



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 5, 2023
Second Sunday in Lent

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO PROVIDES FOR US

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Peg Nichols

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Elzinga, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. — Gen. 2:15

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. — Prov. 16:3

"In the Western mind, we work five days to earn the right to rest and play on the weekend. But God tells believers to start the week with rest before we work. In Scripture, rest is a gift, not a reward." — Dan Doriani

"People were created to employ themselves in some work, and not to lie down in inactivity and idleness." — John Calvin

"Even a dairy maid can milk cows to the glory of God!" — Martin Luther

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

An Excerpt from “The Doctrine of Vocation” by Gene Edward Veith

Introduction and Definition

The doctrine of vocation is one of the greatest—though strangely neglected and forgotten—teachings of the Reformation. Contrary to the common assumption, it is much more than a theology of work. Vocation has to do with God’s providence, how He governs and cares for His creation by working through human beings. Vocation shows Christians how to live out their faith, not just in the workplace but in their families, churches, and cultures. Vocation is where

faith bears fruit in acts of love, and so it grows out of the Gospel. And vocation is where Christians struggle with trials and temptations, becoming a means of sanctification. The word “vocation” is simply the Latin word for “calling.” God calls us—addresses us personally with the language of His Word—and we are brought to faith. He also calls us to arenas of service. “Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him” (1 Cor. 7:17). Thus, the Lord “assigns” us to a “life,” and then He calls us to that life.

The Three Arenas

The immediate context of that verse from the Apostle Paul is a discussion not of the workplace but of marriage. According to Luther, we have callings in each of the three estates that God created for human life:

1. *The household.* This refers to the family, including its economic labor by which it supports itself. Marriage, becoming a father or mother, being a son or daughter, are all vocations.
2. *The church.* All Christians are called by the Gospel. God also “calls” pastors. Also elders, other church workers, and all other members, each of whom has a part to play in the congregation.
3. *The state.* We find ourselves in a certain time and place, under certain political jurisdictions, part of a certain culture. This is part of our “assignment” in which we are to live our Christian lives. Our citizenship is a vocation. We are called to our local communities, our nation, our surrounding culture.

The Reformers reacted against the Roman Catholic teaching that reserved “having a vocation” or “receiving a call” for entering a monastery, a convent, or the priesthood. To receive that kind of calling meant entering the “spiritual” life, which was considered far more Christian and meritorious than living a “secular” life in the world. To so devote oneself to the church meant taking vows of celibacy (thus repudiating marriage and parenting), poverty (thus repudiating economic productivity in the society), and obedience (thus being subject only to church law and not to that of earthly authorities). To the Reformers, not only were such vows a manifestation of works righteousness in opposition to the Gospel, they were also blasphemous rejections of the very estates that God ordained for human life.

The doctrine of vocation brings the Gospel into ordinary life. It transfigures the mundane routines of ordinary life, charging them with purpose, spiritual significance, and the very presence of God.

Song of Preparation (Children's Choir) *This Little Light of Mine*

Arr. by Mark Patterson

Call to Worship—Psalm 121 (selected)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

People: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

O God Beyond All Praising

Trinity Hymnal #660

Our Great God

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell. Arr. by Dan Kreider

Voice

A Em Em7 A Em Em7

Verse 1 & 2

8

A Em Em7

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un -
2. Lord we are weak and frail help - less in the

12

A A Em Em7

known. Your bound - less love un - fail - ing, in grace and mer - cy
storm.. Sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your

16

A F#m D2

shown. Bright ser - a - phim - in end - less flight a -
arms. Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my, his

19

F#m D2 A Em

round - Your glo - rious throne, They raise their voic - es day and night in
pleas - ure is our harm. Rise up, oh Lord and he will fee be -

Chorus

23

Em7 A A Em

praise to You a lone. Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry -
fore our Sov - 'reign God.

27

D A A

be to our great - God Hal - le - lu -

30

Em 1. D

jah! glo - ry be to our great

32 A Em A A 2.D
 God, Lord, be to our great

Instrumental

37 A Em A Em A Em
 God

Verse 3

43 A A A Em Em7
 3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing

48 A A Em Em7
 bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry field, and val - ley of the

52 A F#m D2
 earth, let all the moons and all the stars in

55 F#m D2 A
 all the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the

Chorus 2

58 Em Em7 A A
 liv - ing God, who rules them by His Word. Ha - le - lu -

62 Em D 1. A 2. A
 jah! glo - ry be to our great God! Ha - le - God

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—John 3:1-17

You Must Be Born Again

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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—Romans 4:1-4

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 4:5

And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His
righteousness bestowed on us.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips

G C D G

Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, Fa - ther let Your king - dom come

G D/G G

1. May the works of my hands bring You joy. May the works
2. May the words from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words

D G D/G

of my hands bring You joy. May the works of my hands bring You
from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words from my mouth speak Your

G G D G

joy. May the works of my hands bring You joy.
peace. May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

G C G/B Am D G C G/B Am D

You make all things new in

G C G/B Am D G C G/B Am D

pla - ces we don't choose You make all things new.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106,
with the exception of the 5th Sunday of the month)*

Sermon

"Mutual Submission in Vocation"

Ephesians 6:5-9

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

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. 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 in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Hosanna! (Will You Rise?)

Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Nick Chambers, Terrian Bass

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL

While the building is undergoing repairs we need to temporarily move our Sunday school classes. Please note the interim locations below:

Adult Sunday School

Evangelism: A Better Story – Rev. Pablo Rosales (Room 111)

The Great Commission is known by every believer. Christians are called to share the wonderful story that they believe to be true. However, in the modern world there exist several competing stories. Together, we will first take a look at the Great Commission and then listen to the competing stories, in order to find ways to share the “Better Story.”

Turning Points: A Survey of the Most Significant Moments in Church History and Why They Still Matter – Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Sanctuary)

It's been over 2000 years since the earthly ministry of Christ concluded and during that time His followers have expanded from being a small sect in Jerusalem to a world-wide movement of billions who have altered the course of human history. What were the most significant events in that process? Who were the key players and what did they believe? How did the church become what it is today and what lessons can we learn as we seek to live out our calling where the Lord has planted us? Please join Pastor Polski during the SS hour as he explores these and other fascinating questions by looking at key moments in the history of the Church.

Exodus - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)

Moses, the Law, the Egyptian Plagues, the flight from Egypt: the references from Exodus are throughout Scripture. Can we really understand Mount Zion, unless we study to appreciate this experience of Mount Sinai? As our pastors take us through Exodus in their Sunday sermons, we will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book, *Exodus, a Flight from Slavery*.

Adult Choir - Katie Polski, Music Director (Fireplace Room-101)

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.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

4th-5th Grade - Room 102

1st-3rd Grade - Room 106B

Pre K/Kindergarten - Room 105

Nursery - Rooms 103 & 104

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School for all ages meets today. See the next page for a list of classes and locations.

If you would like to receive the monthly **Children's Ministry Newsletter**, please send your email address to: melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

Young Adult Lunch: Join us on the first Sunday of the month (TODAY), 12:15pm after church at High Point Drive-In (951 S Kirkwood Rd).

New(ish) to Trinity? We would love for you to join us for a **Welcome Lunch today**, following the Sunday School hour. This will be a great opportunity to meet other visitors, as well as long time members of Trinity. You can ask questions about our church and hear from a few ministry leaders about ways to get plugged in.

Trinity ladies, join us for bible study and prayer. Two Tuesday evenings a month a group meets in Melissa Jorgensen's home to discuss the Book of Ecclesiastes (next gathering: 3/14). We also meet weekly on Wed. either at 9am or 6pm to study the Book of Judges.

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday at 6pm.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith. Nursery: Garner, Doak, Polski, Doak, O'Neal. SS: Hammond, Harlow. CC: Doiron, Roberts. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: M. Schmidt, Inion, A. Schmidt, Oehlerking, Marcus. SS: D. Nichols, Doiron. CC: Jacksons, A. Rosales.

We could use a few more **volunteers for the usher team, nursery, Sunday snacks, and Sunday coffee**. See Amy Mitchell.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) meets WED. from 6-7:15pm. There is something for everyone: nursery, children's activities, games, lessons, and choir, women's and men's bible studies, Jr. High youth.

The next **Men's Breakfast is Sat., Mar. 18th** at 8am. Register on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

Sign up today for **Trivia Night on Fri., Mar. 31st.** at 6:30pm (doors open at 6). Go to Church Center for all the details and to register. All proceeds will go to support our Jr. and Sr. High ministries.

We have a long list of "to do items" for our spring **work day on Apr. 1st at 9am**. Please plan on lending a hand. We will be tackling landscaping, cleaning, and building projects.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.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:**

Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com).

Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocker (Melissa,Kocherz@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

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:](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Here are a few events coming in the next several months:

- **Trivia Night-** Mar. 31, 6:30-9pm
- **Church Work Day-** Apr. 1, 9am
- **Good Friday Service-** Apr. 7 at 7pm
- **Easter Sunrise Service-** Apr. 9 at 7am
- **Easter Morning Worship-** Apr. 9 at 9:30am

MISSION UPDATE

Mission Trip to Ethiopia Informational Meeting – TONIGHT at 8PM!

This trip is for pastors, elders, missions committee members, or church members excited about God's worldwide mission, from churches that support the church planting work of Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Ethiopia - to go on a vision trip approximately June 27-July 6 - to learn more about the church planting work and find ways for them as individuals and their church here in St. Louis to support these efforts for the long haul.

If anyone is at the "Ok, I am not sure, but I am open to hearing more information" stage, then joining our first team Zoom TONIGHT would be a great way to get more info and allow them to begin praying and discerning if God might use them to join the vision trip team and advance this church planting work in Ethiopia.

If you are interested in attending the informational Zoom meeting, there are 2 simple steps to follow — (1) email Michael Treadwell at mmtreadw@gmail.com and (2) attend the Zoom meeting at 8PM with the link he'll provide.

Please let Pastor Pablo know if you are interested so that he can pray with and for you.

Restore St. Louis Workday – March 11th

Trinity Youth will be partnering with Restore St. Louis on the 2nd Saturday in March to serve our city. Together with volunteers will we work on yards and in homes of several underserved elderly. Come and be the hands and feet of the body of Christ.

Registration is necessary! The organizers need an accurate headcount:



We will meet at 1483 82nd Blvd at 8:30am for a short devotional to focus our hearts to serve the Lord. Then we will grab tools and head to our jobs around 9:00am. We wrap up between noon and 1pm.

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – March 13th

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families. During COVID, when public schools were forced to close, Trinity Church hosted the pantry at our location. Since returning to the school, we have the privilege and opportunity to come alongside Robinson Elementary and serve our community. *Two volunteers are needed this upcoming month.*

Registration is open for all 3 remaining dates on our events page in Church Center:



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.



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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