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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS GREATER THAN ALL OUR SIN!

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Scripture Reader: Chloe Wyse

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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— ³ 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.

— Eph. 2:1-4

"The seeds of all sins are in my heart, and perhaps all the more dangerously, that I do not see them." — Robert Murray M'Cheyne

"Only the mature believer reaches the place both of self-disgust and self-despair over sin." — John Stott

"The pleasure of sin never lasts." — William Gurnall

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

This morning we will more fully explore the Christian doctrine of sin in our sermon and in our Sunday School class. On that topic, William Jenkyn, a 17th century English Presbyterian minister, once said: "The sinner falls into sin as a fish, the saint as a child does into the water."

What Jenkyn was trying to underline in this quote was that sinners, by which he meant those who are not yet saved, slip into sinful thoughts, words and deeds as easily as a fish slips into water. That is, they sin as if by nature, and move in a streamlined manner in and amongst sin.

The second part of Jenkyn's quote highlights how this cannot ordinarily be the case for the saint, by which he meant the person who is saved or regenerate. Though this person too may sin, and sometimes grievously, their fall into sin might be much better described and experienced as an accident, something unintended, unplanned and accidental.

Which of these scenario's best describes your experience of falling into sin?

Does it feel natural to you, like roaming your own property or slipping into your favorite pair of old sneakers? Or, conversely, when it happens (and it will happen) does it feel like you've just stepped into a place you ought not to be and do not naturally fit, a foreign country, a rival's neighborhood, a walk on an ice-cold night without a coat?

*Call to Worship—Psalm 5 (Selected)

Leader: I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will

enter your house.

People: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear

of you.

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;

People: Let them ever sing for joy, and spread your

protection over them

All: That those who love your name may exult in you.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Trinity Hymnal #499

Goodness of God

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson





*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Galatians 2:15-21

We are not justified by works of the law!

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

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

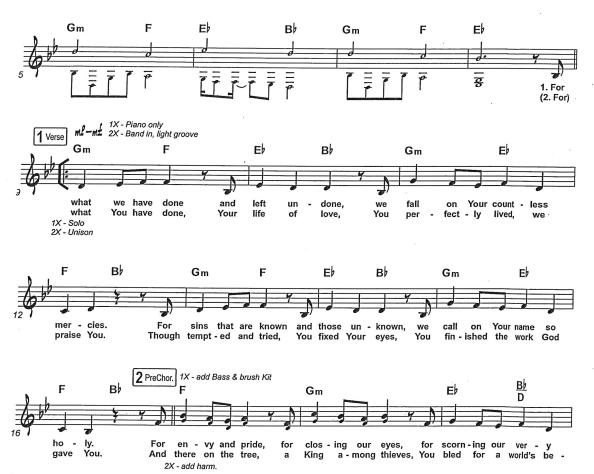
Call to Confession—Mark 9:23-24

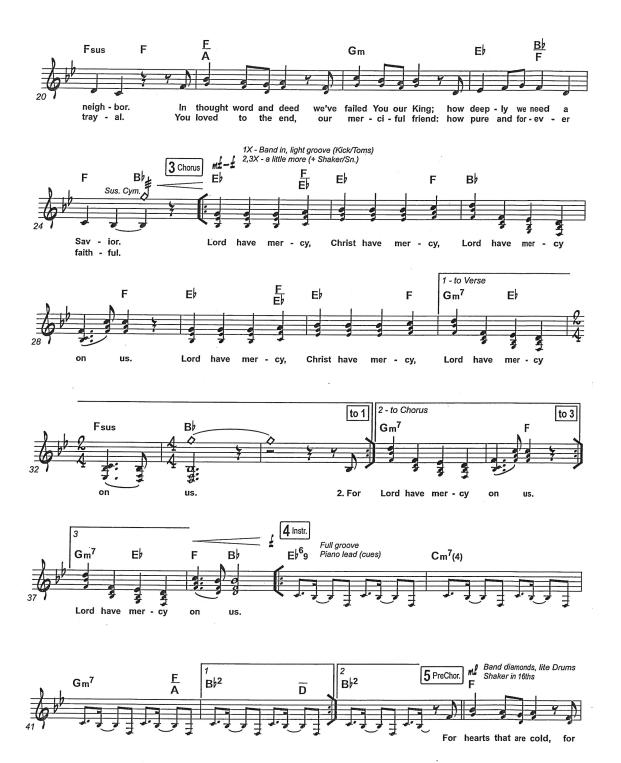
But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

Silent Confession and Lament

Song of Confession Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Aaron Keyes, and James Tealy. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs & Grant Wall





Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for delighting in sinners

like us!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): We do (Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (Congregation): We do

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): It is (Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (Congregation): It is

(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): It is

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (Congregation): He does (Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

(Congregation): He does

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son
Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is. He is

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

What He's Done

Words and Music by Anna Golden, Jacob Scooter, Kristian Stanfill, and Tasha Cobbs Leonard

Sermon

"The Problem of Sin"
Part of a Series on The Foundations of the Christian Faith
Romans 3:23-24
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
Trinity Hymnal #465

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

During the summer only **one adult Sunday school will meet**. The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith will continue with the theological themes covered in each week's sermon. Children's SS will resume in August.

