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2 Chronicles 26:21

A lesson in humility

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
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Worship Notes

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Prayer before worship: Almighty God, sovereign and all wise, unsearchable and omniscient: How unworthy we are of your grace and mercy, your providence and generosity. Yet, in the words of the psalmist: **"Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?"* We praise you that in love you take note of us and show us such undeserved love toward us. We especially thank you, Lord Jesus, that you humbled yourself to become our Savior. May our response to your grace be service in deep humility to your kingdom. Teach us to focus our hearts on you and all you have done for us. We pray it in Jesus' name. Amen. [*Psalm 113:5-6]

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OPENING HYMN

Not unto Us

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FIRST LESSON

2 Chronicles 26:16-23

But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. Azariah the priest with eighty other courageous priests of the LORD followed him in. They confronted him and said, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary,

for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honored by the LORD God." Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the LORD's temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead. When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests looked at him, they saw that he had leprosy on his forehead, so they hurried him out. Indeed, he himself was eager to leave, because the LORD had afflicted him. King

Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in a separate house--leprosy, and excluded from the temple of the LORD. Jotham his son had charge of the palace and governed the people of the land. The other events of Uzziah's reign, from beginning to end, are recorded by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. Uzziah rested with his fathers and was buried near them in a field for burial that belonged to the kings, for people said, "He had leprosy." And Jotham his son succeeded him as king.

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 22

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23

Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk? Do I say this merely from a human point of view? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to

do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the

Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

VERSE of the DAY

Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia.
- Ephesians 2:10a

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."
"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."
"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am

baptized with?"
"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who

are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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HYMN of the DAY

Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be

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SERMON

2 Chronicles 26:16-23

GOD GRANT US HUMILITY

- 1. NOT TO BRING THE SACRIFICE OF FOOLS**
- 2. TO CLING TO THE ONLY SACRIFICE THAT MAKES US CLEAN**

OFFERING

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

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THE SACRAMENT

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To our worship guests seeking an altar at which to commune: Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ, we ask that those who are not communicant members of our fellowship please schedule a meeting with the pastor before coming to the Lord's Table. We ask this in loving obedience to the Scriptures and not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Oh, Worship the King

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Jeff Bovee
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun	9-1 pm	MVL Belgian Waffles
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Mon	7 pm	Trustees Meeting
Tue	7 pm	Council Meeting
Wed	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Thu	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: James
Fri	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: Nehemiah
Sat	9 am	Cards of Caring: 403 N. Minnesota St.

† Upcoming Weekend Services †

Saturday: 7 pm
Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 21	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
Oct 23	4 pm	Oak Hills Living Center Service
	7 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Oct 24	6:30 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Oct 25	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Oct 26	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
	6 pm	Youth Group: Bonfire and More: 601 S. Washington St.
Oct 27	7:15 am	Men of His Word Conference, Rochester
	8 am	LWMS Fall Rally
	3 pm	Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's Lutheran School
Oct 28	8 am	Grades K-4 sing
	9:30 am	Sunday School and Bible Class: 1 & 2 Thessalonians
	10:30 am	Student Teacher Meet & Greet
	3 pm	MLC Joint Reformation Service
Oct 29	6:30 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Oct 30	7 pm	Altar Guild Meeting
Oct 31	5 pm	Public Catechism
	7 pm	Mixed Choir
Nov 1	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class: James
	7 pm	Adult Bible Class: 1 Kings
Nov 2	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Perkins: "On Giving Advice to God"
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
	7 pm	MVL Fall Play
	7:30 pm	MLC Musical

ST. JOHN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 379.

Fruits of faith given:

\$ Home Operations ~ \$14,532 <i>is our weekly need</i>	
\$ MVL ~ \$1,118 <i>is our weekly need</i>	\$ Audio/Video Equipment
\$ Missions ~ \$1,648 <i>is our weekly need</i>	\$ Church Library Fund
\$ Building Fund ~ \$1,603 <i>is our weekly need</i>	\$ LWMS
\$ Food & Fellowship	\$ Prison Ministry

Hospitalized ~

Men's Bible Breakfast - On Giving Advice to God ~ Want to deepen your faith? Join us Friday mornings at 6:30 am at Perkin's Restaurant to be fed both physically and spiritually. Starting, this Friday, October 26th, we'll be reading through Prof. em. Daniel Deutschlander's new book, "On Giving Advice To God," (Part 1) and discussing it.

