

June 8, 2025

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-5 Rev. Dave Lindberg

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

*SONG

COME THOU FOUNT

Come Thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood. 3 O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

People of God, what do you believe?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We 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.

*That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

GOD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

*SONG OF CONFESSION

1

For what we have done and left undone We fall on Your countless mercies For sins that are known and those unknown We call on Your name so holy For envy and pride, for closing our eyes For scorning our very neighbor In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King How deeply we need a Savior

Chorus Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us

LORD OF MERCY

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us ² For hearts that are cold, for seizing control For scorning our very Maker In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King How deeply we need a Savior

(chorus x2) Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace

in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

SONG OF ASSURANCE (Collection of tithes, gifts and offerings)

For what You have done, Your life of love You perfectly lived, we praise You Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes You finished the work God gave You LORD OF MERCY, CONTINUED

And there on the tree, a King among thieves You bled for a world's betrayal You loved to the end, our merciful friend How pure and forever faithful (chorus x2)

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*SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 25:1-28 Janet Gilchrist

These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied.

² It is the aloru of God to conceal thinas. but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the kina. and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, 7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself. and do not reveal another's secret. ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. ¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. ¹² Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. ¹³ Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him;

he refreshes the soul of his masters. ¹⁴ Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

¹⁵ With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone.

¹⁶ If you have found honey, eat only enough for you, lest you have your fill of it and vomit it.

¹⁷ Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

¹⁸ A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.

¹⁹ Trusting in a treacherous man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth or a foot that slips.

20 Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, and like vinegar on soda.

²¹ If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,

for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you. ²³ The north wind brings forth rain,

and a backbiting tongue, angry looks.

²⁴ It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.
²⁵ Like cold water to a thirsty soul,

so is good news from a far country.
²⁶ Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
²⁷ It is not good to eat much honey, nor is it glorious to seek one's own glory.

²⁸A man without self-control

is like a city broken into and left without walls.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Foster Pitts and Eloise Pitts son and daughter of Calvin and Katie Pitts

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*SERMON TEXT

Matthew 18:15-19:2

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made, ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 3² Then his master summoned him and said to him. 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant. as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

¹ Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Dave Lindberg

"Radical Grace and the Art of Communal Discipline"

GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- CTK welcomes all baptized believers who are communing members of gospel-believing churches to participate in the Supper.
- Gluten-free and nut-free bread is in a small box on the plate.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

*SONG

INSTRUMENTAL

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Chorus 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.

1

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)

2

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)*

3

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near, and my time has come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (chorus)

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GOD SENDS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

*DOXOLOGY/DISMISSAL

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. SERMON NOTES Matthew 18:15-19:2 "Radical Grace and the Art of Communal Discipline"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group

Youth Group for grades 6 - 12 has shifted to summer schedule. Be on the lookout for upcoming summer Youth events.

Items for Bridges Resource Center

We are collecting **shampoo and conditioner** for Bridges in June. You may place these items in the basket provided between the nursery and Welcome Table. Thank you for helping local families in need.

Come Pray Together

We will begin our summer prayer schedule in June meeting once a month on the third Wednesday of the month. Our next gathering will be June 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 at the church office, 313 N 9th St, Midlothian 76065.

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