

Sola Lenten Dramas

HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE

*The Reflections of a
Contemporary Twelve*

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

James the Less and Jude

“On humility”

**Themes: Pride, false humility,
true humility**

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING DIALOG

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste, O Lord, to help me.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OPENING HYMN..... “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

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1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, Nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, That, when the flood is past,

From self - ish pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste your prom - ised rest.
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see And share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.
Tune: Daman, Psalms, 1579

SALUTATION & PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayers to you. You have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Answer, O Lord, our desires and petitions as you determine best for us — granting us, in this world, the knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, everlasting life in you.

C: Amen. (Based on a Prayer of St. Chrysostom)

FIRST READINGExodus 3:1-13

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel,

out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”

PSALM (Read Responsively).....Psalm 131, 8

131 O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;

my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things

too great and too marvelous for me.

² **But I have calmed and quieted my soul,**

like a weaned child with its mother;

like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore.

⁸ **O Lord, our Lord,**

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,**

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ **Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly**

beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ **all sheep and oxen,**

and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ **O Lord, our Lord,**

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

GOSPEL READINGMark 10:35-45

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

SPECIAL MUSICMac Beaudry

"Danny Boy"

(Although they appear to be the benchwarmer disciples in the gospels, James the Less and Jude undoubtedly lived out the call Jesus gave them. Here they are presented as the sort of disciple who buries talents because of a misunderstanding of what humility really is.)

DRAMA Jude, baseball player – Brent Petersen
James (the Less), baseball player - Arden Wagner
Assistant Coach – Donna Sommer
Jesus – Dewey Oster

HYMN "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Come Down, O Love Divine

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1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,

And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear
 And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can guess his grace Till it be - come the place

And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Said in unison)

God of love, you have provided for our every need from your abundant bounty. Grant us grateful hearts that we may give generously to those in need and thereby show your love to the world around us. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us join together in confessing our faith with the saints who have gone before us, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS

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

The congregation responding at the end of each petition:

*P: ... Lord in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.***

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

P: Hear our petitions, O Lord, as we entrust our lives into your care this night.

C: **We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have**

charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray together the prayer our Savior taught us:

C: 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.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

The minister blesses the congregation:

P: May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us peace and rest this night. May he watch over us until a new day has dawned, and may our hearts rejoice in his saving power; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN On next page
“Take My Life, that I May Be”

POSTLUDE

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Take My Life, that I May Be

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take My Life, that I May Be'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains verses 1 through 4, and the second system contains verses 5 and 6.

1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

*Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870*

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR Pastor Chuck Mann
READER Brad Sheldon
ORGANIST Theresa Petersen
USHERS/GREETERS Matt & Laura Gardner
ALTAR GUILD Janet Hanson & Theresa Petersen
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS Rick & LeAnn Richard

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran is in the process of getting a hearing assist system to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this, please let Jeannette know in the church office so we have an idea of how many units to order.

Lenten Meals & Worship

Thank you, Evangelism Committee for serving the meal tonight. Join us next Wednesday, March 24th, for our Lenten meal served by the FLY from 5:30 – 6:45 pm. They will be serving potato bar. Free-will offering going toward their mission trip to Colorado this summer. Join us after the meal for our Lenten Worship drama series, "How to be a Disciple: The Reflections of a Contemporary Twelve" at 7:00 pm. The themes will be: Seeing and believing.

Deborah Bible Study

Deborah Bible study will meet tomorrow morning, March 18th, at 9:30 am.

Newsletter Deadline

Please have all articles for the April newsletter to the church office no later than noon this Friday, March 19th.

National Quilting Day

Saturday, March 20th, is National Quilting Day, a day to lift up the skill and craft of quilters across the United States. Thank you to the FLC Women that are involved in making LWR quilts, senior quilts, baby quilts and any other quilts you make. As a token of their thanks, LWR has a special gift to share with the quilters: the Quilt & Kit Affinity Pin! Go to lwr.org and find the article on National Quilting Day to be able to sign up to get your pin or call 800-597-5972. Each quilter needs to request their own and only one pin request per person.

Movie Night

FLCW (First Lutheran Church Women) will host a MOVIE NIGHT, Thursday, February 25th, at 7 pm. The movie is "THE EGG AND I". Very family friendly. It is 1 hour and 28 minutes long and popcorn will be provided. Bring your own drink. We are inviting families to this movie as it is part of a series. Every age will enjoy. Be there or you'll miss fabulous popcorn and fun.

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the following:

1. People to serve on the Endowment Committee. If interested please talk to Matt Gardner.
2. Anyone interested in serving on the Evangelism Committee. If interested contact Melanie Beckman.
3. Preschool VBS director needed. You would be provided with curriculum and volunteers. We just need someone to organize the details. Dates and times are June 1-4 from 9:00-10:30.
4. Preschool VBS volunteers. This program is during the work day, so if you are available to help please let us know!
5. Elementary VBS. I am sad to report that Camp of the Cross will not be coming to do VBS this year. Thank you to Melissa Rothe for stepping up and taking charge. We will need music people, craft people, game people and more. Please contact me if you would be interested in hopping on board! Dates and times are June 1-4 from 6:00-8:30. Thanks in advance! Stacy Boeshans 701-240-8012

LBW & WOV Hymnals

We will be ordering more LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals. As of the printing of this bulletin we are looking at approximately another 75 LBW at a cost of \$32 per book and approximately 35 WOV at a cost of \$15.75 per book. If you would like to help purchase any of these hymnals please talk to Jeannette in the church office. We may have a chance to purchase some from another church but how many and price is yet to be determined.

LBW books on the cart in the narthex are free for the taking.

A colorful graphic for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, the word "EASTER" is written in large, colorful letters (E: purple, A: pink, S: green, T: yellow, E: purple, R: pink) with a green leafy branch on either side. Below it, "EGG HUNT" is written in a striped font. In the center is a large purple cross. At the bottom are several colorful Easter eggs (pink, orange, purple, blue, green) in a grassy field. The background is a light blue and green geometric pattern.

EASTER EGG HUNT

FIRST LUTHERAN
— C H U R C H —

Invites you to join us

Saturday, March 27

10:00 a.m.

at Harmony Park,

next to the

Lewis & Clark

Interpretive Center

for an Easter Egg Hunt!

This event is FREE and
open to all children.

For more information
go to FB: FLCWashburn
or call 701.462.3775

Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteers are needed to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27th. If interested in helping out, please talk to Laura Gardner ASAP!

Easter Basket

There is an easter basket in the narthex for donations to help offset the cost of the easter egg hunt. Thank you in advance for your donation!