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Sermon Series on the Book of 2 Corinthians
Week 3
July 26, 2020



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- **Prelude “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee; What A Friend;
It Is No Secret; Oh, How He Loves You and Me” Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Pr Mel**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Lord, Be Glorified



1	In	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
2	In	our	song,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
3	In	your	church,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;
4	In	your	world,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied,	be	glo - ri - fied;



in	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
in	our	song,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
in	your	church,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.
in	your	world,	Lord,	be	glo - ri - fied	to - day.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Loving God,

C: When our path becomes difficult, we do not always turn to you. We look for an easy way out. We escape in avoidance and addiction. We forget your promises and seek what does not satisfy. Forgive us and bring us back into the strength of your Spirit.

P: God is generous and loving and forgiving. Hear and believe that your sins are washed away and that new life is yours through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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*** GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Eternal God, You have come to make immortal things visible through mortals. Use us and our lives to reflect your glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

P: Our scripture reading for this morning is from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 2.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do ⁴not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I

spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise To You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

• **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Pr Mel Musser

• **SERMON**

Pr Mel Musser

Silence for reflection may follow

* **APOSTLES’ CREED**

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

L: When we feel weak, it is then that you make us strong in your Spirit, sufficient for the tasks which you have given us. Teach us to lean on your unfailing strength. God of Power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Guide all parents and those who serve as guardians for children and other vulnerable people. Give them wisdom to love, mentor, and prepare their loved ones to be kind and wise adults. God of Power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Just as our bodies are constantly renewed and healed, so the earth renews itself with new growth out of the old, producing new life out of death. Make us partners in the restoration of creation that all may live and thrive in peace. God of Power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: It is frustrating, O Lord, when our physical bodies no longer do what we wish they could, or what they once were able to do. Give us your serenity to accept our changing nature and to find new and joyful ways of adapting and living into the realities of this life. Grant healing to all those afflicted with the Corona 19 virus and comfort the loved ones of those who have died from this disease. Send your healing power this day to... God of Power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: As violent protests continue to rage in cities across our country and the sin of racism scars our land, teach us to love our neighbor as ourselves, even if our neighbor thinks, acts, and looks differently from us. God of Power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: As Timothy, Titus, and Silas dedicated their lives to your mission, so may we find our joy in serving you with the best we have been given. God of Power,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You are our treasure, O Lord, and in you we place our trust. Hear these prayers and strengthen us to keep serving you day by day, for the sake of Christ...

C: Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

• OFFERING

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Accept and bless the gifts which your children present to you in gratitude for the blessings which you have also given us. May our time on this earth be spent in service to your world in need, and in glory to you, O God,

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the “tie that Binds us together”, let us pray as Jesus taught...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

* SENDING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

Postlude

“If That Isn’t Love”

Roxanne Groff

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Health Tips for the Week
BODY: Cut down on sugary drinks
MIND: Try Sudoku
SPIRIT: Reflect on your life



This Week @ Trinity – July 26 thru August 2, 2020

Sun, July 26

10:30 am Worship Service

Fri, July 31

3:30 pm FISH Pantry @ 400 Markwith, Greenville OH

Sun, August 2

10:30 am Worship Service



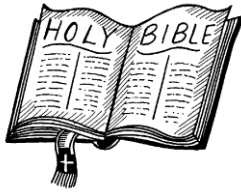
Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning,
you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and
hear the sermon from your car.

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, July 26th
2 Corinthians 5:1-21



Please remember --- it is most important that we follow the guidelines and keep a safe distance during our outdoor service. Please be sure to keep a distance of 6 feet between you and others who are not in your immediate family. We need to be a good example for anyone who might be watching how we do our service and we need to keep our Trinity family safe.

THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree inside still has crosses with ideas for items to donate. Open the cross and take the paper with you or take the cross and return it when you drop off your donations. The basket under the tree also has items inside most of the crosses.

The baskets in the corner behind the tree are marked for either WERNLE or WELCA donations. Put your bags in the baskets to help keep the area s neat as possible. We will try to remove your donations ASAP.

THANK YOU!

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HOLY COMMUNION IS COMING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020



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We're making School Kits for Lutheran World Relief!

If you don't feel like doing the shopping, Linda Baker says she loves to shop (and Tony affirms how much she loves it 😊). Linda has offered and will be happy to accept any donations. She will purchase what is most needed to make the maximum number of school kits with what donations she receives. If you're like Linda and love to shop, here's the list that goes into a kit:

- 1 - Sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag— approximately 14" X 17", w/shoulder straps (handmade)
- 1 - Ruler—30 cm on one side (May have inches on the other side.)
- 1 - Box of Crayons (16 or 24)
- 5 - Unsharpened Pencils w/Erasers
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - 2 1/2" Eraser
- 1 - Pair Blunt Scissors
- 5 - Blue or Black Ball point Pens (No GEL pens)
- 4 - 70 Sheet College or Wide ruled Notebooks

