

This Week at Mansfield 1st

Announcements:

Please remember to continue your tithing "as the Lord leads you" while we are required to practice Social Distancing. You can either mail in your check to the church or tithe online:

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399 S. Trimble Road
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"People- Helping People": If you are able to drop off your canned food items or fresh fruit and/or vegetables, Denny will still drop them off. Carey's office hours are still Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 AM – 1 PM.

Our Denomination Has Approved "Virtual Communion"!

By special authorization of our Stated Clerk, hosting "Virtual Communion" is allowed during these "unusual circumstances". Here are things to know:

"Virtual Communion" will be on Sunday, April 19, 2020

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY PREPARE using 1Corinthians 11:23-32 as scripture reading; then prayer together.

Have a cup with grape juice and either a small roll, crackers, matza, etc... prepared.

Pastor Denny will lead the communion service for you to follow and share with your family or those with you.

Please honor the "intent" and instructions according to our Reformed Traditions.

Sermon Link to You Tube: <https://www.mansfield1st.com/news-and-events/sermon-connect>



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"Giving to Those In Need "
Matthew 6:1-4

April 19, 2020

Order of Worship

Online-Prerecorded

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Announcements

(See the end of the bulletin after Sermon Outline)

Mission Statement: *"We serve to build relationships.*

We build relationships to share the Gospel."

Call To Worship (Psalm 103:13-18)

(Let's Prepare to Give Ourselves to Jesus)

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

People: For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Leader: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;

People: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

ALL: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God:

God of love whose love enfolds us, we praise Your Holy name. Forgive our moments of ingratitude and the spiritual blindness that prevents us from seeking Your truth. Forgive us for allowing the unimportant to distract us; teach us to bask in your Word as we bask in the beauty of Your creation. Thank you, LORD, for your love and forgiveness for which we did nothing to deserve. In Christ's Holy Name we pray, Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"How Great Thou Art"

REMINDER TO WORSHIP WITH TITHES

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-4

Sermon: "Giving to Those In Need"

Song of Response:

"Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our Confession of Faith Together: The Apostle's 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 Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Invitation to the Table: Personal Preparation

Institution of the Sacrament: Blessing the Bread in Jesus' Name

Blessing the Cup in Jesus' Name

Distribution of the Elements:

PLEASE HOLD THE BREAD AND THE CUP SO THAT WE MAY TAKE THEM TOGETHER

Receive the Bread in Jesus' Name

Receive the Cup in Jesus' Name

***Closing Hymn:**

"Change My Heart, O God"

Benediction (Asking for God's Blessing Upon Us)

Sermon Series: Outward Versus Inward

"Giving to Those in Need"

Matthew 6:1-4

I. "PRACTICE Makes Perfect!" [Matthew 6:1]

- Illustration: "The Danger of Bad Habits" []

II. "PRACTICING COMPASSION In the RIGHT WAY."

A. The WRONG WAY to Show Compassion: "Performance Driven!"

[Matthew 6:2]

B. The RIGHT WAY to Show Compassion: "For An Audience of One!"

[Matthew 6:3-4]

III. "People Need to SEE GOD'S COMPASSION."

[John 13:34-35; Colossian 3:12-13]

- Application: "2 Ways We Can Show Compassion Through Acts of Kindness".

1. "Show God's Compassion Through *CONSISTENT* Acts of Kindness".

- A Personal Challenge: "Make A Commitment to Be Useful to God."

2. "Show God's Compassion Through *RANDOM* Acts of Kindness".

[1 Corinthians 3:6]

- A Personal Challenge: "Show Jesus Christ Wherever We Go."

- Summary: 3 Things to Remember About *GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED*.

1. What We Practice Becomes A Part of Our Character... good OR bad.

2. There Is a RIGHT WAY and a WRONG WAY to Practice Jesus' Compassion.

Jesus Wants Us to PRACTICE HIS COMPASSION With Others.

LET'S PRAY...