

#### Bridge

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

#### Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

## 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](http://resurrection-lcms.org)*

## 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.

## 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!**

## 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 SONG

### “Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

It all comes down to this  
What you require of me  
Love my neighbor as myself  
And You above all things

#### Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly  
With You God  
In all things in all ways walk humbly  
With You God

It all comes down to this  
To be Your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world  
The truth will set us free

#### Bridge

It's beauty for ashes  
It's mourning to dancing  
It's closer and closer  
The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see  
The fruit our hands have sown  
Faith just like a seed  
The only way it grows

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<b>Pastor:</b>	Matthew Mante
<b>A/V Team:</b>	John Lambuth, Melina Mante
<b>Elder:</b>	Jerry Thomas
<b>Reader:</b>	Melina Mante
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Dale & Suzy Lindeke





# 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/lcdesmoineswa> 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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