Youth Group *Updated* ~ October Event: will be a campfire with brats/hot dogs, s'mores and activities this Friday, October 26, from 6 - 8:30 pm at 601 S. Washington St. Please sign up on the board in the narthex if you will attend. Bring a bag of chips to share and feel free to bring a friend! Contact Lisa Goeglein at ali3b2g@gmail.com or 217-7117 with questions.

Altar Guild Meeting ~ There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30th at 7 pm. We could always use more help, so if you're interested in seeing what Altar Guild is all about, feel free to join us. We only meet formally once per year, and we take turns preparing the sanctuary for worship, so the time commitment is relatively small. Come and check out this opportunity to serve!

Cards of Caring ~ The "Cards of Caring" volunteers continue to make cards to send to members who are on our church's homebound or "thinking of you" list. We send cards for birthdays, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter/Valentine's and Easter. We also make cards for our confirmands and for our LWMS Befriend a Mission families. We will meet Saturday, November 10, at 403 N. Minnesota St. between the hours of 9 am and noon. Come as your schedule allows. Assistance is needed with creating cards from recycled cards or using decorative stamps, writing greetings in the cards, applying Scripture verse stamps, seals, and prepping envelopes. Everyone is welcome from age 12 and older to come for fun and fellowship. We also welcome all MLC students. For information contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230.

Choral Fest, November 9-11 ~ St. John's will host Great Plains Lutheran High School Choir and will serve them a lunch at St. John's in the basement on Sunday, November 11th at 12:00 noon. Food donations and helpers are needed. Please consider participating in this event by signing up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you. Please contact Jeneane Thiesfeldt if you have questions at thiesfjm@gmail.com or 507-240-4523.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matching Gift for St. Paul's School Building Project ~ *A Time to Build* project at St Paul's Lutheran School will be moving ahead and donations are needed to maintain the momentum! To encourage those who are considering a donation to the building fund, a member of St. John's is offering a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$10,000 for contributions made before Thanksgiving. If the \$10,000 is fully matched by Thanksgiving, the donor will provide another \$5,000 of matching funds until Christmas! Watch for more information on this exciting opportunity in weeks to come!

Men of His Word Conference ~ Time is running out to register for the Men of His Word conference in Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 27th. Can't decide whether or not to come? The men who have attended the Men of His Word seminars in the past have described them as "inspiring," "awesome," "super-encouraging," "very educational," and "a ton of fun." You will be glad you came! For more information about this important event for WELS men go to menofhisword.org.

LWMS Fall Rally ~ will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sleepy Eye, on Saturday, Oct. 27. All confirmed women (teens to gray-haired) are encouraged to attend this interesting 1/2 day rally to learn more about and support mission work in the WELS. The theme is CAMM- Central Africa Medical Mission- Matthew 25: 40. The presenter will be Shelly Sievert. See the schedule and sign-up sheet in the new narthex. Questions?- call Marley Kuckhahn.

WELS Trunk or Treat in New Ulm! ~ St John's Church, St Paul's Church, MLC, and St Paul's School are teaming up to provide a fun community awareness activity on Saturday, October 27 from 3 - 5 pm in the St Paul's School parking lot. St. John's members are invited to decorate the trunk of their vehicle and drive it to the parking lot for a fun, autumn treat celebration! You can also support our joint venture by bringing a candy donation to the church office. Watch for more information next week and on St. John's social media. To sign up for a space in the parking lot, or for more information, email Sarah Zahrt zahrtse@gmail.com

Joint Reformation Service at MLC ~ 500 years ago, in the 26th Thesis for the Heidelberg Disputation, Martin Luther wrote, "The law says, 'Do this,' and it is never done. Grace says, 'believe this,' and everything is already done." On October 28th, at 3 pm at the Chapel of the Christ on the campus of Martin Luther College, we once again give thanks for God's tremendous grace to us in Christ. Pastor Roger Knepprath will preach this year and the Chorale from MLC will enhance our worship with song. Following the service, you are invited to meet in the lower level of the chapel for a presentation from Kingdom Workers to learn of recent mission efforts in our area. Following the reports and updates, you may join us for a complimentary supper in the college cafeteria. A free will offering will be collected to support ongoing mission work by our mission team.

