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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42 (ESV)



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

SEPT 18, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†**Hymn of Worship** “Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer”
TPH 557; TH 713

Greeting

†**Song of Praise** “Before the Throne of God Above” *TPH 277*

†**Confession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

Pastoral Prayer

†**Scripture Reading** *Deuteronomy 5:12-15* [Seat Bibles, p. 150]

†**Singing Psalms** Psalm 81
Tune: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *TPH 291; TH 164*

Tithes & Offerings

†**Gloria Patri** *TPH 572; TH 735*

Sermon Text *Ephesians 2:1-10* [Seat Bibles, p. 976]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

“Your ‘Before’ and ‘After’ Life”

†**Hymn of Response** “My Sins, My Sins, My Savior!”
Tune: “The Church’s One Foundation” *TPH 404; TH 347*

The Lord’s Supper

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able,

TPH — Trinity Psalter Hymnal TH—Trinity Hymnal

WELCOME

We really mean it when we say we are thrilled that you have come to worship with us today!

If you should have any questions or comments about the ministry of Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church, please feel free to reach out. Contact information is on the back page of this bulletin.

We have 9:30 Sunday School for all ages, and 10:45 worship, with nursery available for ages 3 and under. Children are always welcome in our worship services. We also have a “cry room” available with a large window for viewing the service and a speaker that will be playing all the audio from the main sanctuary. Please feel free to use that if you are concerned that your children’s noises are disrupting the service. Since it is a small room, we ask you to be judicious and careful to maintain recommended distancing should others also seek to use it.

We hope that this Lord’s Day you will be encouraged by the Word, refreshed by the worship, and touched by Christ’s love through our fellowship with one another.

MEDITATION

“If I profess, with the loudest voice and the clearest exposition, every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that one point.”

— often attributed to Martin Luther;^[1] quoted by Francis Schaeffer in *The Great Evangelical Disaster*, but most probably from Elizabeth Rundle Charles, *The Chronicles of the Schoenberg Cotta Family*, 1864. Regardless of the source, the sentiment captures the Scripture’s intent (e.g., Jeremiah 12:5-6).

[1] See <https://creation.com/battle-quote-not-luther>; <https://www.dennyburk.com/the-apocryphal-martin-luther/>

FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** is going through the book *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman. Books and study guides are available at Amazon, ChristianBook, Audible, Crossways, and HeritageBook.

—**Men’s Breakfast** meets on 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. at the church building, for a potluck meal and study of *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund. Zoom access is available, if requested.

—Multiple **small groups** meet 1-2 times per month for teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Please speak to anyone on the session if you are interested in joining one.

—Each **Tuesday evening**, we have a potluck dinner at 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Please come!

—**Women’s Bible Study** is studying Hebrews every 2 weeks at the church, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. You can attend either date/time. Please see Robin Deane or Lisa Bentley if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is set for June 26-30, 2023! Please contact Pastor Matt if you are interested in acting as director or co-director for this very important ministry.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	09/11/2022	YTD
General Income	\$9,989.75	\$343,514.23
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$379,250.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$260.25)	(\$35,735.77)
Attendance	125	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It also can be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic & 15th Anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, October 1st, from 3-7 p.m. at the Deanes' home. Please RSVP and see details on the Sign-up Genius that was emailed on 9/6.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sunday choir rehearsals resume Sept. 11.

- * Girls' Choir - 10:20-10:40 in the Choir room
- * Bell Choir - Immediately after the service in the sanctuary
- * Adult Choir - Immediately following the bell choir in the sanctuary
- * Young Men's Choir - 9:00-9:25 a.m. in the sanctuary

All interested singers are welcome to join us.

MEN AND BOYS CAMPOUT

The Men and Boys Campout will be held Thursday, Oct 13th through Saturday, Oct 15th at the Deanes' property. You can come whenever you are able. Please see Joe Deane for details.

SRPC FALL FESTIVAL

SRPC Fall Festival Outreach Event will return this year, Saturday, Nov 12th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please save the date and watch for a Signup Genius soon. There are many ways to help with this outreach to our community.

GROUP PIANO LESSONS

Grace Reid is offering group piano lessons this fall. Details were emailed on 9/11. Please see Grace with any questions.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

SERMON NOTES

09/18/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Your 'Before' and 'After' Life"

Text: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Theme: The immeasurable greatness of God's power began in your life the moment He brought you out of spiritual deadness to spiritual life. In making you alive in Christ, a mighty resurrection took place in your own personal experience. You can take no credit for this incredible miracle. Now, you give thanks and fulfill the things God has prepared for you to do.

I. Your _____ Life of
Spiritual _____ (1-3)

II. God's Gracious _____ (4-7)

III. You Contribute _____ of
Your _____ to Your _____ (8-10)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father in heaven, You call us to be thankful in all things, yet we confess we are often ungrateful and unsatisfied with Your providence. We acknowledge our ingratitude, and we implore You to forgive us for not being thankful.

We are to be cheerful givers, O LORD, yet we often grudgingly give to Your Kingdom. Forgive us for our insincerity and selfishness.

