

■ **Welcome / Catechism with Scripture / Call to Worship**

■ **“The Gospel Song”**

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Holy God, in love, became Perfect Man to bear my blame
On the cross He took my sin By His death I live again

■ **“For All The Saints”**

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For all the saints, who from their labors rest, To Thee by faith
before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou,
Lord, their captain in the well fought fight; Thou in the darkness
drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to
faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the
blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints
triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer / Prayer For Our Giving**

■ **“O Worship the King”**Hymn 10

O worship the King, all glorious above, And gratefully sing His
wonderful love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the
light, whose canopy space! His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the
air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust,
nor find Thee to fail: Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

He came to His own, and now we believe Enlightened our
souls, the Light has set us free, He gave us the right to be children of
God, No will of the flesh, but a glorious gift of Love

■ **“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

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Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the
King. He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come.

Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery. He the perfect Son of
Man. In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery. Christ the Lord upon the
tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of
life. But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope. Christ in
power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

■ **Message - John 1:6-13 – “The True Light Has Come” – Scott**

■ **Closing Song - “Amazing Grace”**Hymn 202

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch
like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears
relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first
believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope
secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Thru many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me
home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as
the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

“The True Light Has Come”

(John 1:6-13)

Review: We saw in John 1:1-5

- His identity (v1) - He is God
- His activity (v3) - He is Creator
- His power (v4-5) - He is Light and Life

- I. God has give us a _____ to point to the Light vv6-8
- (1) John himself is not the _____ v7-8
 - (2) He is a _____ who points to the Light
 - John is big on eyewitness testimony
 - (3) John brings this witness that we might _____ v7 ; Jn 20:31
- II. We _____ the Light vv9-11
- (1) Remember who we are talking about - The _____ Light v9
 - (2) He entered our world, but we _____ Him v10
Rm 1:19, 21
 - (3) His own people _____ Him v11 Jn 3:19
- III. There is hope for all who turn from darkness to _____
vv12-13
- (1) To believe in Him = to _____ Him Rm 10:9
 - (2) “Receiving” implies there is a _____ and a _____
Eph 2:8-9
What is the Gift? v12 ; 1 Jn 3:1
How does it become ours? v13
 - Not by _____
 - Not as a result of human _____
 - Not by human _____The New Birth is the Sovereign Gift of God!

This Week’s Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week’s ***Fighter Verse*** is meant to help you “fight the good fight” of faith. This year’s fighter verses will relate to each week’s Catechism question. Memorize it in the translation of your choice as part of your arsenal to help you stand firm against the enemy.

Romans 1:21,25

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

Bonus passage from today’s message: **John 1:12-13**

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

This week’s Catechism #17

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Next week’s Catechism # 18

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday April 26, 2020

“He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God,*

John 1:11-12

We began our study of John’s Gospel several weeks ago, right at the start of the pandemic. Since we have not been able to meet together during this time, I thought it best to focus our attention on getting through these difficult days. But now, here we are, several weeks in to a lock down and my heart is longing for a return to something more like our “normal” time of worship. And so I think that getting back to our study of the John with it’s clear focus on Jesus and His power to save will be good medicine for our souls!

When we began with John 1:1-5 back on March 15, we were introduced to the One is God and Who, as the Son, has always existed in the presence of God. That is His **identity!** “*The Word was with God and the Word was God*” (v 1). Then we saw His **activity.** Not only has He existed from all eternity, but “*all things were made through Him*” (v 3) He is our Creator! Nothing in this universe exists that Jesus did not cause to exist. And then, finally, we saw His **power!** Not only is He the Creator of all that is, but He is also the source of all life and the unconquerable Light of Salvation that shines in the darkness (v 5)!

That is the One John is writing about and we need to hear about! Because this is the most important story in the universe! It’s a story that not only has the power to bring comfort, it’s also a story that has power to save because it’s True! And beginning in vv 6-14 we will see how the One Who is True left eternity to enter our world that, through Him, we might be saved! In Christ, the True Light has come to shine in our souls! We return to that story today!

So hang in there brothers and sisters! Our time of social distancing will soon be over and we will have the joy of meeting again face to face!

Let’s keep our eyes on Jesus, our Light and our Hope!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - April 26

Livestream*

10:40 AM

*For the time being, due to coronavirus restrictions, we will be “gathering” by livestream only. If you have a need, please contact your deacon or one of the elders

Prayerfully consider Rockport’s Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00

March Weekly Average.....\$4,129.24

Announcements

Family Camp - September September 24-27

Easter Missions Offering Opportunities

- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through supporting Savannah Weber to be on staff with Rio Grande Bible Ministries in Texas
- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through the North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong Missions Offering)
- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through the Jail Ministry