

Sermon Outline

April 20 – “Eternity Begins”
Romans 5:12-21 (verse 17)

- ✝ Death reigned.
- ✝ How much more...
- ✝ God’s abundant provision of grace...
- ✝ Reign in life through Jesus Christ

Points to Ponder to Prepare

April 27 – “The Church in Rome”
Romans 16

- For the last couple years, we have been rotating through series in Matthew, Genesis, and Romans. This morning, we complete our journey through Romans. Read Romans ch 16.
- ✝ At first glance, this list of names might seem a strange place to look for spiritual lessons, but there is a treasure trove of insights and information beneath the surface.
 - ✝ As you read through this list, makes notes of what you observe and questions that you have.
 - ✝ If you have access to a study Bible, spend some time in the fine print at the bottom. What other things do you learn or notice?

Scripture readings for the week

Sunday April 20	Luke 18:1-17
Monday April 21	Luke 18:18-43
Tuesday April 22	Luke 19:1-27
Wednesday April 23	Luke 19:28-48
Thursday April 24	Luke 20:1-26
Friday April 25	Luke 20:27-47
Saturday April 26	Luke 21:1-28
Sunday April 27	Luke 21:29 – 22:13

Happy and blessed Easter y’all!

Prayer Focus

Let’s join together in praying for what the Spirit says to Vogel Center Church.

These are the things we heard at the Leadership Retreat that the Council has recognized as most significant.

See the back side.

What can we celebrate together as signs that God's Kingdom in and through Vogel Center Church?

- ✝ We are seeing many new faces at our church. We are especially grateful for members of our neighborhoods and community and young families.
- ✝ The Harvest party is a great way to show our neighbors we see them and care.
- ✝ The next generation is stepping up as leaders and servants while still teenagers.
- ✝ People in our community are making first-time commitments and new commitments to Christ.
- ✝ We are blessed by many children in church.

What tempts us to be concerned or apprehensive about the coming of the Kingdom?

- ✝ Materialism.
- ✝ We get busy. This makes church and faith an extra and optional "if-we-have-time" sort of thing.

- ✝ We hold on to unforgiveness towards one another.
- ✝ We get complacent when things go well and forget to press on.
- ✝ Media and social media can be oppressive in our lives.

What prayers, attitudes and actions can we gather around to seek the Kingdom of God?

- ✝ Meaningful interpersonal relationships and connections.
- ✝ Pray that we always stay focused on Christ's Kingdom and not just church stuff.
- ✝ Kindness
- ✝ Celebrate the good things that are happening.
- ✝ Encourage and thank our staff and volunteers.

What life-moments are good places to add Friendship-Pairs (mentoring) into Vogel Center Church?

- ✝ Professions of Faith
- ✝ New marriages
- ✝ Teens and pre-teens
- ✝ Small groups for the purpose of fellowship and caring

What was the most important thing we heard God say today?

- ✝ Get involved.
- ✝ Invest in authentic relationships.
- ✝ Listen, really listen.
- ✝ Move forward.

If you weren't able to join us for the retreat, you can still add your thoughts and input by filling out a gold page in the church office and leaving it in Pastor's box or on Carol's desk.