



 *Palestine*  
Lutheran Church

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

*Reaching Out in Christian Love to All*

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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

\*=Stand as you are able    **Bold Print** = congregation responds  
**ELW**=Red Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**(ELW p. 94)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we**

**have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG      “Take My Life, That I May Be”      ELW 583**

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# Take My Life, That I May Be

## *Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad*

*Refrain/Coro*



*Refrain/Coro*



## **\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7**

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
**praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>2</sup> Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
**from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down  
**let the name of the LORD be praised.**

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations;  
**God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
**who sits enthroned on high,**

<sup>6</sup> but stoops to behold  
**the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
**and lifts up the poor from the ashes,**

<sup>8</sup> enthroning them with the rulers,  
**with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
**to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For  
there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a  
herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a  
teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**\*GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now

that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*Children will leave to go to Children’s Church*

Preschool/Kindergarten – room beside nursery in north fellowship hall

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3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades – Upstairs to the left

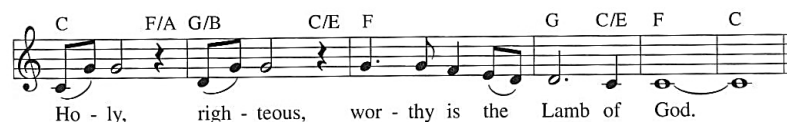
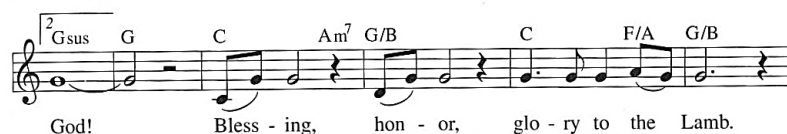
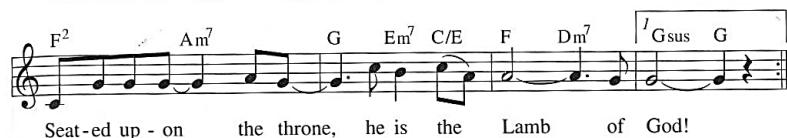
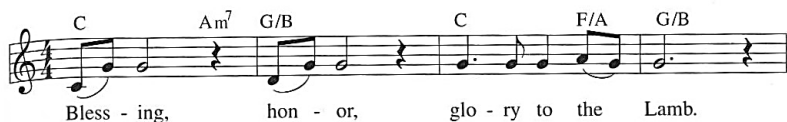
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# REFLECTION SONG: "Blessing, Honor, and Glory"

W&P 21

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## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### "Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW 689

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## Praise and Thanksgiving



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Response:      God of grace,  
                         **Receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING HYMN:**

**“Yes, I Will”**

***Sr. Choir***

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### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of  
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**(ELW p. 153)**



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**(ELW p. 153)**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

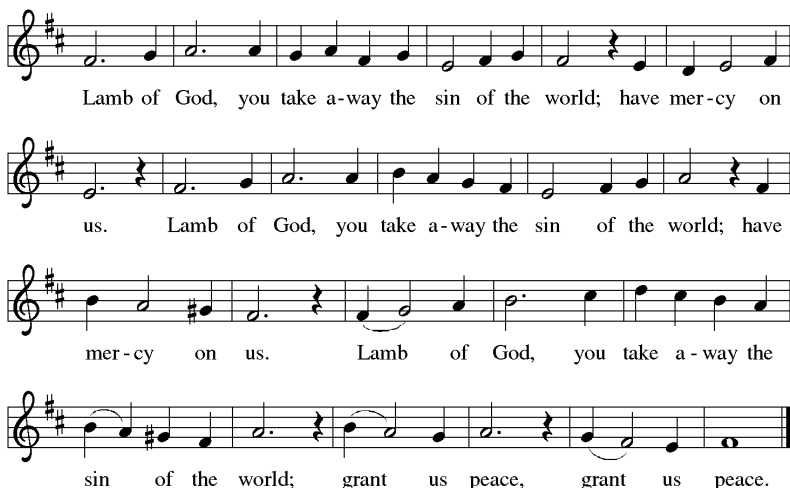
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION

—▶ If you wish to kneel at the rail after accepting communion to pray, feel free to go up and then exit via the side aisles as normal.

