



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO HIMSELF

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

— Romans 8:33

"When we come to election, we see nothing but mercy on every side."

— John Calvin

"I believe the doctrine of election because I am quite sure that if God had not chosen me, I would never have chosen him." — C.H. Spurgeon

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

What is the Difference Between Predestination and Election?

Rev. Dr. Kevin Deyoung (From TGC: 8/13/10)

I had someone ask me this question recently. My short answer is: in popular usage, not a lot. The terms election and predestination are often used interchangeably, both referring to God's gracious decree whereby he chooses some for eternal life. In Romans 8:30 Paul speaks of those whom God has predestined, called, justified, and (in the end) glorified. In 8:33 Paul references "the elect," apparently a synonym for the predestined ones described a few verses earlier.

A sharp distinction between the two words is not warranted from Scripture, but if there is a distinction to be made, predestination is the general term for God's sovereign ordaining, while election is the specific term for God choosing us in Christ before the foundation of the world. That is, predestination is the broader category of which election is the smaller subset. Calvin defined predestination as "God's eternal decree, by which he compacted with himself what he willed to become of each man...Therefore, as any man has been created to one or the other of these ends, we speak of him as predestined to life or to death" (Inst. III.xxi.5). For Calvin, predestination encompasses the entire eternal decree. Election and reprobation, then, represent two different aspects of the decree. The Canons of Dort Article 1 makes the same distinctions.

This delineation is not without merit. The "elect" is always a positive designation in Scripture (e.g., Matt. 24:31; Titus 1:1), suggesting that election implies eternal life (though Rom 9:11 may be an exception to this rule). Predestination, on the other hand, can be used more broadly.

Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, did to Jesus what God's "plan had *predestined* to take place" (Acts 4:27-28). Indeed, all of our days are written in God's book before one of them comes to pass (Psalm 139:16). Every form of prosperity and affliction comes to us not by chance, but from God's fatherly hand (Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 27). Or as Augustine put it, "The will of God is the necessity of all things."

Does this mean we are "predestined" to marry so-and-so or take a certain job? In one sense, looking back at God's providential care, we can say "Yes, that was God's plan for my life." And yet this notion of divine superintendence is not meant to undercut personal initiative and responsibility. Everything happens after the counsel of God's will (Eph. 1:11), but this is no excuse to neglect the use of means, nor is it a reason to think every decision we make is automatically pleasing to God. God's sovereign unalterable will of decree is not to be confused with his violable will of desire.

Song of Preparation

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

Trinity Hymnal #600

***Call to Worship—Psalm 25 (selected)**

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust;

Leader: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

People: Good and upright is the Lord;

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Trinity Hymnal #296

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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—Deuteronomy 30:11-14

"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for the inheritance we have in Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Christ is Mine Forever More

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

Verse

5 B \flat B \flat (sus4) B \flat Gm F B \flat

8 days that God has num-bered I was made to walk with Him Yet I
tears in times of sor-row dark-ness not yet un-der stood Through the
days here as a stran-ger pil-grim on a nar-row way One with

9 B \flat B \flat (sus4) B \flat Gm F B \flat B \flat /D

8 look for worl-dly treas-ure and for-sake the King of kings But mine is
val-ley I must tra-vel Where I see no earth-ly good But mine is
Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and hat-red for His name But mine is

Refrain

13 E \flat B \flat F B \flat B \flat /D

8 hope in my Re-deem-er though I fall His love is sure For Christ has
peace that flows from hea-ven And the strength in times of need I know my
ar-mour for this batt-le Strong e-nough to last the war And He has

17 E \flat B \flat F 1. 2. B \flat 3. B \flat B \flat /D

8 paid for ev'-ry fail-ing I am His for-ev-er more shore And mine are
pain will not be was-ted Christ completes His work in me
said He will de-liv-er Safe-ly to the gol-den

Refrain

E \flat B \flat F

8 keys to Zi-on Ci-ty Where be-side the King I

B \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat F **To Coda** B \flat

walk for there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine for-ev-er more

Turnaround

B \flat B \flat (sus4) B \flat B \flat F B \flat

B \flat B \flat (sus4) B \flat B \flat F B \flat

Come re -

Bridge

B \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat B \flat F

joyce now O my soul for His love is my re - ward Fear is

B \flat B \flat /D E \flat F 1.2. B \flat 3. B \flat **D.S. al Coda** B \flat /D

gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for-ev-er more Come re - more And mine are

B \flat F B \flat F B \flat

more Christ is mine for-ev-er more Christ is mine for-ev-er more Guitar melody

Fine

B \flat B \flat (sus4) B \flat B \flat F B \flat

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 and Children's Choir) *God's Great Family*

Jon Althoff and Bob Kauflin

Sermon

"The Doctrine of Election"

Part of a Series on The Foundations of the Christian Faith

Romans 9:1-24

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Isaiah 43

Composer Unknown

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear. For

I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

Women: I am the Lord your God

Men: For I am the Lord your God I am the Lord Your

Unison: God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

Women: I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. **Men:** For I am the Lord your God

28 Ebadd9 God Gm C

I am the Lord Your God Unison: I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Gm C Bb Ebadd9 C F F/E
Women: Do not

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior Men: I am the Lord

35 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C F F/E
fear Do not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C
fear Do not fear

I am the Lord

***Benediction**

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **adult Sunday school**, *The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, meets today. Children's SS will resume in August.

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

Men's Bible Study this Friday (no Wed. study for the summer months) **at 6:30am**. This will be the **last gathering before we take a few weeks off**.

VBS: July 11-15 from 6-7:30pm (5:30 optional dinner) for kids pre-k through 5th gr. If you didn't get a chance to register, see Ben Tharp.

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 haven't received one, they can be found on the Welcome Table.

Mom's Dinner Out: July 18 at 6:30pm at Rosalita's Cantina. See Alyce Bava for more details.

Thank you to all who donated to the Crates for Ukraine! They will be hand delivered later this week. Information about the second round of supplies going out is coming soon.

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 (nursery@trinitystlouis.org).

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](#):



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).

July 27: Continuing Responsibilities of Being Pro-Life with the overturn of Roe v. Wade

Aug. 10: Walking through the 12 Statements in the PCA Report on Human Sexuality

MISSION UPDATE

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 (volunteers from Trinity and other PCA churches in MO) and place supplies 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. We are not in this alone. Several churches will be participating and partnering to make this happen.

Round 1 – Items due TODAY

Old Orchard Presbyterian Church in Webster Groves has our first courier. Providentially, her job is sending her to Europe and she will make a stop in Poland. She has volunteered to bring 6 crates with her. She will be leaving this week with the supplies donated by Trinity and other churches. We have been praying that we can fill 6 large Sterilite Footlockers with items needed. As mentioned above, we are not doing this alone and other churches will be partnering to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

If you didn't get a chance to help with the crates leaving this week, we will be collecting for another set of crates to be delivered in Aug. More info will be coming soon with updated lists and details of items needed.

Round 2 – Mid to Late August

More information in the weeks to come. We will continue to collect items and fill crates throughout the summer. We have identified 2 possible couriers, who will be flying out mid to late August.

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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