

Living Water Fellowship

Lake Run-n-Ride Service

19th Sunday after Pentecost – 29th September 2024

COME TO JESUS

Gathering Song & Welcome: The Night Song

Table Prayer:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

"First Course" of the Meal

Bible Reading: Colossians 3:12-24

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, & patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, & forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach & admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, & songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives & never treat them harshly. ²⁰ Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. ²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, & that the Master you are serving is Christ.

Guided Bible Study:

PRESSURE POINTS: FAMILY PRESSURE

"Second Course" of the Meal

Offering *(collected during the meal)*

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

GO IN HIS POWER

The Blessings:

† _____, *child of God,*
Christ makes your home his dwelling place.
Amen

Announcements:

Song: Jesus Strong and Kind

SHOW HIS LOVE

REMEMBER:

Intentionally grounding your family in God's Word, the promise of Christ, will lay a foundation of peace to withstand whatever pressures you face.

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Colossians 3:12-24. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you find most challenging? What really strikes you in these verses?
2. How is Colossians 3:1-4 foundational for everything that follows? How do you carry out that guidance from Paul in your daily living?
3. Read also Col 3:5-11. What contrasts do you see Paul noting here? What practical difference in daily life would following Paul's guidance here have for you?
4. Note the first 5 "virtues" in vs 12-14. Which of those is most challenging for you to live out? Which seems to come most naturally to you? If you struggle with ALL of them, take a minute to ask Christ why that is so. (Pray Ps. 139:23-24 to help you)
5. In what ways do you personally seek to let the word of Christ dwell in you richly? In what ways do we do so as a church? Are you living out what you're experiencing?
6. What is the connection between 3:17 & 3:23? Note also Jeremiah 29:4-7. How does the captives producing excellence in their captivity & aiding the prosperity of their captors bring God glory? Luther also notes that Christians are to live their vocations with excellence because God is pleased when his people offer their best gifts in honourable labour. How would that attitude change how people work?
7. What would you say most often characterizes your conversations with other believers? Complaints? Worries? Anxieties about the state of the world? How could you make the shift to more spiritually & vocationally encouraging conversations based on what Paul encourages here?
8. Thankfulness is mentioned in three consecutive verses to close out this passage. Why do you think Paul repeats that instruction? Why is thankfulness so important? What is absent from our spiritual lives when thanksgiving is in short supply?
9. Look again at Col 3:17 & 23-24. How do the household/vocational admonitions give those verses real flesh & bones...rubber hits the road...practicality?
10. What for you is the "Take home lesson" of this word of God from Paul? How will you enact that in your own life?