



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

January 1, 2023

WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF LOVE & MERCY

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Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. — Jeremiah 29:11

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.
— Psalm 33:11

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — ¹⁴yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." — James 4:13-15

"God's plan will continue on God's schedule." — A.W. Tozer

"There is no attribute of God more comforting to His children than the doctrine of God's sovereignty." — C.H Spurgeon

Devotional Preparation:

Our 2022 Advent Theme was, "The Weary World Rejoices," a line taken from the hymn, "O Holy Night." Over the course of Advent we preached on the weariness we experience in relation to oppression, sin, suffering and our efforts to be obedient. Little did we know what we were about to experience on Christmas Eve when the sprinkler pipes in our building froze and burst, dumping thousands of gallons of water into our building, causing a massive amount of damage that we are still now trying to fully account for.

This is one of those times when the topics we address in preaching comes alive in a very poignant way!

Certainly, what we've experienced here at Trinity is nothing like the oppression David faced from his enemies nor even the suffering Job faced when he lost his family, but as I said in one sermon, the point of these stories isn't to get us to try and rate our weariness against those who have gone before us as much as it is to call us to faith and joy when we face our own weariness.

And that's what we experienced when dozens of members and regular attenders showed up at the church on Christmas Eve, not dressed to worship, but to work!

What a joy it was to see God's people, mops in hand, still wishing one another a Merry Christmas!

That's what faith in the Lord can do, whenever we face circumstances in our lives that don't go according to plan! And that's why the first sermon of 2023 is on Proverbs 19:21 which is about trusting in the Lord when our plans don't work out the way we wanted them to.

Surely, this won't be the last time in our lives when we face a massive change of plans! Come then, with open hearts to the word of God as we wrestle with the ways that the Lord calls us to submit ourselves and our plans to His purposes!

Song of Preparation

All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin

♩ = 72

☞ VERSE

G Am F

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-frent to the
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

4 C Dm F G C

way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
 cost, You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be -
 see the strength to fol - low Your com-mands could nev-er come from me. O Fa-ther,

9 Cmaj7

hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will, and if You
 -held God's love dis - played, You suf-ered in my place; You bore the
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way You choose, and let my

13 Am⁷ F

1. G^{sus} G C

had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still. 2. But as I
 wrath re-served for me; Now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be; My on - ly boast is

18 2, 3. G^{sus} G C F C G Am

CHORUS

grace!
 You. Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -

24 F Am G

1. C 2. C

D.S.

-lu - jah! Je - sus is my life! 3. Now, Lord, I life!

Call to Worship—Psalm 148:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

People: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! All: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal #53

Lord Most High

Words and Music by Don Harris and Gary Sadler

♩ = 145

E Esus E

Women

Men

From the ends of the earth, _____

From the ends of the earth, _____ from the

B2sus B C#m

3

from the depths of the sea, _____ from the

depths of the sea, _____ from the heights of the heav - ens

A E/A A E Esus

6

heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised; From the

Your name be praised; From the hearts of the weak, _____

E B2sus B

10

hearts of the weak, _____ from the shouts of the strong, _____

from the shouts of the strong, _____ from the

13 **C#m** **A E/A A B**

from the lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.
lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.

17 **E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G# A E/B B7sus**

All Through - out the end - less ag - es You will be crowned with prais - es,

21 **C#m A Bsus B E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G#**

Lord Most High; Ex - alt - ed in ev - 'ry na - tion, Sov - 'reign of

26 **A E/B B7sus C#m A Bsus B E/G#** **1 A E/A**

all cre - a - tion, Lord Most High, be mag - ni - fied.

30 **A** **2 A E/A A Bsus B E**

fied.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 2:13-23

The Flight to Egypt

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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 63:8-10

For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Isaiah 63:7

I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His steadfast goodness, compassion, and love.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

D G

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the
 out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
 mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
 fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 B G A E D/F#

joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis -

6 G E G A 1. 2. 3.

— to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast
 its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
 — to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
 - per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

11 4. D E D/F# G G#

2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals
 3. Thy
 4. Great

17 E G A

mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade on the 1st & 3rd Sunday.

Today we will meet in the lower level youth room.)

Sermon

"When our Plans Collide with God's Sovereignty"

Proverbs 19:21

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and common time (C). It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The first system starts with a B-flat chord and an F chord. The second system starts with a G minor chord, an E-flat chord, and an F chord. The third system starts with a B-flat chord and an F chord. The fourth system starts with a G minor chord and an E-flat chord. The fifth system starts with a G minor chord and an E-flat chord. The lyrics are arranged in three columns under each system of music.

