



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WORSHIPING THE LORD WHO GIVES ENDURING FAVOR TO HIS CHILDREN

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry and Ella Polski

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Quotes and Reflections

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. — 1 Timothy 1:16

“God leads us to eternal life not by our merits, but according to his mercy.”
— Augustine

“Remembrance of past mercies is a great stimulus to present faith.”
— Jerry Bridges

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Total Depravity: Evangelicalism's Leaky Tire: Rev. Erik Reymond

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/total-depravity-is-evangelicalism-leaky-tire/>

What does it mean to say that someone is totally depraved? In short it means that humanity is dead in sin. We are neither willing nor able to merit God's favor by acts of righteousness for we are all unrighteous (Rom. 3:10-19, 23; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 1:21; Tit. 3:3). This does not mean that people cannot do any good things—there is relative good (i.e. helping the old lady across the street)—however, we cannot and do not do good things before God apart from Christ. As the Heidelberg Catechism says, we by nature are prone to hate God and neighbor, and daily increase our debt.

I have noticed that many people speak of depravity in terms of what we do. In explaining the depravity of man they talk of homosexuality, murder, slander, etc. I don't think this is helpful. Instead of speaking first of what we do we should instead speak of who we are. We are depraved, therefore we do sinful things.

I think this is the logic that Paul follows in Ephesians 2:

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.” (Ephesians 2:1-3)

At this point you might say, “OK, I give. This makes sense. You are right—admittedly slicing hairs a bit—but right still.”

But it is not splitting hairs. This is why: it becomes a gospel issue.

See, if we think of depravity in terms of what we do instead of who we are, then it is not surprising that the “good news” becomes “good works”. Think about it, is this not the explanation for all of the moralistic preaching that has built Moralinity instead of Christianity.

If the problem is our works then we just need to reform our behavior, however, if the problem is fundamentally who we are—then we need a new nature. We don't simply need reformation, we need regeneration. It is a difference between new habits and new life. This, I believe, is the leaky tire of evangelicalism.

Song of Preparation

Be Still, My Soul
Trinity Hymnal #689

***Call to Worship—Psalm 62:5-12**

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

People: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

All: God is a refuge for us.

"Worship is the highest function of the human soul." — Geoffrey King

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

The Lord Is My Salvation

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin

F#m D ESus E F#m D ESus E

1. The grace of God has reached for_ me,
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls,
 3. My hope is hid - den in the_ Lord,
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of_ need,

And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 His strength will help me scale these walls.
 He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.
 When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

8 2.4. D/AE/A A E Refrain D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# DA/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Refrain
E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

D A/C# E/G# F#m D A/C# E

be to God, the Fa - ther, - Glo - ry be to God, the Son, - Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus ^{1.} A sus A

be to God, the Spi - rit; - The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

Holy, Holy, Holy! (10:45 service only)

Trinity Hymnal #100

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Corinthians 7:17-24; 29-31

Let Each One Rest in the Place that God Has Made for Him

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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—Matthew 4:18-22

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Matthew 16:25

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His life restoring mercy!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

"Peace is not real peace until it has been tested in the storm." — Eric Hayman

Song of Rejoicing

Thy Mercy My God, Is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

D G

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the
 out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
 mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
 fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 B G A E D/F#

joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis

6 G E G A

— to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast
 its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
 — to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
 - per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

11 D E D/F# G G#

2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals
 3. Thy
 4. Great

17 E G A

mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

His Kingdom Now Is Come

Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie, Jordan, Lorenzo Baylor, Brian Nhira. Transcribed by Owen Stroud

Sermon

"Increasing Corruption on the Earth"

Genesis 6:1-8

Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Come Ye Sinners Joseph Hart and Nortal Hall Band



Verse 1



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love and pow'r.

Verse 2, 3, 4



2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him

Chorus 1



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus He will em - brace me in his arms



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior O there are ten thou - sand charms

Turn

31 Bm7 D maj9

e. guitar

35 E7sus E7 Gmaj9

39 2. Gmaj7 Gmaj7

O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms

43 3. Gmaj7 Chorus 2 Em7 D maj7

O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms I will a - rise and go to Je - sus

47 A Bm C#7 Bm D Em7 D F#

He will em - brace me__ in his arms In the arms__ of my dear Sav - ior

51 Gmaj7 Tag E7sus

O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms In the arms__ of

54 E7 Gmaj13

my dear Sav - ior O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEACON & RULING ELDER (8:45 service only)

"God does not ask about our ability or our inability, but our availability." — Anon.

Jim Talent (RE), J Harrison (RE), Dave Nichols (D), Jamie McCall (D)

The Warrant and Nature of the Offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon

The Questions of Ordination and Installation

The Prayer of Ordination

The Right Hand of Fellowship

The Pronouncement of Ordination

The Charge

***Sending Song**

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #732

***Benediction**

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- 314/821-7311 • www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.

- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **The Tuesday Women's Study will meet this Tuesday** at 7pm, either in-person at Trinity or via Zoom. This week we will finish the last chapter of Generous Justice by Tim Keller.
- **The Wed. Women's Bible studies meet weekly.** We are studying 2 Samuel this semester. We will meet in a hybrid format at 9am or via Zoom only at 7pm.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.
- 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 if you would like to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell (amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- We are moving our on-line directory to the Church Center app. **Each member or regular attender needs to log in to Church Center and go to the directory link and click "share now"** to chose what contact information you would like to be included.

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.