You, O God, have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ, yet we complain about our circumstances and think that we deserve more.

Hear and forgive us for the sake of Your dear Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Set our hearts to love and serve You in sincerity and truth, for we pray in His Name. Amen.

Personal Confession

This time of silence is provided for private, personal confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Psalm 30:4-5 (ESV)

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk more about your eternal future. You can find their contact information in this bulletin. They will be glad to show you from Scripture, God's Word, how you can have a relationship with God through Christ Jesus and have true peace and security with Him.

If you have professed faith in Christ Jesus, have been baptized, and are a member of the Church, yet there is a distance between you and the LORD because of cherished and unrepentant sin and transgressions of God's laws, we warn you to refrain from partaking the elements of the Lord's Table today. Scripture tells us that partaking of the Lord's Table is a participation, a communion, in the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). God's people cannot partake of His holy Table while at the same time engaging in deliberate and conscious violations of His commands for us as His holy people. If this is true with you, the LORD graciously promises that, if you confess and turn from whatever thinking or behavior that is contrary to His nature and His Word, He is faithful to forgive and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Until you have confessed and turned from whatever this breach of faith might be, please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

This does not mean that as a professing follower of Christ you are required to be perfect and flawless before communing with Christ at His Table. The Table is for you to be nourished and strengthened even more in your faith and love for Christ. You may have worries and doubts that God loves or hears you because your faith is weak. You may have sinned, confessed, and turned from it to the Lord before partaking, but still your heart condemns you. When you come to the Lord's Table, the Lord by faith assures you that you belong to Him, and He belongs to you. If, despite your sins and imperfections, you can truly say that the LORD is your Shepherd, that the name of Christ and His smile is the desire of your soul, then take the LORD at His word that you are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven!

Come, and dine with your Lord and Savior.

IV. Key Ideas

A. "Total Depravity" means that every _____ of your being has been _____ by sin.

B. "Total Depravity" does not mean that you are as _____ as you can _____ be.

C. You still continue to deserve _____. You never stop _____ the wrath and punishment of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is a person's spiritual condition (state) before coming to faith in Christ (v. 1)?
2. What influences and determines how a person apart from Christ lives (vv. 2-3)?
3. What is everyone's natural condition before God (v. 3d)?
4. How does someone go from a condition of spiritual deadness to spiritual life (vv. 4-5b)?
5. Why is anyone saved (v. 5c)?
6. What happens when a person is made spiritually alive (v. 6)?
7. What is the great purpose for which God makes a person spiritually alive (v. 7)?
8. How is a person saved (v. 8a)?
9. What is the clear reason why a person is NOT saved (v. 8b, v. 9a)?
10. What is the clear reason why a person IS saved (v. 8c)?
11. What will no person be able to do before God and others regarding salvation (v. 9b)?
12. What did God prepare and determine beforehand for Christians to do (v. 12)?
13. What does it mean to be spiritually dead?
14. Why is God angry with anyone?
15. When someone is spiritually dead, is he able to have faith and turn to God?
16. What does it mean to be "saved"?
17. What is grace?
18. Does faith save?
19. What does the "this" in v. 8b refer to?
20. Is faith a gift? How do you know?
21. What is "total depravity"?
22. What Scripture texts teach "total depravity"?
23. What does "total depravity" NOT mean?
24. Why do many people chafe and resist the doctrine of "total depravity"?
25. How does the truth of "total depravity" – that everyone's whole being is infected by sin – impact the proclamation of the Gospel?
26. In what ways has the doctrine of the depravity of man influenced the way people are governed in this nation?
27. If people are totally depraved, why do people perform good and laudable acts such as sacrificing themselves to rescue someone from a burning building or giving money to build a hospital?
28. When do you stop deserving to go to hell?

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed (either before a congregation of the Lord's Church or to a body of Elders in a church where the Gospel of Christ is embraced) faith in and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior from your sins, and are members of the visible Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have not publicly professed faith in Christ Jesus – the eternal Son of God who took on human flesh, lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross for sins, rose bodily from the dead, and who is returning to this earth in power and glory – please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

We invite you to respond to the Gospel by first understanding that you have sinned personally against the God who made you and have violated His good and right laws for you to follow. God is holy and has every right to separate you from Himself and from all that is good and beautiful because of your freely chosen disobedience to Him. But the really good news is that you can be restored to the God who made you because of what Christ Jesus has done on the cross as a perfect substitute and payment for the penalty that you owe and deserve. Simply believing and trusting in what Jesus did for you means you will belong to the LORD God forever.

Abraham, the Biblical example of one who was restored to God by faith alone, trusted God's promise and the LORD God credited it, that trust, to him as righteousness. God has shown His love to the world, and to you, by giving His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die and be separated from Him forever but rather have the life man was created to have in the presence of God, a life that never ends.

This means that you cannot DO anything to earn your place with God. However, a true faith in Christ Jesus comes from a God-given desire that will produce behavior that does those things that are pleasing to Him.