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Introduction: *A funny lesson in humility...*

- I. GOD'S WORD HAS STRONG THINGS TO SAY ABOUT PRIDE & ARROGANCE
 - A. For example – Proverbs 8:13; 16:15; 16:18; Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 5:5
 - B. The truth is, we have little to be prideful or arrogant about
 - C. All the blessings listed for us in **Psalm 23** are not earned or deserved
- II. PSALM 23 TELLS US: WE ARE NOT THE ONES WHO DESERVE THE APPLAUSE
 - A. Verse 3 tells us, God takes care of us **“For His name’s sake”**
 - B. To understand what “for His name’s sake” means we note – Jeremiah 14:7,21; Joshua 7:9; Isaiah 48:9-11
 - C. We learn that when God acts “for His name’s sake”, He does so because grace & mercy is His nature & His name alone deserves the praise
 - D. To use an old expression: *“God takes the cake...”*
 - E. To quote St. Paul: *“Let those who boast, boast in the Lord.”* (1 Corinthians 1:31)
 - F. God, help us to NOT be like the boasting Pharisee in the Temple (Luke 18:10-14)
- III. **FOR HIS NAME’S SAKE** – GOD LOVES THE WORLD
 - A. This is clearly the central truth of the Bible: John 3:16 – **“For God so loved the world...”**
 - B. This is the reason the Church (and our congregation) exists: To love & serve the world for God’s name sake (that He gets the praise)
 - C. Being Trinity Lutheran Church is NOT all about us
 - D. To those who **get over ourselves**, to the humble, God gives great treasures – Proverbs 15:3; 11:2; Psalm 25:9; 149:4, 1 Peter 5:5; Galatians 6:14
 - E. It is our joy to confess with the hymn “Rock of Ages”:
Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling

Conclusion:

*Let’s look in a mirror, wipe our chins,
& thank God that He loves us, “for His name’s sake”*