SERMON OUTLINE MAY 22, 2016

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.

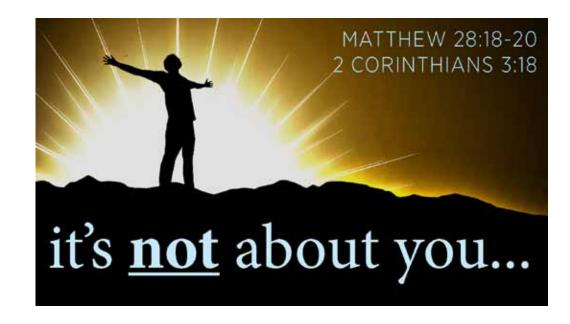
- 1. God serves us
- 2. He serves us with His Word, His Sacraments (Baptism & Communion) & especially forgiveness
- B. Wor(th)ship
 - 1. This is our response to God serving us
 - 2. This is our joy & our duty
 - 3. We'd never make worship more about ourselves than about God, *would we?*

II. OUR LIFE'S <u>PRIVILEGE</u> IS TO <u>RECEIVE</u> CHRIST'S SERVICE <u>AND</u> 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. Sports championship celebrations show us the heart of wor(th)ship

III. OUR LIFE'S *PURPOSE* IS TO <u>REFLECT</u> 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 advertising companies: we may not know their name, but we certainly know the product they make known . . .
- D. Like mirrors, we reflect & advertise our Lord

IV. OUR LIFE'S *PRIORITY* IS TO <u>RESEMBLE</u> CHRIST

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

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