



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 22, 2019

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS OUR SHEPHERD

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Kling

Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal

Quotes and Reflections

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God.
Here to rescue me from danger;
Interposed His precious blood.

— Robert Robinson, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
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— Dorothy Thrupp, *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

“Our good Shepherd has in His flock a variety of experiences, some are strong in the Lord, and others are weak in faith, but He is impartial in His care for all His sheep, and the weakest lamb is as dear to Him as the most advanced of the flock...The best of all is that He does it all himself personally, not delegating the task of love, but condescending Himself to rescue and preserve His most unworthy servant. How shall I love Him enough or serve Him worthily? I would fain make His name great unto the ends of the earth, but what can my feebleness do for Him? Great Shepherd, add to Thy mercies this one other, a heart to love Thee more truly as I ought.”

— Charles Spurgeon, *Morning & Evening*

“The mark of the true leader is that of the cross. This is the only proof Paul offers when his apostolic calling is questioned: he bears the marks of the cross in his own life (e.g., I Cor. 4). The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

— Leslie Newbigin, *Gospel of John*

Song of Preparation

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Words by Henry W. Baker. Music: Irish melody

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With

good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my

I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight;
My cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!

***Call to Worship—Psalm 28:6-9**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Leader: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

All: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

The Lord Is My Salvation

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin

F#m D E Sus E F#m D E Sus E

1. The grace of God has reached for_ me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 3. My hope is hid - den in the_ Lord, He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of_ need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

8 2.4. D/AE/A A Refrain E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.



F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Refrain
E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

D A/C# E/G# F#m D A/C# E

be to God, the Fa - ther, - Glo - ry be to God, - the Son, - Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus ^{1.} A sus A

be to God, the Spi - rit; - The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

***Song of Adoration**

It Is Well with My Soul
Trinity Hymnal #691

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-13, 15-16, 22-24

The failure of the shepherds of Israel and God's promise to be their Shepherd

The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country...I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

"I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken. "

New Testament Reading—Luke 15:1-7

The parable of the lost sheep

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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—Isaiah 53:6a

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD
Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Isa. 53:6b-7

And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His costly grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

***Song of Rejoicing**

What Wondrous Love Is This
Trinity Hymnal #261

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Offertory Song (Ensemble) *The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)*

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Tom Douglas. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Sermon

"I am the Good Shepherd"

John 10:1-21

Rev. Nate Taylor

*Song of Response

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key

1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

4 rest my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close my heart to thee; I
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I

6 give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

8 in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life

10 ri - cher, full - er be.
 brigh - ter, fair - er be.
 morn shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class — Biblical Ethics of Technology (Sanctuary)

Join us beginning today for a five week Sunday School series on the Biblical Ethics of Technology. We will take up a number of topics including communication styles, social media use, cell phone preoccupation, privacy issues and the urge that many feel to live their lives online, all in an effort to develop a more comprehensive understanding of how the Bible speaks to these issues that seem too modern for the ancient truths of God's word.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes

Teachers

Pre K & K

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen,
Melissa Kocher

1st & 2nd grade

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy
Mitchell

Jr. & Sr. High

Ben & Elisa Tharp

Jr. High Foundations

The Foundations class is designed for students to study the major framework of scripture, foundational books of the Bible, and key reformed theological principles. Join us this Fall as we study the framework of God's Word (creation, fall, redemption, and restoration) and how it relates to the world we live in today.

Sr. High Formations

The Formations class is designed for the spiritual formation of students as they become more like Christ. They will primarily study books of the Old & New Testament that focus on the Christian Life, as well as key theological doctrines and figures. Join us this Fall for our class going through the book of Acts as we learn about the importance of God's Church.

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

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Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school for all ages meets today.** The adults will meet in the sanctuary.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Moen, Swenson, Johler, Roberts, McCall, Standerfer. SS: Kwong, Polski, Van Duren. Ushers: A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne.
- **Small Groups** are kicking off this month. This is a great way to get plugged in and fellowship with others. **Sign-up lists are in the hallway.** Contact Pastor Nate with questions.
- **NO Ladies Connect this Monday.** The next one will be on Mon., Oct. 28th.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am.** Pastor Polski is leading the men in a study of the Book of Revelation on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of each month.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Tues. evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (next gathering is Sept. 24th) at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The morning group will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am at Trinity. Childcare is available for Wed. mornings.
- **Trinity Students, Jr. & Sr.** High small groups meet this Wed. from 7-8:30pm. **If you would like to participate in the Bake Sale** for Party on the Lawn to help offset the cost of Fall retreats, please see Mrs. Bailey.
- **Party on the Lawn, THIS Sat., September 28th** at 5pm. Bring your friends and family for a free food, live entertainment, games, and more! RSVP on Church Center.
- **Interested in serving our community?** We're encouraging Trinity members to serve at the annual **Hands on Kirkwood, Saturday, October 5th.** Follow this link to learn more and sign-up: <https://reg.planetreg.com/E814122128108345>
- **Men's Discipleship Groups** are starting back up soon. Currently we have three groups, but would love to expand. If you're interested in being part of a small group of men who meet twice/month for the purpose of study, prayer, and sharing of life's struggles, then email Pastor Chris or Pastor Nate.
- **Flannel Palooza meets Trunk or Treat-Sat., Oct. 26th** at 4pm on the Trinity back parking lot. More info to come!
- **Parents:** We would greatly appreciate it if you would help us care for our instruments and sound equipment by **not allowing your children on the stage or to play with the instruments.**
- The churches in St. Louis have a **special opportunity to participate in a joint choir** for the Getty Christmas Concert on December 20th. For details about rehearsals and other information, please contact Katie Polski.
- **Scripture readers needed** for the months of October through December. Sign up in the hallway.

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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