

Trinity



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The Doctrine of Repentance & Good Works

Did you know that “the doctrine of repentance – because it not only commands new works, but also promises forgiveness of sins – necessarily requires faith” (Apology V pg. 123, 151)? Pointing this out is very important for all of us who have said the words, “I’m sorry,” or “I forgive you.” Without faith, the forgiveness of sins cannot be received because that person does not believe in the forgiveness of Christ won on the cross and delivered in the word of absolution now spoken. Repentance is the work of the Holy Spirit in us, but it is not the Old Man in us who repents. The man who has no faith does not repent for he believes he has no need to repent. One may, of course, force from his lips a confession of sin, but in his heart, he does not find fault with himself. It is the new man who repents of the sins which the Spirit has made known by the preaching of the Law.

The new man cannot stand what

the sinner in him has done. St. Paul writes in Romans 7: “What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.” And, “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I

want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.”

Now, the old Adam has no faith for there is nothing good that dwells in the body, but the soul that has been regenerated by the Spirit through the water and the

Word in Holy Baptism has received from the Lord a second birth. Paul asks at the end of the previous quote: “Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” It is the Lord who delivers the body from death in sin through His resurrection from the grave. Since the soul is saved so also is the body on account of the soul, but it must await the day of the

“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus” (Acts 3:19-20)

do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I

resurrection. While we draw breath, repenting of sins should happen daily for us. It should also follow that we receive from the Holy Spirit daily forgiveness for these sins. This is His promise to us, but this forgiveness can be received in no other way than

by faith. It is not that we deserve it nor that repentance is somehow our work to merit it. Just as faith is a gift and work of God in us, so too is repentance and forgiveness. It is all a gift from him by grace for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Sadly, this simple doctrine has been lost to so many who believe that by their works they merit the forgiveness of God. They would even turn repentance into their work. Since Christ came while we were still sinners and not after we had a contrite heart created in us, no man merited the forgiveness of his sins. This truth does not negate the necessity of good works to follow in faith. The doctrine of repentance also commands new works be done. For example Matthew 6:14 says, "For if you forgive others trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Does this mean that when I refuse to forgive my brother who sins against me I will not receive forgiveness? Yes, it does. Does this also mean that if I forgive them, then because of my forgiveness God will forgive me? No, it does not. Your forgiveness does not cause God to forgive you, but your withholding of forgiveness is evidence that you are rejecting the faith in the one who does forgive all sins. Your refusing forgiveness to the one who repents turns the doctrine of repentance upside down. As if the one who has been brought to terror of the conscience con-

cerning their sins must in some way merit forgiveness. Then the second question arises, does it make sense for you to ask for forgiveness from God, when your brother asks and you refuse him? Not at all. Neither you nor your brother merits the priceless treasure of Christ's precious blood shed for the forgiveness of sins. If forgiveness came by works it could no longer be by grace. Yet, it must be clear that repentance still demands that works be done in cooperation with the Holy Spirit. If your Father forgives freely because of Christ so too you should also forgive because of Christ.

It no easy thing forgiving our brothers and sisters in Christ because it is not just once, is it? Recall the words of St. Peter spoken to our Lord. "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18). Those who forgive others are bearing fruit in keeping with repentance, for the one who has been forgiven little loves little, but the one who has been forgiven much loves much (Luke 7).

More could be spoken on the good works which flow from faith and its relationship to the doctrine of repentance in the Book of Concord. The doctrine of repentance is at home in the Word and in faith. Without the Word of God and without faith one cannot understand the way

God works to restore us to himself in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord that he has shown us true salvation and restoration by grace through faith!

Birthdays

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| Andy Fairhurst | 7/4 |
| Mary Wornson | 7/5 |
| Dawn Riley | 7/6 |
| Gabriel Sowell | 7/12 |
| Stacy Stout | 7/14 |
| Izzy Ellington | 7/14 |
| Fred Walworth | 7/15 |
| Ben Augur | 7/15 |
| Colton Harris | 7/17 |
| Tanner Slawson | 7/22 |
| Tom Clemens | 7/29 |
| Rob Stone | 7/30 |
| Kenneth Rogers | 8/1 |
| Eldora Keller | 8/1 |



