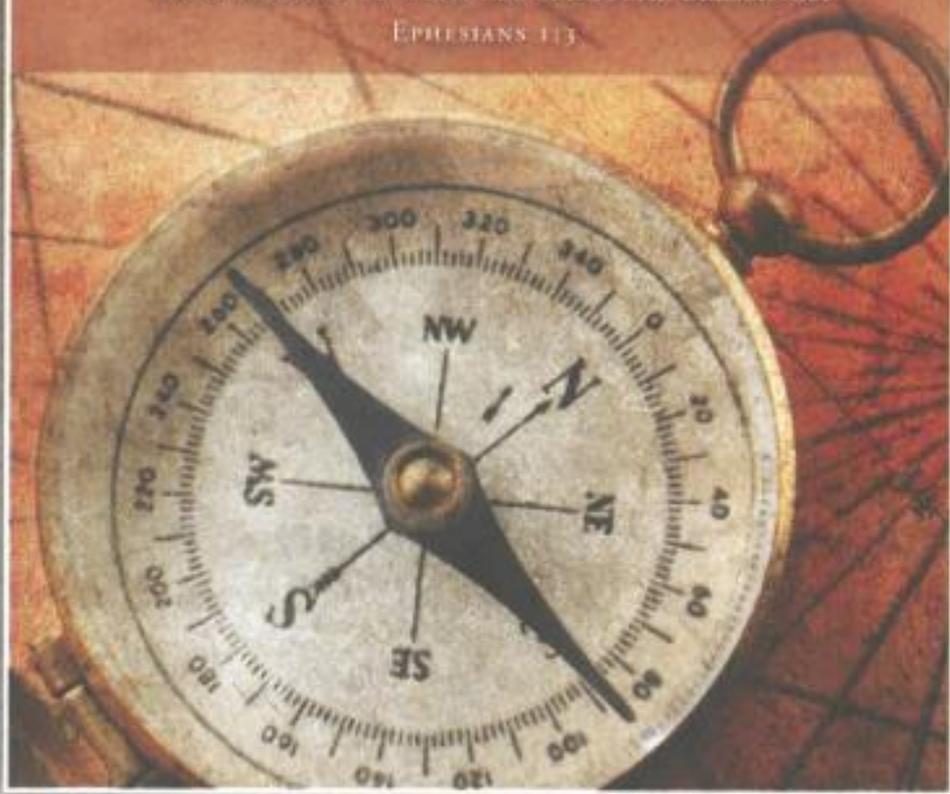


HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST...
HATH BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.

EPHESIANS 1:3



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Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tesch (715-587-8521) or Principal Danell (715-732-2956). They will be happy to hear from you.

Hymn: 385 vv. 1,2,5

(Chief of Sinners Though I Be)

Confessions of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

C: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament Lesson

God called Moses into his service at the burning bush. Why Moses? Moses had already proven himself a failure at delivering God's people. He was an exiled killer, living in the wilds of Midian after fleeing the court of Pharaoh. No wonder Moses asked, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh?"

Moses was unworthy. Moses was unwilling. Moses was a sinner. He didn't deserve God's call.

Moses was just like us. He was just like everyone God calls.

Throughout Scripture God called unworthy, flawed, sinners to do his work. Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Reuben, Judah, Joseph, Miriam, Gideon, Samson, Rahab, David, Jonah, Peter, Martha, Paul, Zacchaeus—everyone. All of them sinners. All of them unworthy.

All of them called. All of them equipped to serve. All of them made a difference in God's kingdom.

When God called Moses, it wasn't because Moses was great. It was because God is great.

When God calls us, it's exactly the same. There are people who are enslaved in sin. God calls us to set them free by the cross of Christ. He doesn't call us because we're worthy or strong or smart or good. He calls us by grace.

Then, like Moses, he equips us. He strengthens us. He teaches us. He guides us. He grants us success.

Moses is one of the greatest men in history, but not by his own strength. He was great because of God's power, the same power that works in and through us!

God freed his people from slavery and brought them to the Promised Land through Moses. Think about what he will do through you.

Exodus 3:1-15 (EHV)

¹Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. ³So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

⁴When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

⁵The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹²So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

¹³But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

¹⁴So God replied to Moses, “I am who I am.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I am has sent me to you.”

Epistle Lesson

The apostle Paul was an amazing servant of God. He spent his life going from place to place sharing the Gospel with everyone he met. He was arrested, imprisoned, beaten, whipped, shipwrecked, and under constant pressure. He planted churches wherever he went. And he wrote almost half of the New Testament (at least 13 of the 27 books).

Where does God find people like that?

God doesn't find them. God makes them.

When Jesus called Paul into his service (Acts 9), Paul (then called Saul) had been a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. He had been actively fighting against Jesus, breathing out murderous threats against Jesus' disciples. He had actually been on his way to Damascus to arrest as many disciples as he could find and bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

And then Jesus called him. He called Paul, the worst of sinners.

God doesn't call good people into his service. He calls sinners.

The apostle Paul constantly gave thanks to Jesus for appointing him, the worst of sinners by his own account, into the ministry of Christ Jesus.

God is calling us, too. He's doesn't call perfect people. None of us is perfect. He is calling sinners. He changes us the way he changed Paul. God's forgiveness demonstrates his unlimited patience. People can see God's grace in us.

In his letters, Paul was preparing Timothy for service in God's kingdom. In those same letters, God is preparing us. He takes sinners (even the worst of us) and makes us into messengers of grace. Look at what he did with Paul. He will do the same thing with us! To him be honor and glory forever and ever.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (EHV)

¹²I give thanks to the one who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that he treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into his ministry. ¹³He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in him, resulting in eternal life. ¹⁷Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

When Jesus called Matthew, Matthew wasn't one of the good people. He was despised by good people. He was considered a traitor. He made his living by taking money from his own people and giving it to the Romans. Then he took even more for himself. Matthew was not one of the good guys.

Matthew was a tax collector. Matthew was a sinner.

And then Jesus called him.

The fact that Jesus called Matthew, a detested tax collector, demonstrates God's grace to broken and sinful people. Jesus didn't come for the healthy. He came for sinners.

He took Matthew under his wing for three years. Then he sent him out to change the world. And he had him write the first of the Gospels.

All from a sinner like Matthew.

Now he calls us. We can be tempted to think that we're not worthy, that we're sinners, because we are. But sinners are exactly the people for whom Christ came.

He calls us to the same discipleship to which he called Matthew. To follow him. To learn from him. And to change the world.

Matthew 9:9-13 (EHV)

⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Sermon Text: **Matthew 9:9-13**
 Called by God

Special Prayer regarding Coronavirus

Jesus Christ, our Great Physician,

We come before you in great need. We ask that you would end this plague on our world. We do not ask because we are worthy, but because you are gracious and merciful. If it is your will, heal those who are afflicted. Comfort those who are suffering. Grant wisdom and success to those who are treating and researching this disease.

Teach us to celebrate your blessings and your love. Help us not to take for granted our health or the connections we have among family and friends.

In your name we come to you. Amen.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Dorothy Johnson, and Lisa Schmitt.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), Greg Carow (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), Aeron Forsberg (Linda and Gene

Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker's husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew).

Firefighter: Steve Campbell.

Police: Greg Haemker Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The Lord's Prayer:

*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.

The Benediction:

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.*

Amen.

Hymn: 332 vv. 1,3,4 (God's Word is Our Great Heritage)

TRINITY'S CORE MISSION

Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."