



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

OCTOBER 31, 2021

10:45 A.M.

Prelude	“Reformation Hymn” by C. Anderson & B. Kauflin*
Welcome and Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship and Invocation	
†Hymn of Worship	“Reformation Hymn” by C. Anderson & B. Kauflin*
Greeting	
†Song of Praise	“Come, Thou Almighty King” TH #101
†Confession of Faith	The Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer	
†Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 33:10-20 [Seat Bibles, p. 721]
†Singing Psalms	Psalm 143, TP p.121 Tune: “Fairest Lord Jesus” TH #170
Tithes & Offerings	
†Gloria Patri	TH #735
Sermon Text	Matthew 23:29-39 [Seat Bibles, p. 829]
Expounding the Word of God	Pastor Michael Mang “The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders” (Part 4)
†Hymn of Response	“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength” TPH #46C
‡The Lord's Supper	
†Doxology	
†Benediction	
Postlude	“How Firm a Foundation” TH #94

* Handout available

† Standing, if able

‡ Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.

TH — *Trinity Hymnal*; TP — *Trinity Psalter*; TPH — *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*

WELCOME

We really mean it when we say we are thrilled that you have come to worship with us today!

If you should have any questions or comments about the ministry of Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church, please feel free to reach out. Contact information is on the back page of this bulletin.

We have resumed our schedule of 9:30 Sunday School for all ages, and 10:45 worship, with nursery available for ages 3 and under. Masks are optional, but seating in the front left corner is reserved for any who prefer a masked and socially distanced option.

Children are always welcome in our worship services. We also have a “cry room” available with a large window for viewing the service and a speaker that will be playing all the audio from the main sanctuary. Please feel free to use that if you are concerned that your children’s noises are disrupting the service. Since it is a small room, we ask you to be judicious and careful to maintain recommended distancing should others also seek to use it.

We hope that this Lord’s Day you will be encouraged by the Word, refreshed by the worship, and touched by Christ’s love through our fellowship with one another.

MEDITATION

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (*ESV*)

The Apostles' Creed

*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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into 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.*

*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.*

SERMON NOTES

10/31/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders" (Part 4)

Text: Matthew 23:29-39

Theme: Even as God in Christ judges with complete justice and righteousness, He takes no delight that people reject the clear truth He has given them. Let us not presume on the kindness and mercy of God, but instead let us be quick to repudiate and turn from the sins of our forebears that are our own sins.

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- I. Judgment Because They Hindered People from Entering the Kingdom of God (13-15)
 - A. First Woe: Barred Access to Salvation (13)
 - B. Second Woe: Made Misguided and Fanatic Converts (15)

 - II. Judgment Because They Were Concerned About Superficial Details Before Basic Truths of Devotion and Ethics (16-24)
 - A. Third Woe: Promoted Artificial Religious Rules (16-22)
 - B. Fourth Woe: Practiced an Unbalanced Piety and Emphasized Wrong Priorities (23-24)

 - III. Judgment Because They Focused on Externals Rather Than the Heart (25-28)
 - A. Fifth Woe: Lived in External Purity to the Exclusion of Inward Purity (25-26)
 - B. Sixth Woe: Looked Good on the Outside But Were Spiritually Dead on the Inside (27-28)

 - IV. Seventh Woe: Judgment Because They Were _____ in the _____ of God's Messengers (29-36)

V. Jesus _____ for the
Coming _____ of the Nation (37-39)

VI. Applications for “The Spiritual Peril of Bad Leaders” (Part 4)

A. _____ on first-century A.D.
_____ is a critical feature to grasp about God’s
_____ plan.

B. The issue of _____
_____ underlies the
_____ about which Christ Jesus speaks.

1. Corporate responsibility for _____ is a
_____.

2. Corporate responsibility must be rooted in a
_____.

3. Corporate responsibility for sin has its _____.

4. A person can be corporately _____ but individually
_____.

5. Corporate responsibility for sin _____ when the sin is
_____.

C. The _____ of Christ does not take
_____ in the _____ of
people.

**QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AT
HOME OR IN SMALL GROUP**

1. What did the scribes and Pharisees often do to honor prophets and righteous people who had been murdered by their forefathers (v. 29)?
2. What protest of innocence did the scribes and Pharisees make (v. 30)?
3. How did Jesus view that present generation's attitude and actions toward the prophets of God (v. 31)?
4. What ironic command did Jesus issue to these people (v. 32)?
5. What description did Jesus use to speak of the character of the scribes and the Pharisees (v. 33a)? What did Jesus say that these people would not escape (v. 33b)?
6. What would Jesus do to prove the guilt of that present generation of Jews (v. 34a)?
7. What did Jesus say that these people would do to those He sent to them (v. 34b)?
8. Of what would the scribes and Pharisees to whom Jesus spoke be guilty (v. 35)?
9. Who else would be guilty of these things (v. 36)?
10. What did Jesus say Jerusalem was particularly known for (v. 37a)?
11. What did Jesus desire to do for the nation of Israel (v. 37b)?
12. What reason did Jesus give for why this would not happen (v. 37c)?
13. Because of this, what would happen to them (v. 38)?
14. Under what condition might this be avoided (v. 39)?
15. What critical phrase (see vv. 36, 38) must we keep in mind in order to understand what Jesus will talk about in Chapter 24?
16. How has a failure to observe this feature resulted in confusion and misunderstanding of what Jesus said in Chapters 24 and 25 was and is going to happen?
17. How does corporate responsibility apply to what Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees?
18. What cautions should we keep in mind regarding corporate guilt and responsibility?
19. What do we see regarding the heart of Jesus in this confrontation with the scribes and Pharisees? Explain.
20. How would you respond to the critic of Christianity who would accuse God of being a cosmic bully?