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| Blythe Larson | 8/1 |
| Vic Edwards | 8/3 |
| Jeremy Harms | 8/3 |
| Lisa Hoffman | 8/8 |
| Emily Goodroad | 8/9 |
| Lynn Wood | 8/10 |

Baptisms

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| Bob Howard | 7/1 |
| Jackson Oulman | 7/3 |

Jensen Mayes 7/5
 Alexandria Fairhurst 7/8
 Oakley Taylor 7/9
 Carson Schmidt 7/10
 June Ramer 7/11



Jr. Darmstaetter 7/13
 Sam Goodroad 7/14
 Andy Fairhurst 7/22
 Kari Goodroad 7/25
 Jim Wornson 7/25
 Mary Wornson 7/28
 Colton Harris 7/30
 Alpha Wiese 8/1
 Sean Williams 8/1
 Dawn Riley 8/8
 Samantha Slawson 8/9

Anniversaries

John & Jamie Luppess
 7/1/2006
 Curtis & Gwen Mayes
 7/2/1989



Terry & Mary Ellett
 7/4/1997
 Steve & Adyline Christensen
 7/11/1965
 Tony & Ellen Propst

7/11/1987
 Sam & Dana Goodroad
 7/13/2012
 Norm & Kay Sowell
 7/18/1971
 Russell & Kayla Oulman
 7/22/2017
 Scott & Lacey Mayes
 7/23/2011

Elders

Larry Goodroad
 Dallas Hoffman
 Bill Moore
 Vic Edwards
 Ken Meier

Acolytes

July 1
 Conner Jackson
 July 8
 Simon Korondi
 July 15
 Andrew Swain
 July 22
 Sam Wornson
 July 29
 Jacob Wornson
 August 5
 Bruce Cantwell
 August 12
 Ethan Carmack
 August 19
 Joe Goodroad
 August 26
 Colton Harris

Ushers

July 1
 John Barth, Allen Bozarth
 July 8 & 15
 Wes Carmack, Tim Brammeier
 July 22 & 29
 John Diaz, Derek Chapman
 August 5 & 12
 Vic Edwards, Andy Fairhurst

August 19
 Mark Fairhurst, Dan Goodroad
 August 26
 Larry & Sam Goodroad

Greeters

July 1
 Tom & Marlyse Goodroad
 July 8
 Jim & Karen Hargrave
 July 15
 Allen & Bonnie Harris
 July 22
 Curt & Char Henke
 July 29
 Dallas & Dee Hoffman
 August 5
 Sylvia Herrell, Martha Jenkins
 August 12
 Mike & Colleen Jackson
 August 19
 Jeff & Joyce Lehning
 August 26
 Deanna Korondi, June Lueckert

Altar Guild

July 1 & August 5
 Mary Ellett, Pat Owens
 July 8 & August 12
 K. Goodroad, D. Korondi
 July 15 & August 19
 Leslie Young, Dee Hoffman
 July 22
 Dawn Riley, June Ramer
 July 29
 P. Clemens, S. McCubbin
 August 26
 Phyllis Clemens

Christ, the Cross, the Price

While we preach Christ Crucified, so also do we proclaim Christ's work in its fullness, according to the scriptures. So, we know from the Lord's Prayer, as recorded in Matthew, that sin is a

debt, and debts must be paid. That is to say, we owe goodness to our neighbors, and we ought not harm them. So also do we have obligations toward our God. These are the debts of our transgressions. Now, we could say that God in his grace simply takes our debts off the book, but that is not how debt works. Whatever we might do with our accounting, someone will be left holding the bag, someone will have to pay the price.

So also in the atonement, and what Christ accomplishes for us through his active and passive obedience, and offering himself up on the cross. This is the ransom paid by Christ on our behalf. But, it is asked, to whom is the payment made? To the devil? To God? To the law? Well, in a way, to all three. If a payment for sin is not made, the devil has a point.

As long as the books are cooked, the devil can go on offering up his rightful accusations.

But then is payment made in satisfaction to God? Yes, God demands satisfaction. If he did not, it would not prove him more loving, but simply apathetic. But we

are not to think of love and justice in the same way. God is eternally love. There is not need for justice within the inner workings of the Trinity, for in the relationship between God and his Son, there are no crimes, no wrong doings. But justice springs from God's love. Abel, whom he loves, is murdered. Who will do right by Abel? Who will pay the price for the holocaust of abortion? In the cross, Christ offers that payment to the Father. Yes, as God's

Son, he comes to save us. But as the one who became our brother, he stands in our place, offering up the sacrifice, the payment which we owe to God.