### COMMUNION SONG:

(Page 154)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMNS:

#### “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

ELW 696

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1 Je - sus calls us; o’er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life’s wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world’s gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me:”  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus’ sake.  
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”  
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

## “For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW 679

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

### \*TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG      "Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)"**

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***Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul, worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy Name.***

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

***Chorus***

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,

Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

***Chorus***

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come;

Still my soul sings Your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

***Chorus***

I'll worship Your holy Name, I'll worship Your holy Name.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ring of the Bell

Postlude

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### Those Serving in Today's Service

Pastor: Eric Klimpel

Accompanist: Mindy DeVries

Youth Liaison: Nels Dovre

Lector: Ben Williams

Acolytes: Avery Dykstra; Rex Clark

*Technicians:* Brent Emerson, Owen Williams

Altar Guild: Elaine Mohr and Lesa Lewis

Communion Assistants: Tim and Shannon Wilson

### This Week at Palestine

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 *Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Worship; Holy Communion

*Music with Nels*

Book Bash

5:30 p.m. International Day of Peace

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Theology on Tap @ Flight in Huxley

Monday, September 22, 2025

*Newsletter deadline*

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

10:00 a.m. Area Pastor's Study

7:00 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Green Hills Devotions (*Pastor*)

1:00 p.m. Quilters

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6:30 -8:00 p.m. GriefShare Support Group @ Huxley Library

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 *Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. Choir

9:30 a.m. Worship

*Music with Nels*

*Cake/Ice Cream Social celebrating 170 years*

*Book Bash*

Lectionary texts: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146, 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

**Thank you for your Gifts for Ministry:**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

General: \$3,932.01

Sound System: \$100.00

**Attendance: 129**

Benevolence: \$105.00

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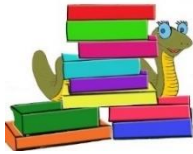


Palestine will accept your offering!

1. **Bring** to worship service with you and place in offering plates.
2. **Mail** check to:  
Palestine Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 189  
Huxley, IA 50124
3. **Give online through Easy Tithe.**  
Go to our website [www.plchuxley.com](http://www.plchuxley.com) and click on the bright red ONLINE GIVING tab on the right located above our "Reaching out in Christian love to all" statement. **OR** scan the QR code to take you right to our tithing page.
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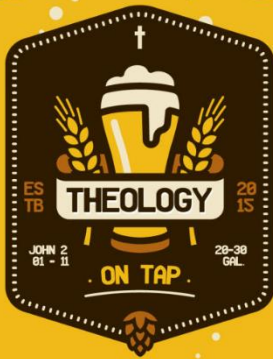
*Thank you. Continue to pray and know God is with us.*



## FALL BOOK BASH

September 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

*Browse for your new reading material!*



## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Question freely. Think deeply. Drink a little.

Join us today, Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

@Flight – **NOTE** new venue change!

## *International Day of Peace*

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm  
The Peace Garden at Cowles Commons  
313 Walnut St. Des Moines, Ia. 50309

*“Act Now for a Peaceful World “*

The keynote speaker will be Brian Campbell, Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Music will be provided by First United Methodist Church Choir, Jennifer Shide, Music Director. The service will express a vision of peace and a position against war shared by all faith traditions. We will renew our commitment to be instruments of God's peace. This year it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies, and that the urgent work of peace-making is essential to the survival and well-being of humanity.

Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace

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**Welcome to Worship!** We're glad you're here (physically or virtually), guests and members alike, and pray that you will find in our worship an opportunity to praise God and hear God's Word.

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ Jesus is truly present in the sacrament to forgive, strengthen and bless us, are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

### **True Riches (based on Luke 16)**

Being stuck in unjust systems is exhausting. Perhaps they are designed to frustrate and impede any efforts to undo their power. The manager in Jesus' parable does what he can to make the most of his precarious position, but his resolution still leaves a lot to be desired. Does the rich man remain in his wealthy and powerful position? What about all the others who still owe the estate? Why does the manager, and not the rich landowner who holds all the cards, become the object lesson?

It seems Jesus is getting serious here about our relationships with money, riches, and power: "You cannot serve God and wealth" (Luke 16:13). That much is clear. But perhaps Jesus is drawing our attention to the larger implications of God's economy and what it means to lean on one another for the sake of justice in our world. Luke's gospel began with Mary's song, after all, extolling the ways the poor will be lifted up in the kin-dom Jesus brings. In this new reign, all resources are brought into the service of those who need them most. Faithful living here and now might look different from what we're accustomed to when we consider what God has in mind, especially when we are used to unhelpful contemporary mantras like "Might makes right" and "Winner takes all."

True to Mary's song, Jesus indeed turns our world upside down, which distresses those of us who appreciate good order. But in the end, this turning does what is needed to make the world right. In our world today, we may struggle with the forgiveness of debts and the redistribution of wealth, but Jesus doesn't. God brings the true riches of justice and love for all and will not fail to do what is needed to make sure every last beloved person on earth has what they need to truly live.