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Sermon Series on the Book of Matthew 6
Week 1
August 30, 2020



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- **Prelude** “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love;
I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord; I Know
Who Holds the Future; Turn Your Eyes Upon
Jesus; Now I Belong to Jesus” **Roxanne Groff**

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome** **Pr Mel**

- * **HYMN OF PRAISE** “Children of the Heavenly Father” **LBW 474**



- Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



- stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

- * **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Guiding God,

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C: You have shown us how to live a good life, yet we think we can do better on our own. We do not honor you or our neighbors, instead choosing to follow our selfish desires. We long to be free and yet hold others' wrongs against them. Release us from this endless cycle of guilt and poor choices. Restore us to yourself again, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: We are God's beloved children and we have been forgiven! Now live in the joy which this grace provides, and share the good news with others.

All: Amen.

*** GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Faithful God, You have provided everything that we truly need to thrive in this life. Teach us to recognize those things, and to work so that others might also have their needs provided, for the sake of Jesus,

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:9-15

P: Our scripture reading for this morning is from Matthew, Chapter 6.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

⁹Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise To You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

• **SERMON**

Pr Mel Musser

Silence for reflection may follow

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

• **BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Pr Mel

P: As we prepare for the beginning of a new school year, we ask Our Father in Heaven to bless all teachers and students, all parents and grandparents, all people who are associated with our education system in any way.

P: A reading from First Corinthians: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

P: Let us pray... O God, we ask your blessing upon for all who are beginning a new school year. We lift up both students and teachers in their academic endeavors. Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight, and students the gift of diligence and openness,

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that all may grow in what is good and honest and true. Support all who teach and all who learn, and all who support in any way the institutions of Education. Bless all who use their gifts in administration, meal preparation, transportation, custodial care, as well as those who are directly involved in the learning process, teachers and their students. Make all of us role models and mentors for those people in our lives who look up to us so that by the way we live and by our actions we may demonstrate our love for you. In all we do, may we know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

• **BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND OTHER SCHOOL AND LEARNING TOOLS**

P: At this time we offer a special blessing upon the backpacks, laptop computers, or tablets or other tools used for education...

P: A reading from Mark 10:13–16

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: Let us pray for our children and the backpacks they will carry this school year we pray for the tablets and laptop computers used for distance learning. We pray for the internet, may it be fast and glitch free... Dear God, as we begin another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks and other tools used for learning both at school in person and at home via distance learning. We especially ask your blessing on these children who will use them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with: eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large; respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships; love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation; happiness when learning is easy and persistence when it is hard; faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

P: We ask that you protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. Keep them safe from the Covid 19 virus and all other diseases. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts you have given each one of them. Help them to use their gifts to serve you by serving their neighbors. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

P: We continue our Worship Service with the Prayers of Intercession.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

A brief silence.

Each petition will end with the words:

L: Generous God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayer concludes:

L: You have heard the cries of your children and the prayers of your people without us saying a word. We trust in your faithfulness to answer us, for the sake of Jesus our Lord,

C: Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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- **OFFERING**

- * **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: When we realize how much we have been blessed, we desire that all your children might benefit. May the offering of these gifts out of our abundance be a way to help rebalance the resources of this world, which have been given freely but are not shared equally. Fill our hearts with longing for your justice, through your Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

- * **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the “tie that Binds us together”, let us pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- * **SENDING BLESSING**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

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* **SENDING HYMN** “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” **LBW 439**



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

C: **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

Postlude

“Thank You, Jesus”

Roxanne Groff

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| Lector | N/A |
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| Parrish Nurse | PJ Musser |
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Health Tips for the Week

BODY: Limit your alcohol intake

MIND: Talk with someone from a different generation

SPIRIT: Ask what you can do to help at church



Scripture readings for next Sunday, September 6th
Matthew 6:9-13

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This Week @ Trinity – August 30 thru September 6, 2020

Sun, August 30

10:30 am Worship Service
7:30 pm Confirmation Class on ZOOM

Wed, September 2

6:30 pm WELCA Meeting

Fri, September 4

9:00 am Prayers & Squares Quilting/LWR Kit Assembly Day
3:30 pm FISH Pantry @ 400 Markwith, Greenville OH

Sun, September 6

10:30 am Worship Service
7:30 pm Confirmation Class on ZOOM

Wed, September 9

7:00 pm ZOOM Bible/Book Club – Lutheran Questions, Lutheran
 Answers (See your email or our Facebook events page for the
 link to the Zoom Meeting with the Meeting ID and Passcode)



Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning,
you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and
hear the sermon from your car.

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THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree inside still has crosses with ideas for items to donate. Open the cross and take the paper with you or take the cross and return it when you drop off your donations. The basket under the tree also has items inside most of the crosses.

The baskets in the corner behind the tree are marked for either WERNLE or WELCA donations. Put your bags in the baskets to help keep the area as neat as possible. We will try to remove your donations ASAP. **THANK YOU!**



Starting Wednesday, September 9th I'll be hosting a Bible/Book club Zoom meeting every Wednesday at 7:00 pm (*except September 16th due to Trinity Council Meeting*) at 7:00 pm.

The first book we'll be reading and

discussing will be *Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers: Exploring Christian Faith* by Martin Marty. It's available on Amazon in paperback or Kindle format. Please order the version you prefer and read through chapter 1 before our first Zoom Meeting. We'll spend about 5 or 6 weeks on this Book and then decide where we want to go from there. I'll be sending out email and text invitations with a link if you want to join.

Pr. Mel

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We're making School Kits for Lutheran World Relief!

If you don't feel like doing the shopping, Linda Baker says she loves to shop (and Tony affirms how much she loves it 😊). Linda has offered and will be happy to accept any donations. She will purchase what is most needed to make the maximum number of school kits with what donations she receives. If you're like Linda and love to shop, here's the list that goes into a kit:

- 1 - Sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag— approximately 14" X 17", w/shoulder straps (handmade)
- 1 - Ruler—30 cm on one side (May have inches on the other side.)
- 1 - Box of Crayons (16 or 24)
- 5 - Unsharpened Pencils w/Erasers
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - 2 1/2" Eraser
- 1 - Pair Blunt Scissors
- 5 - Blue or Black Ball point Pens (No GEL pens)
- 4 - 70 Sheet College or Wide ruled Notebooks



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