1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
2. Let us love sing the Lord fierce who bought us,
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion

Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,
Pit - ied us hard when to en - e - mies
Threat - en us hard to bear us down

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
Called us by his grace and sal - ta - tion
For the Lord our strong and va - tion

He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has
Gave us ears and the gave us eyes He has
Holds in view the conq - ueror's crown He who

washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He who

11 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He pre -
 washed us with His blood, blood will
 Soon will

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God
 sends our souls to God
 bring us home to God
 to God

17 F Gm Eb

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
 Join and point to mercy's store
 When through grace in Christ our trust is
 Justice smiles and asks no more
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
 Of the saints enthroned on high
 Here they trusted Him before us
 Now their praises fill the sky
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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.*

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine is in the clear. Bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Behold the Lamb

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #731

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Sunday School today. Due to recent flooding, our nursery rooms have temporarily moved to the new adult classrooms across the kitchen. Children's Church will meet in the lower level youth room today.

The **Men's and Women's bible studies** are on hiatus until mid January. More info coming soon.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

Volunteers today: Nursery: Linenbrokers, Doaks, Goldstein. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton. Nursery: C. Waldron, Hendricks, A. Schmidt, Mitchell, Broughton.

As we head into the new year, now is a great time to pray about how you can serve at Trinity. We are always **looking for volunteers for the usher team, nursery, ACTION children's activities, and Sunday snacks.** See Amy Mitchell for help signing up!

You can find an **updated Sunday snack schedule** in your weekly email. Please consider signing up for an upcoming Sunday.

Calling all singers! All are welcome to join our adult choir this semester which will meet during the Sunday School hour from February 5th through April 2nd. Our choir will sing three times during the Sunday morning services this semester, including Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) will resume on Jan. 18th.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.

There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity.** Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), **Greeters:** James Broughton (jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava (jimnalyce@yahoo.com). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link:](#)



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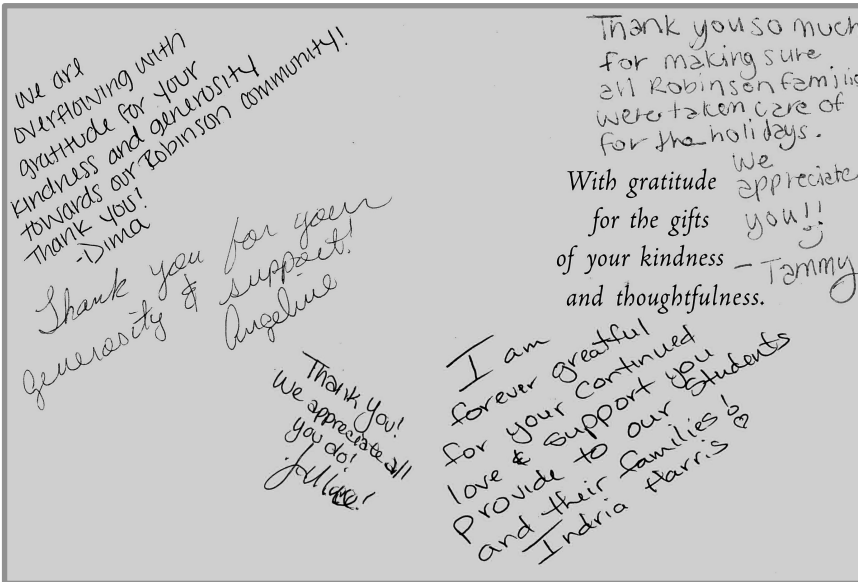
All Church Things In One Night will resume on Jan. 18th. Join us for dinner at 5:30pm, followed by something for everyone: nursery, children's ministry activities, youth, men's and women's bible studies. More info to come!

MISSION UPDATE

Robinson Elementary Christmas Pantry and Presents

On Monday, Dec. 19th, a few of our members volunteered at the food pantry that we helped stock. Around 30 families came that night! They were busy the entire time as they helped families plan Christmas dinners. Praise the Lord! What an amazing gift you all provided.

The Tuesday before Christmas, all of the presents that decorated our tree in the narthex were delivered to the counseling center at Robinson Elementary. Some teachers, staff, and the school counselor came out to help unload the presents and they were astonished by all we were able to provide for their families in need. Please continue to pray that our witness and light would be attractive and that they would come to know the reason for our good deeds, Jesus, the Light of Life. Please see the 'Thank You' card below.



"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" —Jesus, Matthew 5:16

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.