TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERMON OUTLINE -- JANUARY 9, 2022

PAYING A CANCELLED BILL (Luke 3:21-22 & Romans 13:8-10)

INTRODUCTION: Would you pay a cancelled bill?

I. PAYMENT IS DUE ON A CANCELLED BILL (Romans 13:8-10)

- A. We are accountable to God under the law (Romans 3:19)
- B. This is the rough draft of our obituaries (Ezekiel 18:4)

II. WE HAVE A BILL WE CANNOT PAY ... BUT GOD DID

- A. He wrote the cheque and signed it with the blood of Jesus (Romans 5:8)
 - 1. All our pretence vanishes, all our boasting is silenced
 - 2. There is only room for humble faith to receive this loving act
- B. The bill is cancelled, but faith does not cancel God's Law
 - 1. Those who trust Jesus' saving work strive to do what God's Law requires
 - 2. The payment due on our cancelled bill of sin & death is LOVE (Romans 13:8)
 - a. This **is not** an oppressive obligation; it is an **expressive** obligation
 - b. It cannot be reduced to the abstract and anonymous (Romans 13:10)
 - + The old song: They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

CONCLUSION: The Movie – Schindler's List