



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 9, 2022

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO BROUGHT US BACK TO LIFE!

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Beth Kling

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"As the salt flavors every drop in the Atlantic, so does sin affect every atom of our nature. It is so sadly there, so abundantly there, that if you cannot detect it, you are deceived." — Charles Spurgeon

"Abounding sin is the terror of the world, but abounding grace is the hope of humankind." — A.W. Tozer

"Faith and prayer may be the means for procuring us an interest in the grace of God, but the source from whence it flows is not within, but outside of us!"

— John Calvin

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

An Excerpt from Sinclair Ferguson's, *By Grace Alone: How the Grace of God Amazes Me*

Jesus taught that we are all by nature in spiritual bondage. He had to be cruel to be kind.

The Jews to whom Jesus spoke—much like us—believed that they were certainly not in bondage to anything. But their response to Jesus' words revealed the deep spiritual bondage in which they were held. His words riled and angered them. "Who do you think you are, saying that we need to be set free? How dare you! We are Abraham's children, his freeborn descendants." They claimed spiritual freedom as their birthright, but they were in spiritual bondage.

"Most assuredly, I say to you," Jesus said, "whoever commits sins is a slave of sin" (John 8:34).

Does this really need to be underlined? Jesus thought it did, and perhaps someone reading this may need a little help to understand what Jesus was saying here:

- We do not become sinners by committing specific acts.
- We commit specific acts of sin because we are sinners.

In short, my problem is not the isolated actions that I see as aberrations from what I really am. I am deceiving myself if I think that way. These actions are not aberrations but revelations of what is in my heart. They show that I commit sin because I am in bondage to it.

Paul develops this theme in Ephesians 2. Both the apostle and his readers (v. 3) were by nature bound in sin: "dead in trespasses and sins" (v. 1). When they heard the name of God and of His grace in Jesus Christ, their hearts remained cold. Like dead men and women, they were always flowing with the stream, following "the course of this world" (v. 2).

By nature, we usually deny that we are in spiritual bondage. We go out of our way to show our freedom by being different. But we tend, in one way or another, to become clones. That is a manifestation of our bondage.

As Jesus hinted, this sinfulness affects every dimension of our lives: Our minds...Our desires...and our wills.

The truth is that we cannot think clearly about or desire Christ by our own unaided decision. Why not? We cannot respond to the good news of the gospel until we want Christ, and we cannot want Christ simply by a decision we can take at any moment we choose. We cannot say to our will, "Will, will to belong to the Lord!" It is beyond our powers to do that. No one can will the will to will what it will not will! Only God's grace can set us free to come to trust in Him.

Song of Preparation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Trinity Hymnal #32

***Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1-4**

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth.

People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

All: We sing praises to your name!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

All Creatures of Our God and King
Trinity Hymnal #115

Cornerstone

Eric Liljero, Rueben Morgan, Jonas Myrin. Vs. from "The Solid Rock: by Edward Mote

♩=71 **INTRO**
C

Am



VERSE 1



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and



right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —

16 2.
 C C^{sus} C CHORUS F Am G C/E

- sus' Name. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made

20 F Am G C F Am G

strong in the Sav - iour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

24 C VERSE 2 & 3 C

all. 2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face,
 3. When He shall come with trump-et sound,

28 F G Am

I rest on His un - chang - ing grace. In ev - 'ry high and
 oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right - eous -

31 Am/G F G C F G 2nd time to Coda Φ

storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil. My an - chor holds with - in
 - ness a - lone. Fault - less stand be - fore

35 C CHORUS F Am G C/E

the veil. Christ a - lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15

Naaman Healed of Leprosy

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.

And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—2 Timothy 2:14-15

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Tim. 2:11, 13

The saying is trustworthy. For, if we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we are faithless, he remains faithful.

Leader: People of God, give thanks be to God for His great faithfulness.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Jesus My Great High Priest

Word by Isaac Watts. Music by Kirk Ward

Rock ♩ = 144

verse

1. Je - sus, my great High Priest Of - fered his blood and
 (2.To) this dear Sure - ty's hand Will I com - mit my
 (3.My) Ad - vo - cate ap - pears death For my de - fense on
 (4.Should) all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -

died cause; My guilt con - science seeks No
 high; He an - swers and fil - His
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of

sa - cri - fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did
 Fa - ther's bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at
 rage and mis - chief on, Not all that hell or
 I shall be safe, for

once a - tone, And now Sure - ty pleads be - fore the throne; And
 free - dom set, My Shall turn his paid heart, the dread - ful debt; My
 Christ dis - plays His con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace; Shall
 His

now Sure - ty pleads be - fore the throne.
 turn - his paid heart, the dread - ful debt.
 con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace.

16 **E** **E** **Chorus** **B** **A**
 2. To Now I ap - proach the

19 **E** **B** **A** **E** **B** **A** **C#m7**
 throne, and I have con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

24 **F#m7** **B** **E** **B** **A** **E**
 blood and died Now I ap - proach the throne, and I have

28 **B** **A** **E** **B** **A** **C#m7**
 con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

32 **F#m7** **B** **E** **A/E** **E** *Fine* *D.C. al Fine*
 blood and died for me. 3. My
 4. Should

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Eden Noelle Sweet

Baptismal Song

Jesus, Loves Me, This I Know
 Trinity Hymnal #189

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song (Adult & Children's Choir)

Psalm 24

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, and Chris Tomlin

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade on the 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Sermon

"From Death to Life in Christ"

Ephesians 2:1-10

A Series on the Epistle of Ephesians

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. Arr. by Dan Galbraith



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joy - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

The Gospel of Matthew

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe
Classroom one

This class seeks to provide an in-depth study of the book of Matthew by addressing the text and various key doctrines that emerge from its study toward the goal of helping church members develop a deeper and firmer understanding of the fundamentals of the faith while also providing encouragement and instruction for those who may be interested in leading their own bible studies in the future. The ultimate goal is that all who take part will come away with a renewed appreciation for the King of Kings!

