

Sunday, May 6, 2018 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Sermon: Remember and Proclaim

Read I Corinthians 11:23-26



We remember the Lord's death. We remember His sacrifice. Jesus went through a lot for us. We take the bread and the cup to remember. There is a danger that we will become too used to it. The danger is that we keep doing it and forget the reason. It is not that we are coming for a snack, but we are coming to remember that Jesus gave up His life for us. Story of Tron, boy getting snack and sister did not



As we come to the Lord's Table we can come and receive His grace. Jesus came to bring us God's grace. Grace is the gift that God gives to us. We do not earn His grace. We do not have to be good enough to receive His grace. Jesus offers grace to all of us. There are some who do not come to the Lord's Table because they do not feel that they are worthy. No one is worthy to come, but all are invited. No matter what is going on in our lives we can receive the grace Jesus offers us.



We can come to Jesus' table knowing that He has set us free from sin. We are sinners. We have all done wrong, but we know that Jesus paid the price for our sins. He gave His body and shed His blood so that we can know that we are forgiven. The price has been paid. We accept the gift and know that our sins are forgiven. Because we are free we can leave the Table to live as a free person. Not only are we given forgiveness, but we are also given the Holy Spirit to empower us to live our lives.



Paul says that as we eat the bread and drink the cup we proclaim the Lord's death. It is a way we announce that Jesus has died and that He has died for us. We also look forward to His return. In the ritual we proclaim the mystery of the faith, "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." It is not that we do not know the mystery, but we really do not understand all that it means. We do not need to understand what Jesus has done, our part is to accept it.