But then, what about the law? Is God

bound by it, as if the law must be satisfied? Yes, but not as something that is external or foreign to God. God gave us the law as an expression of his eternal will. To us in our sinful state, it is accusatory. But before fall, and into eternity, and even now for us Christians, specifi-

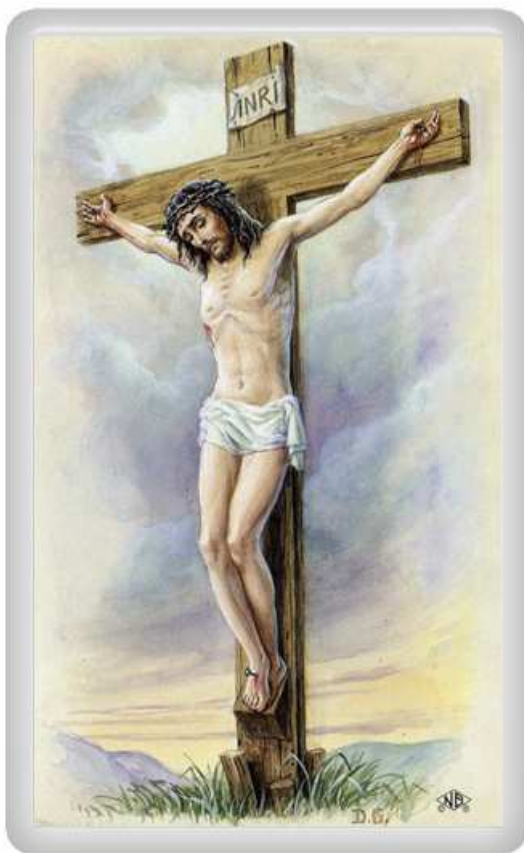
cally as Christians, the Law is the Law of Love, found fully in the Life of Christ, now given to us in our Baptism, so that His life is now our own. The law then is not something that hampers God or impinges upon his good grace, but is an expression of who he is.

So it is, our salvation is full and free, but not free to God, who like Abraham had to offer up his Son, but to do it all the way. Yes, salvation is free, but it is earned by Christ, whose merit becomes our merit. Yes, it is all by grace, and by that we mean Christ paid our debt. Now that's a gospel that's both radical and true.

Written by the Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Professor, Fort Wayne Seminary.

What Is Worship?

If the Divine Service is viewed primarily as our praising God, then you **can** do that just as well at home. In fact, if you consider the Biblical teaching of vocation you will discover that we can probably serve God better in the world than in a Church building! But if the Divine Service is understood as God giving us His forgiveness, then you've got to be there. It is very possible that the low attendance at Sunday services seen in so many Churches today is a reflection of how we define (or how people see) the service. If I am acting, then I can do it another time. If God is acting, then I had better be there! (from



Fire & The Staff, by Rev. Klemet Preus, of sainted memory).

Board of Directors

June 11, 2018

Members present: Connie Brammeier, Tim Brammeier, Mark Fairhurst, Larry Goodroad, Dee Hoffman, Bob Marchert, and Norm Sowell.

Tim called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer.

Laura Sullivan and Isabelle Bachtel requested transfer to Ascension Lutheran in Wichita, KS. Andy, Lisa, Shelby and Ben Starkebaum requested transfer to St. Stephens in Liberty, MO. Alan Rhea transferred to the church triumphant. Norm moved we accept, Mark seconded.

VP: Requested a template from the Missouri Synod for the constitution review.

Treasurer: Mark moved we receive the report, Norm seconded.

Elders: Discussed recent visits and the upcoming convention.

Properties: Working on a 4 phase LED light replacement project, scheduling yearly maintenance for the chair lift and elevator, and working on putting a solar panel light for the north side of street sign.

Evangelism: Joe Goodroad is working on a pamphlet which will be put outside in an information box. The committee is working on the Jesse James float.

Education: N/A

Stewardship: Nothing new to report.

Youth: Had 14 at the baseball game outing. Bible studies for the conference will be the next 3 Sunday school classes.