MLC SOLA Appreciation Dinner ~ MLC is hosting the Support and Outreach Legacy Association (SOLA) annual appreciation dinner on Friday, November 2, in the Chapel of the Christ fellowship room (lower level) at 5:30 pm. A full buffet dinner will be served, and MLC students will provide music. Complimentary tickets to the musical *Crazy for You* will also be provided (RSVP required). If you are a SOLA member and wish to attend, please contact Michelle Gartner at 354-8221 or gartneml@mlc-wels.edu. If you are not a SOLA member but have remembered MLC in your estate plan and wish to join SOLA, please contact Kate Tohal at 217-7982 or tohalkj@mlc-wels.edu. To request a registration form.

Wreath Sales ~ MVL students will be in their home congregations to assist with Christmas wreath orders on the following Sundays: October 21 and 28, November 4 and 11. Deliveries will be made before Thanksgiving.

MVL Fall Play ~ This year's fall play is a comedy by Pat Cook titled *You Can't Beat the House*. Performances in the MVL gymnasium are Friday, November 2 at 7 pm and Saturday, November 3 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets can be bought at the door: \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and kids under six are free.

MLC Fall Musical ~ MLC Forum Productions will present the Gershwin hit *Crazy for You* on Friday and Saturday, November 2-3, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, November 4, at 2 pm. Set in a rundown Nevada town during the 1930s, *Crazy for You* tells the story of Bobby Child, a wannabe actor who is looking for a way to break out, and Polly Baker, who is trying to support her father and keep their theater open. The conflict and chemistry between the two produces a dazzling show that will take you back to a time when music and dance seemed to be driving the whole world crazy - *Crazy for You*!! Order your tickets now by visiting mlc-wels.edu/forum or calling 233-9114. Ticket prices are discounted online, but will be full price at the door, so don't wait to purchase!

Veterans' Day Program at MVL ~ The Veterans' Day recognition will be held Wednesday, November 7. Veterans and their guests are invited to a breakfast in the MVL commons before the program. Please contact Kristin Matzke, 507-233-8662 or kmatzke@mvlhs.org, to RSVP. The public is invited to the hour-long program, which begins at 9 am in the MVL gymnasium.

Spirit of MVL Events ~ The annual Spirit of MVL complimentary recognition reception and ticketed fundraising gala will be held on Saturday, November 17 at the New Ulm Conference Center (part of the Best Western Plus). Please visit mvl.org/spirit-of-mvl for more details.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ The Martin Luther College Wind Symphony is pleased to present *Collage: Music for Winds and Percussion* on Sunday, November 18, at 3 pm in the Wittenberg Collegiate Auditorium. This concert is a collage of works that each paint a unique timbral palette for the ears. "Fanfare" from *La Péri* by Paul Dukas is a brilliantly bright work for small brass ensemble. Frank Ticheli's setting of *Shenandoah* is a lush rendition of the traditional American folk song. *Whatsoever Things* by Mark Camphouse is an expansive work based on the St. Anthony Chorale and inspired by Philippians 4:8. The concert will close with a modern setting of the medieval chant *Viderunt Omnes*. Please join us for these and other works!

Job Openings ~ Bethany Lutheran College has two faculty positions available for consideration: Engineering and Computer Science. Go to their website: www.blc.edu/employment for more information.

About the Cover ~ King Uzziah was one of the few Kings of Judah about whom the Bible says, "he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD." However, even this otherwise God-fearing man, at one point in his life became puffed up with pride. So great was he in his own mind that he took it upon himself to defy God and offer incense in the Holy Place of the Temple -- a task to be performed only by the priests by God's own mandate. The results were disastrous for the arrogant king. God sorely chastened and humbled him by afflicting him with leprosy for the rest of his life. It is a warning to all of us. We are truly humble in the eyes of God only when our hearts are set on Christ, who humbled himself in order to save us by his grace.