Reading the Psalms with Jesus

Dr. Aaron Goldstein
Classroom two

The book of Psalms is the one of the most beloved books of the Bible, featuring oft-memorized and cherished passages. In the Gospels, Jesus quotes or alludes to the Psalms on a number of occasions. In this class, we will explore the Psalms, and as a part of our process, we will learn from the way that Jesus himself takes up the Psalms in his ministry.

Trinity Connect-Exploring Membership at Trinity Church

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski
Fireplace room

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity Church or want to learn more about our ministries or the PCA? This class is the first step in becoming a member of Trinity. While it does not commit you to membership, it is a pre-requisite.

Adult Choir

Katie Polski, Director of Music Ministries
Sanctuary

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for 8-9 weeks as we prepare songs for upcoming worship services. No experience necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday school classes** for all ages meet today.
- **No Children's Church today** (1st & 3rd Sundays). Feel free to **grab a busy bag** from the table in the Narthex. Please return them after the service so they can be prepared for next Sunday.
- **Wed. night dinner:** Register today for dinner at 5:30 on Wed. This week we will have Dalie's BBQ. Adult-\$8, Children-\$4. **Deadline to register is Tue. at 10am.** Go to events in Church Center or email Amy Mitchell.
- **Jr. Students:** meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm. **Sr. High** meets on Sundays from 6-7:30pm in the lower level youth area.
- **Men's Bible study meets Wed.** at 6pm, continuing with a look at the Book of Acts. **Women,** on Tuesdays at 7pm twice a month we will meet to discuss Ecclesiastes at Melissa Jorgensen's home (10/11) or we meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6pm to study 1, 2, 3 John.
- **Volunteers today:** Ushers: S. Thomason, Younger, Standerfer, Kocher. Nursery: O'Neal, Hendricks, Polski, Broughton. SS: Oehlerking, Doiron. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton. Nursery: McCall, Keating, Cheatham, Boeddeker, Linenbroker SS: Talent, Williamson.
- **ACTION meets Wednesdays** starting with dinner at 5:30pm followed by ministries for ALL ages. We have nursery, children's activities, singing, men's and women's bible study, and Jr. High.
- **Moms** we meet monthly for encouragement, fellowship, and to discuss the video series and book, *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. Our next gathering is Oct. 17 at Katie Doak's home at 6:30pm. See Alyce Bava for more info.
- **Christmas Craft Volunteer Info Meeting:** Never attended our annual Christmas Craft Party? This is a favorite ministry to our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach to our community. But it takes LOTS of volunteers. **TODAY.** we will have a very brief meeting for those who have not volunteered in the past to let them know what we do. We will meet between worship and Sunday school in the fireplace room.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Sat., Oct. 29 from 9-10:30am. Register on Church Center.
- **Save the Date:** Children's **Christmas Craft Party** on Sat., Dec. 3rd. Trinity's **Christmas Concert** on Sun., Dec. 18th. **Christmas Eve Service** at 5pm, **Christmas Morning Service** at 10:30am.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Greeters:** James Broughton (jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava (jimnalyce@yahoo.com). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link:](#)



F L A N N E L P A L O O Z A

Grab your Fall flannel and join us on Fri., Oct. 14th from 5-6:30 pm for **Flannelpalooza!** Families can enjoy "walking tacos" for dinner and s'mores for dessert. Pumpkins will be available for children to decorate and enter the pumpkin decorating contest! Be sure to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets! Please register on Church Center

MISSION UPDATE

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – October 20th, 2022

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families. During COVID, when public schools were forced to close, Trinity Church hosted the pantry at our location. Since returning to the school, we have the privilege and opportunity to come alongside Robinson Elementary and serve our community.

There are 2 volunteers needed every month. 1 spot left! Please sign-up on the Events page of our Church Center app.

Coffee on Glenwood – October 21st, 2022 Coffee of Glenwood began to show our neighbors, as they pass by our church on Friday mornings, that we are here. We understand that the weeks have been long and there are pressures at school and work. Maybe a smile, a cup of coffee, a croissant, and prayer, will encourage them before the weekend. We want them to know that Trinity Church exists to serve them and not ourselves.

There are 2 volunteers needed every month. Please sign-up on the Events page of our Church Center app.

Ministering to the Sexually Broken

Pornography and sexual sin is considered by many the number one problem facing the church and Christian leadership. Spouses betrayed. Marriages failing. Men and women hiding. Many who struggle consider it too risky to confess their sin and seek help.

FirstLight has been a beacon of hope and healing in St. Louis for the last 15 years. They have helped hundreds of men and women find comfort and healing in Jesus as they seek to live out their convictions regarding healthy, biblical sexuality.

Through providing support groups, teaching, and developing resources aimed at helping the church disciple people in the area of sexuality, FirstLight continues to be a voice in the conversation about what it looks like to live faithfully for Jesus in the midst of a sexually broken world.

If you want to confidentially talk more about this or find out more about FirstLight, please consider contacting the pastors via email, text, or through the confidential prayer request section that only they receive, by scanning the QR code:



WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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