



MARCH 22, 2020

Welcome to Worship!

Sloth can look like this:

- Hitting the snooze button repeatedly
- Drinking straight from the milk jug
- Leaving exactly two sheets on the toilet paper roll
- Troubled marriages passing on the marriage retreat
- Knowing TV characters better than family members
- Letting discipline slide
- Indifference
- Lethargy.
- Apathy.
- Spiritual amnesia.
- A deadly sin.
- That's sloth.

The connection between creature and creator is rhythmic. And the chief end of humanity is to worship God forever.

Without God, we are still empty inside. So we began to stuff ourselves—food, TV, X Box, the latest Grisham novel, South Beach Diet, stock market, power shopping, sexual conquest, idol worship, “Survivor”—anything to fill the void. Slowly, something begins to happen to us as we keep filling the God-shaped hole with stuff. We grow tired, cynical, weary, and numb. All these momentary diversions and thrills no longer excite. An emptiness settles in and it won't go away. Despair follows. We no longer care. We no longer feel responsible. We no longer want to try.

Some deadly sins can be done in a flash. Sloth is the last of the deadly sins to arrive. And sloth comes easy.

Today's post is an excerpt from Seven Deadly Sins

Traditions Worship 10:45 a.m.

Creating God's Community Through Christ's Boundless Grace

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

WORSHIP SONG

Awesome God

No. 2040

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Schubert, arr. Nix

**HYMN OF PRAISE*

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

No. 514

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**GLORIA PATRI*

No. 70

CHILDREN'S TIME

Simon Sez

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

**HYMN OF PRAYER*

Christ Beside Me

No. 2166

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ride On King Jesus

Arr. Hall

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Cast Away: Sloth - Gilligan

John 5:1-9

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP*

Soldiers of Christ Arise

No. 513

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

**SENDING FORTH*

Where He Leads Me

No. 338 ref

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes:
Cast Away; Sloth - Gilligan
John 5:1-9

Reflect on...

- 1) How would your day be different if you followed Bonhoeffer's admonition "The first hour of the day belongs to God in worship, the other hours of the day belong to God in work.?"
- 2) In what ways have you failed to avail yourself to God's means of grace and thereby committing the sin of sloth?

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we are a sinful people, and we are often lazy when it comes to our relationship with you. It is so easy to claim busyness, or our inability to manage the time that you give us, as an excuse for not drawing nearer to you. We are often distrustful of your good and perfect will for our lives, and sometimes we treat you as only a passing acquaintance.

Lord, forgive us for our slothfulness and renew in us a desire to have a deeper relationship with you.

We ask this of you in the precious name of your Son, Christ Jesus, who gave up his life so that we might have a right relationship with you. Amen.

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God;
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r, and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict,
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never wanting there.

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

Where He Leads Me (ref)

Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Christ Beside Me

1 Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me
never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me
shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising
light of my life.

3 Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me
never to part.



Weekly Schedule (all available on Facebook and the website)

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. -

Children's bible lesson

Youth bible lesson

Adult bible lesson

10:45 a.m. -

Traditions Worship

12:00 noon -

Brunch Church

Monday

6:00 p.m. - Q&A With Pastor Jeff

Soldiers of Christ Arise

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God
supplies,
Through His eternal Son;
Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in His mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

2 Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God,
That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'er come through Christ
alone,
And stand complete at last.

3 Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul,
Take every virtue, every grace,
And fortify the whole.
To keep your armor bright
Attend with constant care,
Still walking in your Captain's sight
And watching unto prayer.

4 Pray, without ceasing pray,
Your Captain gives the word;
His summons cheerfully obey,
And call upon the Lord:
To God your every want
In instant prayer display;
Pray always; pray, and never faint;
Pray, without ceasing pray.

5 From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness
down,
And win the well-fought day:
Still let the Spirit cry
In all His soldiers, "Come!"
Till Christ the Lord descend from
high,
And take the conquerors home.

Tuesday

By noon - devotional

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.-

Children's Wednesday study

Youth Wednesday study

Pastor's bible study

Thursday

By noon - devotional