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CHALLENGE

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RLC SERVING CHALLENGE - WEEK 6 – AMBITION
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

Holy Communion questions, please see purple sheets on *Info Table* or near the bulletins.

As We Gather: "The secret of life, the secret of joy, is to get outside of yourself and stare at someone better than you. The best thing you can do is to get over yourself and gaze instead on Jesus! When we flip off of selfie mode and live un-selfie, not only do we experience joy, but we help others see Jesus. What the world needs to see more than anything else is not a beautiful selfie of someone dangling their legs off a cliff. They need to see the full expression of Jesus. So will you live in selfie mode or un-selfie mode?" (*anonymous*)

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

Message..... Pastor Jason Hoerth
Children's Message Chris Graves DCE.
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome / Installation of Leaders

Opening Worship

*Glorius Day (Living He Loved Me)
Tremble*

Call to Worship

Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word

(see opposite or screens)

*Isaiah 58:3-9a
Philippians 3:4b-14
Mark 14:3-9*

(Children excused for Children's Church.)

Offering

(Thanks for your support of God's mission here.)

Today's Message

(Children return from Children's Church.)

What We Believe

THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED AND MEANING

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord/ Reception/Song

*God Who Listens
Instrumental Music*

Blessing / Song

Battle Belongs

Dismissal

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:3-9a

(The Brightness of the Lord's light breaking forth.)

³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst,

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

(Straining toward the goal.)

⁴ If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from...

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EPISTLE (cont.)

Philippians 3:4b-14

...God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:3-9

(Jesus anointed in Bethany.)

³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that?"⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her.⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me."⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me.⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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