

*G*ive thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

*H*e turns a desert into pools of water,  
a parched land into springs of water.

—Psalm 107:1, 35





SECOND SCRIPTURE READING      *James 3:1-12*      (insert)

\*HYMN      "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"      No. 616

SERMON      "What Gets You Into Trouble?"      Pastor Ethan

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

\*CLOSING HYMN      "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (sing twice)      No. 204

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*THREEFOLD AMEN (unison)      Hymnal No. 898

**\*POSTLUDE**

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Last Sunday's attendance:      45      52  
Last Sunday's offering:      \$930      \$2326

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### CALENDAR

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Viroqua Administrative Council meeting</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>choir practice at Viroqua</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>prayer meeting at Viroqua</b>

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The annual **Viroqua Walk for the Hungry**, sponsored by the Viroqua Ministerial Association, will be held on Sunday, October 11, beginning at 1PM. This 4-mile walk starts and ends at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Congress Ave. Our United Methodist Church team is being formed now — please contact the church office if you would like to be on the team.

# Proverbs 1:20-33 NIV (New International Version)

## Warning Against Rejecting Wisdom

- <sup>20</sup> Wisdom calls aloud in the street,  
she raises her voice in the public squares;
- <sup>21</sup> at the head of the noisy streets <sup>[a]</sup> she cries out,  
in the gateways of the city she makes her speech:
- <sup>22</sup> "How long will you simple ones <sup>[b]</sup> love your simple ways?  
How long will mockers delight in mockery  
and fools hate knowledge?"
- <sup>23</sup> If you had responded to my rebuke,  
I would have poured out my heart to you  
and made my thoughts known to you.
- <sup>24</sup> But since you rejected me when I called  
and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand,
- <sup>25</sup> since you ignored all my advice  
and would not accept my rebuke,
- <sup>26</sup> I in turn will laugh at your disaster;  
I will mock when calamity overtakes you-
- <sup>27</sup> when calamity overtakes you like a storm,  
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,  
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.
- <sup>28</sup> "Then they will call to me but I will not answer;  
they will look for me but will not find me.
- <sup>29</sup> Since they hated knowledge  
and did not choose to fear the LORD,
- <sup>30</sup> since they would not accept my advice  
and spurned my rebuke,
- <sup>31</sup> they will eat the fruit of their ways  
and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.
- <sup>32</sup> For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,  
and the complacency of fools will destroy them;
- <sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will live in safety  
and be at ease, without fear of harm."

### Footnotes:

- a. [Proverbs 1:21](#) Hebrew; Septuagint / on the tops of the walls
- b. [Proverbs 1:22](#) The Hebrew word rendered simple in Proverbs generally denotes one without moral direction and inclined to evil.

# James 3:1-12 NIV (New International Version)

## Taming the Tongue

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup>We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.

<sup>3</sup>When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup>Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup>Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, <sup>8</sup>but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup>With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup>Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. <sup>11</sup>Can both fresh water and salt <sup>[a]</sup>water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup>My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

### Footnotes:

- a. [James 3:11](#) Greek bitter (see also verse 14)

### New International Version

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