PARABLES OF

THE PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS MATTHEW 25:31-46



ORDER OF WORSHIP | Sunday, October 20, 2019

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired. Please speak with a greeter or visit the sound booth upstairs for a listening device.

SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

Rescue

CALL TO WORSHIP | Matthew 5:17-20 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION | David Springer

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 2 Peter 1:3-7 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Once And For All

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Come As You Are

His Mercy Is More

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

From the New City Catechism:

Q. 42. How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

A. With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

We are called to publicly confess our faith in the grace of God, to participate in the rituals of entrance into the people of God and to acknowledge our membership with His people.

Bruce & Peggy Jaeger

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS DISMISSAL

Infants - Fifth Grade are dismissed. Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION | David Springer

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Lead Pastor & Director of Church Planting

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Because He Lives

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son, empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV) Title: Parable of the Sheep & Goats Teacher: Tim Rice

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Intro: When have you gotten in trouble for doing nothing?

THE BIG REVEAL What does a crisis reveal?

EVERYONE SURPRISED

How does this test eliminate the possibility of hypocrisy?

WHAT CAN EXPLAIN THIS? In His Grace, what did Jesus come to do?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

- 1. Worship the LORD, God Almighty, that He is our Maker and the Giver of Life. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He also is our true and just Judge.
- How have you lived blindly to Jesus' character and His heart for "the least of these?" Confess your
 pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and give you a new heart to grow His very
 character in you.
- 3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to redeem people like us! Thank Him for feeding us, welcoming us, clothing us when we were naked, and for coming to us to rescue us from the prison of our sin, guilt and ruin.
- 4. Who do you know that is blind to their real spiritual danger before Jesus at the Day of Judgment? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes and to give you opportunities to share the Gospel with them.
- 5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love. Pray that He would grow in you, true love for Jesus your King, for a truly loyal heart, that you would desire and pursue His character grown in you.

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

We're so glad you are here. Please place completed tear-off in offering plate.

Name (Please Print) Gender

Male
Female

Spouse

Children (Include DOB for Children's Ministry)

Address

City/State

Country/Zip

Phone

E-mail Address

□ First-Time Visitor □ Regular Attendee

Member
College Student

□ Update my contact information

I would like to receive:

□ Worship Folder & Announcement Emails

I would like information about:

- □ Children's Ministry □ New Member Class
- □ College Ministry □ Student Ministry
- □ Community Group □ Volunteering
- □ Men's Ministry

Prayer How can our staff pray for you?

□ Women's Ministry

Community Bible Reading

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October 21 - 26, 2019

(3-year plan: read blue passages | 1-year plan: read all)

Monday	1 Peter 5 Job 34	Joshua 23 Amos 2
Tuesday	2 Peter 1 Job 35	Joshua 24 Amos 3
Wednesday	2 Peter 2 Job 36	Judges 1 Amos 4
Thursday	2 Peter 3 Job 37	Judges 2 Amos 5
Friday	Hebrews 1 Job 38	Judges 3 Amos 6
Saturday	Psalm 95	Psalm 43 Psalm 141

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 25:45-46 (ESV)

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Communication

Register for events at trinitylakeland.org/events



AWC Walk For Life November 2, 9:45a Contact Tammy Scruggs for information.



Celebrating the Season November 3, 6:00p Contact Whitney Cabrera for information.



Bridal Shower for Laura Helm

November 10, 2:30p Contact Laura McCaulley to RSVP.

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