

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SERMON OUTLINE -- DECEMBER 4, 2022

# Worldly Fear or Fear of God?

*(Philippians 4:6-7 & Matthew 10:26-31)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *What will define your life?*

## **I. FEAR OF GOD OR WORLDY FEAR?**

- A. What is the fear of the LORD? It is freedom!  
(Job 28:28; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 10:27; 15:16)
- B. What is worldly fear? It is paralysis. (Philippians 4:6a)  
-- *Grisha Sikalenko and the manure pile*

## **II. JESUS' DISCIPLES WERE AFRAID** (Matthew 10:26-31)

- A. They were afraid of living for Jesus in a hostile world (v. 26a)
- B. Jesus gave them words of comfort and challenge
  - 1. Fear not! You do not walk alone. (vv. 26-27)
  - 2. Fear not! You are in God's hands. (v. 28)
  - 3. Fear not! You are precious to Him! (vv. 29-31)

## **III. THE FEAR OF GOD DISPELS WORLDLY FEAR**

- A. Fearing Him gives us *the peace that passes all understanding*  
(Philippians 4:6-7)
- B. The disciples took this to heart and changed the world  
(Matthew 10:27; Acts 17:6)
- C. God would have us learn this lesson in this season of Advent

**CONCLUSION:** *A reminder of God in Yellowstone National Park*  
-- ***"Old Faithful"***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Birthday Party for Jesus!

Your family is invited to join us on **Saturday, December 10** for a Birthday Party for Jesus! A day to celebrate Jesus' birth!

The event will begin at **11:00am** as a large group with a few songs and a story time about Jesus' birth, after which your family can choose which stations (crafts, games, snack, songs) to go to and which order to go through them. We will also have an "I Spy" hunt where families will search for nativity characters throughout the building.

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## Epiphany Celebration

The congregation is invited to celebrate Epiphany together on **Friday, January 6.**

We will be having a **potluck meal** starting at **6pm**. Come for an evening of fellowship with a devotion for the adults and a story for the kids. Join us as we celebrate the new season of Epiphany and the end of the Christmas season.

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## BC Mission Boat Society: Dessert and Celebration

The BC Mission Boat Society is hosting a Dessert and Celebration evening on **Saturday, January 7 from 6:30-8:00pm at Walnut Grove Lutheran Church in Langley**, with doors opening at 6:00pm. The tickets for the event are \$10/person.

Come find out what God has been doing through the BC Mission Boat Society and their plans for 2023. Meet the board members, hear stories from the volunteers and possibly from members of the served communities as well.