

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 17, 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 LEADS US HOME

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Chrissy Talent

For Reflection

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
— 2 Corinthians 5:1

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
— Psalm 84:3

“All the things that have deeply possessed your soul have been but hints of it—tantalizing glimpses, promises never quite fulfilled, echoes that died away just as they caught your ear. But if it should really become manifest—if there ever came an echo that did not die away but swelled into the sound itself—you would know it. Beyond all possibility of doubt you would say 'Here at last is the thing I was made for.' We cannot tell each other about it. It is the secret signature of each soul, the incommunicable and unappeasable want . . . which we shall still desire on our deathbeds . . . But know this, in the end your place in heaven will seem to be made for you and you alone, because you were made for it—made for it stitch by stitch as a glove is made for a hand.”
— C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

One of the things I deeply admire about C.S. Lewis is his ability to express concepts for which the English language lacks words. "Sehnsucht" is a German word that roughly translates as longing...but Lewis does a brilliant job of fleshing this rather bland translation out in a way that I think most people of faith can relate to.

Lewis described "sehnsucht" as an inconsolable longing in the human heart "for which we know not what." It is a haunting sense of longing which Lewis said touched him throughout his life. It has elements of nostalgia and joy, but also an intense awareness of missing something. "A golden echo." These stabs of joy and longing were pointing us toward something, and Lewis suggests that this sense of longing is harkening toward a deeper spiritual world.

Among my favorite novels by Lewis is *Till We Have Faces*, a gorgeously bleak book in which the heroine wages a lifelong struggle with faith and has glimpses of joy that were never really fulfilled. There we read:

"It almost hurt me . . . like a bird in a cage when the other birds of its kind are flying home . . . to find the place where all the beauty came from—my country, the place where I ought to have been born. The longing for home."

Many of us feel this same emotion frequently and we can sometimes mistake our understanding of home for something in this world. But the true home for which we all long, either knowingly or not, is the abode of God. He is the one who leads us home and the one who is our home.

Song of Preparation

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Trinity Hymnal #599

***Call to Worship—Psalm 84 (selected)**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever
singing your praise!**

**All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.**

*Song of Adoration

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by Matt Redman

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E5 **A2(no3)**

1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -
 (2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

Bsus **E5** **Bsus**

y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
 ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

E5

For here my heart is sat - is - fied
 One thing I ask and I would seek:

A2(no3) **Bsus** **E5**

with - in Your pres - ence. I sing be - neath the
 To see Your beau - ty, to find You in the

Bsus

shad - ow of Your wings. Bet - ter is
 place Your glo - ry dwells. Bet - ter is

A2(no3) **E/A** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

A2(no3) **A/C#** **Bsus** **E/G#**

one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is

A2(no3) **E/A** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

A2(no3) **A/C#** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where, than thou - sands

Last time to Coda

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 98

Make a joyful noise to the Lord

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the
sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

before the Lord, for he comes
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

New Testament Reading—2 Thessalonians 3:6-12

Warning against idleness

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

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—Zechariah 10:2

For the household gods utter nonsense, diviners see lies; they tell false dreams and give empty consolation. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 23:1-3; 6

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His Shepherding care.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

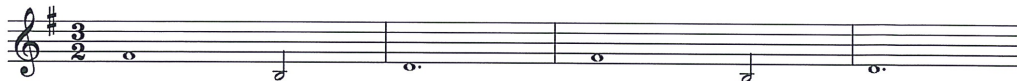
*Song of Rejoicing

He Will Hold Me Fast

Wendell Kimbrough

$\text{♩} = 66$ **INTRO**

Gmaj⁷ G/B C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C²



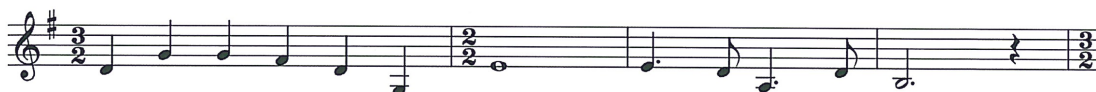
VERSE 1 & 2

5 G G/B C D G



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



26 Am⁷ G/B C D Gmaj⁷ G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C² Em⁹ C

VERSE 3

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em⁹ C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 D G C D Em

CHORUS

when He comes at last! He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am⁷ G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 D G D G

ENDING

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am⁷ D^{7sus} G

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)

Continuously

Sandra McCracken

I will hold your right hand
Right beside you my Word is true
I am continuously, continuously with you

Though your flesh and heart may fail
I will approach beyond the veil
I am continuously, continuously with you

Rest in my love as you sleep tonight
Rest in the song that mercy sings
Your shield and strength all through the fire
I will be your covering

I'll be your shelter where e'er you go
And when you wander, I'll bring you home
I am continuously, continuously with you

Sermon
"The Good Place"
John 14:1-14
Rev. Ben Tharp

***Song of Response**

How Great Thou Art
Trinity Hymnal #44 (v. 1, 3, 4)

***Benediction**

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

Join Pastor Polski for a new SS series on the integrity of Holy Scripture. During this series we will examine the origins of the Bible, how it came together as one grand document and why we can believe that the Bible is exactly what it says it is, God's perfect and fully trustworthy word to mankind.

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 take a look at how God relates to His people. For the rest of the semester, we will take a look at God's covenant faithfulness in the past, and how that gives us hope that He will be faithful today and tomorrow.

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: Sippel, Hendricks, Kocher, Highmark, Sinclair. SS: Behnke, Thomason, Van Duren. Ushers: Hendricks, Oehlerking, Garner, Moen, Smith.
- **Ladies Connect TOMORROW** at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am.** The men are studying the Book of Revelation on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Tues. evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (next gathering is Nov. 19) 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.
- **Men's Night this Wed.** at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- Hallie Van Duren is looking to **train someone** to come along side her to **help coordinate the nursery.** We are also in **need of more volunteers in the nursery rooms** on Sundays. Please see Hallie if you are interested.
- **Volunteers needed** to serve in the Robinson Elementary Food Pantry. **Our next date is Nov. 22nd from 5:50-7:30pm.** See Pastor Nate or your weekly email for more details.
- 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 if you need help setting it up.
- If you are **interested in becoming a member at Trinity**, or just want to learn more about our church and the PCA, join us for our Trinity Connect Class on the evening of Fri., Nov. 22 (6-8:30pm) and the morning of Sat., Nov. 23 (8am-noon). **Please RSVP to the church office** so we can make arrangements. While this class is a prerequisite to becoming a member, it does not commit you to membership. Open to teens through adults.
- Join us for our **Thanksgiving service** on Wed., Nov. 27th at 5:30pm.
- **Save the Date:** Our annual **Christmas Concert** will take place on Sun., Dec. 15th at 6:30pm, "From Darkness to Light." **Artists**, if you would like to submit a piece to be displayed at the concert, we are looking for pieces that will fit one of the four categories of the gospel story that will be highlighted during the concert. The categories are: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Consummation. Deadline for artwork is Dec. 11th.
- 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 please contact Katie Polski.
- **Scripture readers needed** for the months of October thru December. Sign up in the hall.

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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