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed faith in (either before a congregation of the Lord's Church or to a body of Elders in a church where the Gospel of Christ is embraced) and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior from your sins, and are members of the visible Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have not publicly professed faith in Christ Jesus – the eternal Son of God who took on human flesh, lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross for sins, rose bodily from the dead, and who is returning to this earth in power and glory – please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

We invite you to respond to the Gospel by first understanding that you have sinned personally against the God who made you and have violated His good and right laws for you to follow. God is holy and has every right to separate you from Himself and from all that is good and beautiful because of your freely chosen disobedience to Him. But the really good news is that you can be restored to the God who made you because of what Christ Jesus has done on the cross as a perfect substitute and payment for the penalty that you owe and deserve. Simply believing and trusting in what Jesus did for you means you will belong to the LORD God forever.

Abraham, the Biblical example of one who was restored to God by faith alone, trusted God's promise and the LORD God credited it, that trust, to him as righteousness. God has shown His love to the world, and to you, by giving His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die and be separated from Him forever but rather have the life man was created to have in the presence of God, a life that never ends.

This means that you cannot DO anything to earn your place with God. However, a true faith in Christ Jesus comes from a God-given desire that will produce behavior that does those things that are pleasing to Him.

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk

more about your eternal future. You can find their contact information in this bulletin. They will be glad to show you from Scripture, God's Word, how you can have a relationship with God through Christ Jesus and have true peace and security with Him.

If you have professed faith in Christ Jesus, have been baptized, and are a member of the Church, yet there is a distance between you and the LORD because of cherished and unrepentant sin and transgressions of God's laws, we warn you to refrain from partaking the elements of the Lord's Table today. Scripture tells us that partaking of the Lord's Table is a participation, a communion, in the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). God's people cannot partake of His holy Table while at the same time engaging in deliberate and conscious violations of His commands for us as His holy people. If this is true with you, the LORD graciously promises that, if you confess and turn from whatever thinking or behavior that is contrary to His nature and His Word, He is faithful to forgive and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Until you have confessed and turned from whatever this breach of faith might be, please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

This does not mean that as a professing follower of Christ you are required to be perfect and flawless before communing with Christ at His Table. The Table is for you to be nourished and strengthened even more in your faith and love for Christ. You may have worries and doubts that God loves or hears you because your faith is weak. You may have sinned, confessed, and turned from it to the Lord before partaking, but still your heart condemns you. When you come to the Lord's Table, the Lord by faith assures you that you belong to Him, and He belongs to you. If, despite your sins and imperfections, you can truly say that the LORD is your Shepherd, that the name of Christ and His smile is the desire of your soul, then take the LORD at His word that you are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven!

Come, and dine with your Lord and Savior.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of Grace, we confess that our hearts are often far from You, that our affections are repeatedly given over to this fallen world, and that our wills are frequently set to do what is contrary to Your law.

Forgive our waywardness.

Redirect our affections.

Renew our wills.

Cleanse us from our pride and pardon our lips for spewing out contempt for our brethren.

Our sins are great, but You are greater than our sin.

Restore us to whole-hearted devotion to You in Christ, in Whom we pray.

Amen.

Personal Confession

This time of silence is provided for private, personal confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

— Psalm 41:11-12 (ESV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It can be also be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

TEEN NIGHT

Youth Group event for grades 6-12 is coming next month! We will meet at the Heisey home. Friday, November 12th, 5:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

SENIORS' LUNCH

If you are 50+, please consider joining the seniors for a good time of fellowship at the church from noon to 1:30 on November 10. Just bring your lunch and beverage; dessert will be provided. If you have questions, contact John or Paula Strain.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Two Christian refugee families, living in Lake Ridge, are in need of transportation on Sunday afternoons to One Voice Fellowship (4:00-7:15 PM), a PCA church plant that meets in Vienna. The church has a teaching time for the first hour, then a dinner of international food, followed by a worship service with preaching in English and translation. Those going to the service are welcome to participate in the activities and dinner. There are a total of five people in need of transportation: a woman from Ghana and her son (age 10), and a woman from Pakistan with her two sons (8 and 10), who fled after being threatened for teaching children Christian songs. Her husband is currently still in hiding in Pakistan. Please prayerfully consider how you can help these families to worship with their church body. If you are interested in helping and perhaps joining a rotation, please contact one of our deacons.

KIANGA KIDS CRAFT SALE

On Saturday, November 6th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lois Carr will be here to sell handmade African goods (bags, baskets, bracelets, earrings, pot holders, aprons), to support children's healthcare ministries throughout Kenya. (They make great Christmas gifts!) Bless someone you love, promote a Kenyan artist, and provide healthcare for a child at risk with your purchase of unique jewelry, textiles, and more.

BONFIRE & CAMPOUT

A modified men and boys campout is tentatively planned for Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th. Setup begins the afternoon of the 5th. We will have a short devotion before a giant bonfire Friday evening (weather permitting). The fire is planned to start at 7 p.m. at the latest to allow time for a devotion. Men and boys are welcome to come for just the bonfire or to camp as well. RSVP to RE Deane.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Help is needed in the following areas of ministry at SRPC. Please consider offering your time in these important areas: **AV Team** (contact Darcy Heisey); **Bulletin Production** (contact Kate Bredbenner); **Nursery and Outdoor Safety Monitors** (contact Robin Deane)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	10/24/2021	YTD
General Income	\$10,143.00	\$459,900.42
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$414,090.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$513.00	\$45,810.42
Attendance		

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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42 (ESV)
