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THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 6, 2022

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**.....FROM PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit,

Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

***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.

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***HYMN OF JOYFUL WORSHIP**ANCIENT OF DAYS

WORDS & MUSIC: BOB KENOLY

Though the nations rage, Kingdoms rise and fall There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains: That my God is the Ancient of Days

**None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name For my God is the Ancient of Days**

Though the dread of night Overwhelms my soul He is here with me I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see What the future brings I will watch and wait For the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face In the presence of the Ancient of Days

CONFESSIO OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED¹

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell²; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING.....2 TIMOTHY 3

HYMN OF ADORATIONBEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

WORDS & MUSIC BY STUART TOWNEND

All my days I will sing this song of gladness
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights
For in my helplessness, you heard my cry
And waves of mercy poured down on my life

**Beautiful Savior, wonderful counselor Clothed in majesty, Lord of history
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life
Star of the morning, glorious in holiness
You're the Risen one, heaven's Champion And You reign, You reign over all**

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2nd century and developed into its present form by the 6th century. ² By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion. ³ The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer I will sing of the blood that never fails
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed Of death defeated and life without end

I long to be where the praise is never ending
Yearn to Dwell where the glory never fades
Where countless worshipers will share one song
And cries of worthy will honor the Lamb!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**I, a poor sinner, acknowledge
before you, my God and Creator,
that I have terribly and in many ways
sinned against you, not only outwardly,
but much more with inward blindness,
unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride,
covetousness, envy, hatred, malice,
and other sinful affections,
as you, my Lord and God, know well,
and I cannot deeply enough deplore.
But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them,
and heartily ask you for mercy,
for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**COLOSSIANS 2:13-14

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE**PSALM 130

WORDS: MARTIN LUTHER

MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (all their sin and sorrow)

SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE WOODY WATFORD

SERMON.....GENESIS 20:1-18

¹ From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. ² And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. ³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, “Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.” ⁴ Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, “Lord, will you kill an innocent people? ⁵ Did he not himself say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she herself said, ‘He is my brother.’ In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this.” ⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. ⁷ Now then, return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”

⁸ So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid. ⁹ Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to me things that ought not to be done.” ¹⁰ And Abimelech said to Abraham, “What did you see, that you did this thing?” ¹¹ Abraham said, “I did it because I thought, ‘There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’ ¹² Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. ¹³ And when God caused me to wander from my father’s house, I said to her, ‘This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, “He is my brother.”’”

¹⁴ Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. ¹⁵ And Abimelech said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.” ¹⁶ To Sarah he said, “Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are vindicated.” ¹⁷ Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. ¹⁸ For the LORD had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.

SERMON NOTES

REPEAT OFFENDER

GENESIS 20:1-18

SURFACE SINS & ROOT CAUSES

SOVEREIGN INTERVENTION

JUDGING ABIMELECH

RESPONDING TO DIFFICULTY

*HYMN OF RESPONSETHE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

*BENEDICTION

BULLETIN BOARD

WORKDAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2

The deacons have scheduled a workday for Saturday, April 2. Stay tuned for more information about what projects will be tackled and tools that are needed. Contact Jeff Watford for more information.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY CONTINUES

We have begun a new study called The Gospel-Centered Life during Sunday school. Both the adult and student classes will be focusing on this study for the next several weeks.

2022 BIBLE READING PLAN AVAILABLE

We are continuing our three-year Bible reading plan this year. Reading God's word is one of the primary means He uses to change our lives and make us more like Jesus - reading His word together provides both accountability and deeper fellowship in our church body. Copies of the 2022 guide are available on the information counter and on the church website.

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ministry Partner: Phil & Wendy Stogner; serving with MTW and the Free Church of Scotland
Our Troops: pray for Hunter Warren who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in FL and all of our troops and their chaplains around the world
Church of the week: Eastbridge Presbyterian, Mount Pleasant; Ron Steel, pastor

TRINITY FAMILY

Joe Junquet: surgery scheduled for March 1
Theresa Hickson: resolving pneumonia
Wayne Walling: recovering at home after recent hospitalization
Melonie Anderson: for her health to remain stable so she can care for Claudia
Claudia Wilkes: for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis
Linda Wactor: recovering from recent infection
Lawton Porter: ongoing therapy, healing for foot
Linda Wells: neuropathy, improved stamina
Christie Churchwell: relief from headaches

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

STAFF	
John Mark Patrick, Pastor Dr. Sam Lambrecht, Families w/ Students Susan Ulmer, Women's Ministry Deborah Finkelstein, Pianist Karen Ford, Administrative Assistant Ann Axson, Bookkeeper	
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DEACON ASSISTANTS	
Larry Adicks, Terri Morrell, Lyle Polson	

CALENDAR		
SUN 3/6	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL - BRIAN MOORE MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 3/8	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN 3/13	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 TIMOTHY 4	ECCLESIASTES 1	ECCLESIASTES 2	ECCLESIASTES 3	ECCLESIASTES 4	ECCLESIASTES 5

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