

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23–27

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

***Hymn of Response** TPH #479:1–3
Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

***Benediction**

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Evening Devotion Outline

The whole Lord's Day is to be a day of worship and praise to God. This evening devotion is a great way to close out the Lord's Day by reflecting on God's word and works through Christ. Begin with reading the opening Scriptures. Pray the Lord's Prayer together and sing a Psalm or hymn. Have someone read the passage of Scripture (taken from the "first reading" of the morning service). Once you listen to the devotion, reflect with a few (or all) of the questions for reflection and close with singing and prayer.

The audio for the devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.

Suggested Scripture readings for the week ahead are included as well.

All Scripture is quoted from the English Standard Version.

Opening Scripture..... Romans 11:33–36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Suggested Psalms and Hymns (from the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*)

48B – The LORD Is Great and Greatly Praised
397 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Confession of Faith:.....Westminster Confession, ch. 18.1–2

Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation

1. Although hypocrites and other unregenerate men may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favor of God, and estate of salvation (which hope of theirs shall perish): yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may, in this life, be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall never make them ashamed.

2. This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope; but an infallible assurance of faith founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation, the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made, the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God, which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.

Scripture Reading.....Romans 3:14–17

Devotion Pastor Jeffrey Carter

“Adopted & Assured”

[This audio devotion can be accessed at sgrpc.org/sermons.]

Outline: We can know we truly are children of God by:

- 1. The Cries of Our Heart
- 2. The Spirit of Adoption

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. Have you ever struggled with assurance? What did God use to bring you the gift of the assurance of faith?

- 2. Why does Paul stress that we have become “sons” of God by adoption?
- 3. How does our own spirit bear witness that we are children of God?
- 4. How does the Holy Spirit bear witness that we are children of God?
- 5. What role does prayer play in our assurance?
- 6. What role does the Word of God play in our assurance? How about preaching?
- 7. What role does suffering play in our assurance?
- 8. How would you counsel a friend who is struggling with assurance of faith?

Closing Hymn TPH #351

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Closing Scripture and Prayer Romans 16:25–27

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Scripture Readings for the Week

To build on your understanding of God's Word, read the following passages and reflect on what they tell you about Jesus himself, the Father, your own life, and your salvation.

Monday: Galatians 3:23–4: 7 – A passage that likewise highlights our adoption in Christ Jesus and freedom from the curse of the Law.

Additional Readings through Romans 8, a chapter about the Spirit's work in us and for us in Christ:

1. **Tuesday:** Romans 8:1–12
2. **Wednesday:** Romans 8:18–25
3. **Thursday:** Romans 8:26–30
4. **Friday:** Romans 8:31–39

Saturday: Psalm 42 – A Psalm that helps us focus our hearts on the hope we have through Christ.