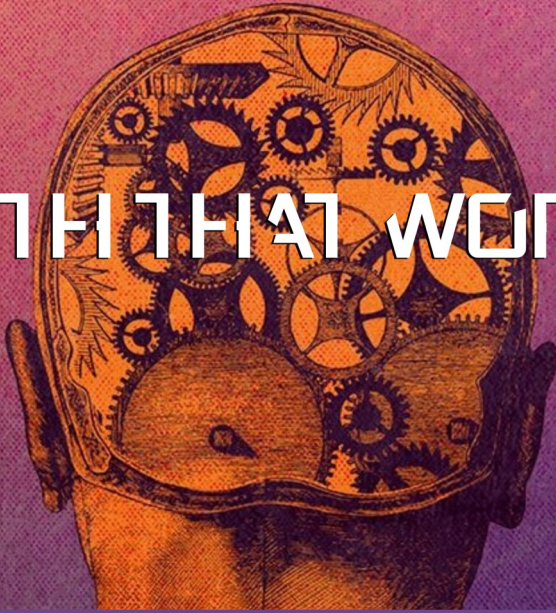


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Making Distinctions

James 2:1-10, 14-17

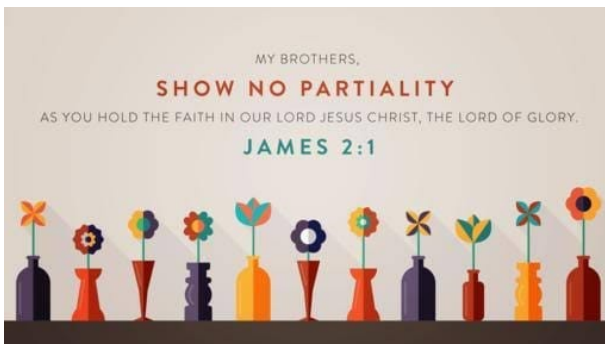
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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **Masks are required, regardless of vaccination status, for everyone over five years of age in public indoor settings.** So, for now, we will all need to mask up for Sunday Services, and other group meetings at RLC.
- ◆ **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 5, 2021

10:00 am Service

PRELUDE

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

“O Word of God Incarnate” – arr. J.G. Walther

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

OPENING HYMN

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us” LSB 915

Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;
The Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Generous Father, we give thanks to You for Your kindness toward us. Thank You for loving us all and calling us all Your children. Help us to recognize our kin and to give our lives to peaceful family relationships with all creation. Free us from our self-centeredness and from fear of strangers so that we may meet the Savior in broken humanity – even our own. We pray in the name of Christ.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Vulnerable Christ,

C: You who are generous love, we confess that we have closed ourselves off. We have seen so much suffering that we stop looking for ways to show mercy, rather than see and respond to those in need. Forgive our neglect that we may care for one another and follow in the example You set for us.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Disciples, followers, students of the living Christ, know that you are forgiven always and freed to begin anew through the Triune + God's everlasting mercy and love!

C: Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

"Blest Are They" – *David Haas*

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37

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, Whose Love Through Humble Service” LSB 848

Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

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Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

MESSAGE

Making Distinctions

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

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

PRAISE SONGS

"Alive In Us"

Great is Your love
Let the whole earth sing
Let the whole earth sing
You reached for us from on heaven's throne
When we had no hope
You are the Way there is no other
You are the Way there is no other

Chorus 1

You rose from death to victory
You reign in life oh Majesty
Your Name be high and lifted up
Jesus
Jesus alive in us

You outshine the sun
You are glorious
You are glorious
Lord over all You have made us new
We owe it all to You
In everything be exalted
In everything be exalted

Chorus 1

Bridge 2x

The enemy is under Your feet
We are free
We are free
Death has been defeated by love
You overcome
You overcome

Chorus 1

You rose from death to victory
You reign in life oh Majesty
Your Name be high and lifted up
Jesus
Jesus alive in us

Chorus 2

You rose from death to victory
You reign in life oh Majesty
Your Name be high and lifted up
Jesus
Jesus alive in us
Jesus
Jesus alive in us

“No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus x2

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God **(Repeat)**

Chorus

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.

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

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power
Our God Our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus 2x

Bridge 2x

And If our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against

Chorus

Bridge 2x

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.

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” – arr. Rolf Unkel

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs: Alex Lindeke, Robin Thomas
Elder: Andy Andrew
Organist: Karen Tiffany Burgess
Reader: Karen Tiffany Burgess
Worship Team: Chris Linderman

In Our Prayers:

- **We pray for all those who have not found rest this summer:** for those whose work is stressful, exhausting, or unappreciated; for those whose livelihoods remain uncertain, because of the pandemic or through disasters caused by heat, fire, or storm. We pray for those which hard choices to make, about work or school or what comes next, about relationships and priorities, or about social policy and community leadership.
- **For all the people in Afghanistan we pray for God's protection to keep them safe from harm and that all women, children, and men would be valued and cherished.** We also pray for wisdom, fellowship, and safe passage for all those who are trying to get out and need protection. Furthermore, we pray all people there, ruling forces included, would meet Christ, and live in His ways of peace. And finally, we pray for all Christians who are still trying to help show Your care and love to the people of Afghanistan.
- **You are Lord of all the nations.** To you all the rulers of the earth shall bow down and give an account of their deeds. Teach them to act with wisdom and without partiality. Let them care for the widows, widowers, orphans, and destitute. Cause them to seek justice within and peace beyond their borders. Make them examples of integrity and compassion to their citizens.
- **We remember those for whom this summer has been filled with suffering:** We pray for those who have lost loved ones, and those facing an uncertain future or a difficult diagnosis. We pray for all those who join efforts to relieve suffering of any kind. May each one find courage to face tomorrow in your company.

Weekly Personal Study Guide

Making Distinctions

When have you witnessed an act of favoritism?

What do acts of favoritism reveal about our belief in Jesus (2:1)?

Why do you think there is the temptation to separate faith and works?

James points out the distinction that was evident in the churches he was in ministry with – the distinction between the rich and the poor. What distinctions do you think James might point out that are evident in today's churches?

Respond to the statements: "Faith that doesn't act doesn't live out its core belief. It is faith that isn't faith." Do you agree or disagree? Why?

What is the distinction between being saved by works and what James is articulating?

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we continue our series, “Faith That Works!”

Today we are focusing on how James points out distinctions in the church of his day, and how we are to avoid them. So let’s lift our hands in worship this day to experience reconciliation, not just between individuals, but between the church and world in Jesus Christ! Let’s tear down what divides and invite all into the discipleship journey so that we can be forgiven and transformed in our faith that grows!

Office Closure Tomorrow

Just a quick reminder that the office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. We will be back open on Tuesday at 9am!

September Newsletter is Out!

The electronic version of the Newsletter was mailed out this weekend. If you do not get the electronic version, and would like a paper copy they are available in the Lobby.

Next week we have our Doubleheader Services for September!

Next week are our monthly doubleheader services at 8:30 and 10:30 am and we will be looking at how James wants to help us tame our 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. So join us next week in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rlcdesmoineswa> at 8:30 or 10:30 am to explore how God’s Living Word is the most powerful remedy to help tame our tongues!

Stewardship Thoughts—James 2:2

“For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

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