It's Not About You (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 3:18) Trinity Sunday

Introduction: How worship begins each Sunday...It's NOT about you...It's about God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit

I. Let's Talk About Two Key Words & Phrases

- A. *Divine Service* ("Gottesdienst"): Note top of hymnal pages 151 & 167, etc.
 - 1. God serves us
 - 2. He serves us with His Word, His Sacraments (Baptism & Communion) & especially forgiveness
- B. Wor(th)ship
 - 1. This is our response to God serving us
 - 2. This is our joy & our duty
 - 3. We'd *never* make worship more about ourselves than about God, *would we*?

II. Our Life's <u>Privilege Is</u> To RECEIVE Christ's Service AND To Give Him Wor(th)ship

- A. Note Bible texts about coming into God's Holy presence (2 Cor. 3:18; John 1;14; Exodus 34:29-33; 2 Cor. 3;7-15; Exodus 33:15)
- B. Beware of our sinful diversions that diminish God rather than exalt Him
- C. *The University of Kentucky basketball celebration* shows us the heart of wor(th)ship

III. Our Life's Purpose Is To REFLECT Christ

- A. Just as Moses reflected the glory of God (Exodus 33 & 34), we, too reflect His glory by meeting with Him in worship
- B. 2 Corinthians 3:18 we behold & reflect
- C. Note: good advertizing companies: we may not know *their name*, but we certainly know the product they make known...
- D. Like mirrors, we reflect & advertize our Lord

IV. Our Life's Priority Is To RESEMBLE Christ

- A. Note how 2 Corinthians 3:18 progresses
 - 1. We *behold* the glory---we *reflect* the glory---we *become* the glory

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- 2. God is transforming us into Christ's likeness (Romans 12:2)
- B. Wor(th)ship is a primary way for God to change us so we resemble Him
- C. It's NOT ABOUT US...it's about Him

Conclusion: Matt Redman's song: *The Heart of Worship* [It's all about You, Jesus]

Click here to see lyrics for "The Heart of Worship" by Matt Redman