Public Relations: N/A

Planning: N/A

Services: Has a wedding basket ready for Alex and Jennifer Abend.

Unfinished Business:

Security – Melvin and Ardyth have agreed to be on a security committee.

New Business:

Deanna Korondi presented a Corpus on a cross she would like to purchase with the Korondi memorial fund for the cross on the Chancel wall in the front of our sanctuary. All costs should be covered with memorial money and Allen and Jeff Harris will install it. We should receive it in 3 to 4 months. Connie moved we approve, Mark seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mark moved we adjourn, Larry seconded. Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Goodroad

The Sabbath

The word “Sabbath” is often quite misunderstood. Professor Horace Hummel, from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, was fond of pointing out that the word “Sabbath” doesn’t mean

“rest” as in “do nothing but sleep in your lazy-boy recliner.” We know that God Sabbath, yet He never sleeps nor slumbers. “Sabbath” means to stop doing one thing so that a new thing might occur. God stopped creating after 6 days to “bless” the creation (which He declared “very good”) on that first Sabbath day. The same Sabbath work is done today, where God is present in the Divine Service, having declared us to be “very good” (i.e. “perfectly holy” as new creations in Christ Jesus), He blesses us with His gifts (His name, body and blood).

So our Sabbath is to stop going to work, school, or whatever your normal grind might be, and instead to be gathered to that place where God is truly present. You “stop” doing, so that you can be focused, by faith, upon what God is doing for you. You are blessed by God to be enlightened, sanctified, and kept in the true faith by what **God does** for you in His worship.

LWML

June 11, 2018

Call to Order: Mary Wornson, President

Opening Prayer: The business meeting was opened with prayer led by President Mary Wornson and the LWML pledge was recited.

Attendance: Janis Bozarth, Marlo Howard, June Lueckert, Doris Mann, Mary Wornson, Dee Hoffman, Janet Miller, Erma Altis, Diane Schmidt, Joyce Lehning, Kay Sowell

Minutes: Janet Miller made a motion and Dee Hoffman seconded that the May minutes are approved.

Correspondence: Thank you was read from the President of LCMS for our donation of \$210 to Rev. Mica and Dorothy Glenn for their support.

Treasurer's Report: A balance as of 6/11/2018 was \$311.87 (including \$56.41 in mites).

Mission Grant Story: Mission Grant story was read by June Lueckert. Subject was elder care and development of "Lutheran Village" in Jacmel, Haiti.

Quilting Report: No quilting report.

Unfinished Business:

LWML officers will be installed after church service on June 17, 2018.

New Business:

Delegates Mary Wornson and Marlo Howard reported on the LWML District Convention they just attended. Ronald McDonald House workday will be June 21st.

Our next business meeting will be July 9, 2018.

Third Sunday Treats: 6/6: Marlo, Diane, Janis; 7/15: Dee, June, Janet; 8/19: Mary, Kay, Janis

The business meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

and prayer requests led by President, Mary Wornson.

Bible Study: Everyone participated in an exercise brought back from LWML District Convention.

Refreshments were served by June Lueckert.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Bozarth, Secretary

I've Had It With Sports!

"Want to know why?

"Every time I went, they asked me for money.

"The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.

"The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.

"I went to many games, but the coach never came to call on me.

"The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.

"I suspected that I was sitting with some hypocrites – they came to see their friends and what others were wearing rather than to see the game.

"Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.

"The band played some numbers that I had never heard before.

"It seems that the games are

scheduled when I want to do other things.

"I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was growing up.

"I don't want to take my children to any games, because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best."

Thank You

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for your generous gift you sent to our Seminary in April. Your gift is greatly appreciated. – Tsegage E. Rebu, Student

Summer Vacation

Summer for most of us means traveling to favorite vacation spots for some time away from our everything routine. Or maybe you'll be traveling to some place new this year.

Whatever your plans might be, don't forget your worship and devotional life. If you'd like some heads up on LCMS Churches nearby ask Pastor and he'll try to help you find a place to worship while away from home.

If you can't get to a Church nearby and have access to the Internet, don't forget that the sermons are posted weekly usually by Saturday night, so go online and spend some time with your Church family here even when you're far away.

Have fun and may your homecomings be joyful!