Ladies Connect: Tues., Jun. 14th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

Nursery workers NEEDED! Volunteering in one of our two nursery rooms is such a great way to care for your church family. Please see Sarah Oehlerking if you are interested.

Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am (we will not meet on Wednesdays in the summer).

Student Ministry midweek schedule: Jr High from 5:45-7pm. and Sr High from 7-8:30pm

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

VBS: registration is now open for this Summer's VBS, July11-15 from 6-7:30pm (5:30 optional dinner) for kids pre-k through 5th gr. Register on Church Center. **Volunteers are still needed** to help make this week a success. Please see Ben Tharp if you are able to help.

Volunteers next week: Nursery: Ridenhour, Schmidt, Boeddeker. **Ushers**: S. Thomason, Younger, Standerfer, Kocher.

Missionaries, Hatem and Lisa Botros will be in St. Louis with their two children Jul. 18-Aug. 31st. They are looking for a place to stay during that time. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

Trinity Ladies: Be sure to take home the Summer Schedule of fun events. If you didn't get one on your way in, pick one up at the welcome table.

Mom's Ministry: Taco Dinner on Mon., Jun. 20th at 6:30pm at Hannah Wong's home. See Alyce Bava for more info.

New Small Group: join us on the 1st & 3rd Thurs. from 10-11:130am at Trinity, beginning Jun. 2nd. Contact the church office for more info.

Summer Bike Night! June 24th 5:30-7pm. We will provide water and popsicles. Parents please bring a lawn chair and a picnic dinner for your family.

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), 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

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 <u>following the link</u>:

(nursery@trinitystlouis.org).



SUMMER DISCUSSION SERIES

Join us for the remaining two Wednesday night discussions on critically important contemporary issues in the Christian Church.

6:15-7:30pm (no childcare).

June 29: Continuing Responsibilities of Being Pro-Life if Roe v. Wade Falls

July 27: Walking through the 12 Statements in the PCA Report on Human Sexuality

MISSION UPDATE

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry AND "Crates for Ukraine"

The food pantry has changed its June date to the 23rd. The volunteer slots for that date are filled. We will be collecting items for the pantry through Wednesday, the 22nd. We will NOT be taking a collection for the food pantry in July.

Instead, we will be shifting gears to provide "Crates for Ukraine." As you know, Ukraine has been in a war for over 100 days and the needs are extensive. Through MTW we have a plan in place to collect and send items through a courier (a volunteer from Trinity) and place them into the hands of missionaries in Krakow, Poland, who will hand deliver the items to the areas most in need. This will be the most efficient way to steward God's relief funds and bypasses weeks of shipping delays, high import taxes, and weeks in customs. It will take the whole church to pull this off. Please pray as we finalize plans and ask that the Lord will make clear how you can serve this ministry. Please do not bring items for this ministry yet. Specific item lists will be provided in the coming weeks.

List of Items needed for June Food Pantry

- Cleaning Supplies (sponges, dish soap *NOT dishWASHER detergent*, brushes, etc.)
- Laundry detergent and Bleach
- Canned Foods

If you are available for the July date, please let me know.

• Thursday, July 21st, 5:30-7 (2 volunteers needed)

Trinity Gifts Survey

We would love to know what your gifts are. We want to pray for you and encourage you in using the unique gifts that God has blessed you with. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:10).

We have made a "Trinity Gifts Survey" available for every member to fill out. Please take 5 minutes... just 5 minutes, to fill it out. Our goal is to create a gifts inventory, sort of like the way Joseph stored up the grain. When/If needs arise within the church or in the local community, we will know who is gifted in the areas of need so we can better serve one another and be a blessing to the world. (We completely understand that when a need arises you may not be available and that is completely okay).

The instructions are very simple.

- 1. Scan the QR code below or click on link in the upcoming email.
- 2. Find your area of gifting and click/fill in the boxes that apply.
 *If you do not see your area of gifting listed, please fill in your gift near the bottom of the survey.
- 3. Submit survey
- 4. Pray with us that the Lord would guide Trinity Church in walking in the works that he would have for us.



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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