



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO REDEEMS US FROM OUR SIN

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Scripture Reader: Abby Johler and Allison Schmidt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Quotes and Reflections

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. — Romans 5:12-15

"Once a man has truly experienced the mercy of God in his life he will henceforth aspire only to serve." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

This week we are going to be exploring another absolutely foundational biblical teaching, the fall of humanity in Genesis 3. It's hard to overstate the importance of this chapter and this doctrine as the fall of humanity is an absolutely pervasive reality.

But what did the fall actually do to humanity?

Our confession of faith summarizes it succinctly in this way: Q. 23. *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?* A. The fall brought mankind into an **estate of sin and misery**.

The fall brought humanity into a state of sin. This one is a little more straightforward in that it teaches that human beings cannot escape sin. We sin every day in thought, word, and deed. Even our best acts are tainted by the sin which has been a part of our existence since we were conceived in our mother's womb.

Unfortunately, another idea about human sinfulness is way more popular today, it is the idea that human beings are basically good and when left to choose will more often than not choose the good. This is the basic viewpoint of secular humanism and that which underlines almost every anti-christian worldview in the world today.

The second thing the fall did was to bring humanity into a state of misery. This one is a little more difficult to understand. It doesn't mean that every human being is miserable all the time. It does mean that every human being is now subject to the effects of the fall in a pervasive sense. Oftentimes we call this "brokenness." That is, there isn't anything in the world that isn't corrupted by sin. Sometimes we speak of this misery in terms of human frailty, human finiteness, and human faltering. These things come from sin and are actually sin but aren't necessarily actual volitional sins. They are the products of the fall. So human beings are subject to the sins of others, they age and their bodies grow weak, their DNA strands are broken, they get diseases, they experience grave sadness and pain in a myriad of ways.

Surely no one would insist that a person who is born with Down syndrome has sinned in that they have committed an actual transgression, neither would we say that a child whose parents had divorced had sinned when they experience fear and confusion resulting from the breakdown of their parent's marriage. And yet, Down syndrome and divorce are in the world because of sin and so we lament their presence while at the same time rejoicing in the way that they can be redeemed while we wait for Jesus to return.

Song of Preparation

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Trinity Hymnal #498 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

***Call to Worship—Psalm 107 (selected)**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

People: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

**People: Whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered
in from the lands,**

Leader: From the east and from the west, from the north and
from the south.

All: His steadfast love endures forever!

"Worship is the highest elevation of the spirit, and yet the lowliest prostration of the soul." — C.H. Spurgeon

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Trinity Hymnal #296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

His Forever

Original Words (v.1) by James G. Small. Music and New and New and Alternate Words by Pat Sczebel

D G D D A

1. Je - sus, friend of sin - ners, loved me ere__ I knew__
2. Je - sus, friend of sin - ners, a crown of thorns You wore for

G D G D

Him. Drew me with__ His cords of love,
me. Bruised for my__ trans - gres - sions,

Em7 A D D/F# G

tight - ly bound__ me to__ Him. 'Round my heart__ still close - ly__
pierced for my__ in - iq - ui - ties. The wrath of God__ that I de -

A D/F# Bm A

— twined,__ the ties that none can sev - er. For
- served__ was poured out on the In - no - cent. He

D A Bm Em7 A

I am His__ and He__ is__ mine,__ for - ev - er and__ for - ev -
took my place, my soul to__ save.__ Now I am His__ for - ev -

1. D A G G/B D A G | 2. D

er. er.

VERSE

E A/E E E B/E A/E

3. Je - sus, friend of sin - ners, I love to tell_ the sto - ry.____ Re-

E A/E E F#m7 Bsus

deem - ing love_ has been my_ theme, and will be when_ in glo -

E E/G# A Bsus

ry. Not death, nor life, nor an - y - thing, can

E/G# C#m Bsus E B

ev - er sep - ar - ate_ me. O love that will_ not let_ me_

C#m F#m7 Bsus | 1. E | 2. E

_ go. Yes, I am His_ for - ev - er. Not er.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 18:1-10

How God deals with the nations

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the Lord. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it."

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—Romans 13:1

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Leader: Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, give thanks to God for His ever- sufficient grace.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you

"Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." — Augustine

*Song of Pardon

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren



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 - ous - 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
joic - 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.
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WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children May be Dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Sermon

"The Fall"

A Sermon Series on the Book of Genesis

Genesis 3:1-13

Rev. Nate Taylor

Song of Response

The Power of the Cross

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩ = 68

F/A G/B C G7/D C/E

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

3 F C/E Dm7 Fmaj7 Gsus G F/A G/B C

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 for through Your suf - fring I am free. Death is crushed to death,

6 G7/D C/E F C/E Fmaj7 Gsus G/F C/E

torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood. This the
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. This the
 dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This the
 life is mine to live won through Your self - less love! This the

9 F G/B C C/E F G/B C C/E F D/F#

1,2,3. pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
 4. pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us. What a life, what a

14 G G/F C/E F Gsus G 1, 2, 3 F/A G/B C Fmaj7 Dm7 Gsus G

wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 cost. We stand for - giv - en at the

18 F/A G/B C C G/B C/E Fmaj7 Dm7 F/G C

cross.

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

** Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Please note: Grape juice is in all the cups today)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

The Zacchaeus Song

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Gregory Thompson, Isaac Wardell, Jessica Fox, Orlando Palmer, Latifa Alattas, Owen Stroud

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*Benediction

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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.

- Pastor Polski is sharing a **Sunday school series** on the Apostle's Creed on our Trinity Church Kirkwood Facebook page.
- **Today begins MTW's 30 days of prayers.** See your insert for how you can pray each day in November to further the Gospel throughout the world.
- **Volunteers next Sunday: Ushers:** Hendricks, Roberts, O'Neal, Lackey, Maglione. **Scripture Readers:** Josie Standerfer and Peg Nichols.
- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **Ladies, our Tues. evening study meets two Tuesdays a month at 7pm.** This semester we will be going through Tim Keller's book, Generous Justice. You will have the option to meet at Trinity or via Zoom. Our **next gathering is Nov. 10th.**
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am.** Pastor Polski is leading the men through the Book of Judges. The study takes place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Friday of each month.
- **Men's Night this Wednesday** at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- The **Wednesday Women's Bible study** meets weekly using a hybrid format in the morning (9am), allowing those who would like to attend in person to do so, with the option of a live Zoom stream. We will also offer a Zoom study at 7:30pm. The ladies will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel this fall and spring.
- Trinity is blessed to partner with **Robinson Elementary** to serve in their **food pantry** (currently at Trinity). We are looking for 3 volunteers per month to serve. Please see your weekly email or the church office to sign up. The **next opportunity to serve is Mon., Nov. 23rd** from 5:50-7:30pm.
- 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.
- Save the Date: For a **special evening of Christmas music and poetry**-Sat., Dec. 12th at 7pm. RSVP will be required (opening at the beginning of Dec.).
- 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:** Josh Hendricks (coachjph@msn.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Ayssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell (amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org)

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.