



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 10, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO ALONE IS GOD

(Our overflow room is located off of the hallway near the kitchen.)

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Meredith Heintz

Pastoral Prayer: Chris Freeman, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

For who even of slight intelligence does not understand that, as nurses commonly do with infants, God is wont in a measure to “lisp” in speaking to us? Thus such forms of speaking do not so much express clearly what God is like as accommodate the knowledge of him to our slight capacity. To do this he must descend far beneath his loftiness. — John Calvin

No one else holds or has held the place in the heart of the world which Jesus holds. Other gods have been as devoutly worshiped; no other man has been so devoutly loved. —John Knox

There is no other book which is the voice of God. — David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

God in His essential Being is unique in the only sense that word will bear. That is, there is nothing like Him in the universe. What He is cannot be conceived by the mind because He is [beyond] anything with which we have had experience before. The mind has no material with which to start. No man has ever entertained a thought which can be said to describe God in any but the vaguest and most imperfect sense. Where God is known at all it must be otherwise than by our creature-reason. — A. W. Tozer

Pride says, “I am the Lord my God, and I shall have no other gods besides me,” and, “I shall love the Lord my Self with all my heart, soul, strength and mind.”
— Douglas Groothuis

Four Questions for Obeying the First Commandment – by Kevin DeYoung

“You shall have no other gods before me” (Deut. 5:7).

Nine commandments proscribe (or prescribe) certain actions for God’s people. The first commandment, however, is unique in that it regulates a certain relationship between God and his people. Biblical morality is predicated upon the reality that there is only one God, and he must be worshiped to the exclusion of all others.

So what does that look like?

In the Institutes of the Christian Religion, Calvin insists that obedience to the first commandment means we owe God four things (II.viii.16).

- **Adoration.** We render God worship and pay homage to his majesty.
- **Trust.** We rest happy and secure in God’s power and perfections.
- **Invocation.** We seek out God’s promised aid in our time of need.
- **Thanksgiving.** We recognize God as the fount of every blessing.

That’s a helpful checklist, not only for obeying the first commandment, but also for a number of expressions of devotion to God. What should we do in prayer? Try adoration, trust, invocation, and thanksgiving. What should we find in our corporate worship services? Plan for adoration, trust, invocation, and thanksgiving. What can we talk about with our friends in the car, our family at the dinner table, or our kids at bedtime? How about adoration, trust, invocation, and thanksgiving.

I’ve also found it useful to turn Calvin’s first commandment obligation into four questions for personal reflection.

1. **Whom do I praise?** Obviously, it’s not wrong to encourage others or enjoy their gifts. But where do I place my marvel? What do I find truly amazing? What ultimately excites me most? What am I most likely to sing about, shout about, and celebrate?

2. **Whom do I count on?** We sing the song “I Need Thee Every Hour,” but functionally who or what is the Thee in our heart of hearts? Are we counting on football or ice cream or alcohol or a boyfriend or a child or a new job to meet our needs?



3. **Whom do I call for?** To be sure, God normally works through means, which means we call the plumber when our drain is clogged and call the doctor when an artery might be clogged. Yet when it comes to daily petition and constant prayer—in our mundane disappointments to our most desperate moments—where do we really think our help comes from?

4. **Whom do I thank?** No matter what difficult season we may be in, there are far more blessings than we realize. How do we say thank you for sunny days and needed rain and sleeping babies and holding hands and mile high nachos? The object of our gratitude reveals the focus of our faith.

The questions are not meant to make you (or me) despair of ever obeying the first commandment, but if they can point us in the direction of true devotion, then Calvin would be pleased. More importantly, so would God.

Song of Preparation

Give Me Jesus

Fernando Ortega

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1. In the morn - ing when I ____ rise, ____ in the morn - ing when I ____ rise, -

4 ____ in the morn - ing when I ____ rise ____ give me Je ____

7 ____ sus. Give me Je -

10 - sus, ____ give me Je - sus. ____ You ____ can ____

14 Last time to Coda ⌘ have all ____ this world, ____ but give me Je ____ sus.

18 2. And when I ____ am ____ a-lone, ____ oh, and when I ____ am a-lone, -
3. And when I ____ come ____ to die, ____ oh, and when I ____ come to die, -

22 ____ and when I am ____ a - lone, ____ give me Je -
____ and when I come ____ to die, ____ give me Je -

25 1. ____ 2. ____ D.S. al Coda
- sus. Give me Je Give me Je
- sus.

Call to Worship—Psalm 149 (selected)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise
in the assembly of the godly!

**People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of
Zion rejoice in their King!**

Leader: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody
to him with tambourine and lyre!

**People: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns
the humble with salvation.**

**All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy...
Praise the Lord!**

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Trinity Hymnal #119

Is He Worthy

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't

stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

(Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): *It is*

(Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): *It is*

(Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

(Congregation): *It is*

(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): *It is*

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): *He does*

(Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): *He does*

(Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?

(Congregation): *He does*

(Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

(Congregation): *He does*

(Chorus: All)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son

Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is. He is

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Romans 13:8-14

Fulfilling the Law Through Love

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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—Matthew 8:15-17

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God for reconciling us to himself through Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

***Song of Rejoicing**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Trinity Hymnal #521

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

God And God Alone

Chris Tomlin, Jonas Myrin, and Jason Ingram

Sermon

"God Alone?"

Deuteronomy 5:1-7; 4:32-40

Rev. Pablo Rosales

Song of Response

Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



1. Who else commands _____ all the hosts of heav - en?
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - ,ands such prais - es?
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make - ev - 'ry king bow down? Who else can whis - per and dark - ness
 What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de -
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him

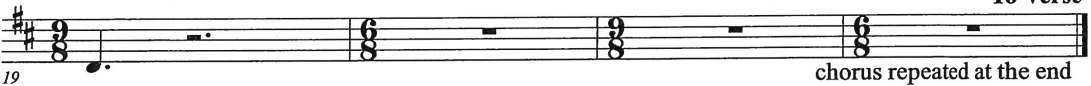


trem - bles On - ly a Ho - ly God. Come and be - hold Him, the One and the
 just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 feat - ed/ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God)



On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly

To Verse



God.

chorus repeated at the end

*Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School

The Mission of God's People - Rev. Pablo Rosales (Room 111)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism rightly tells us that "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." But how do we do that? How do we live our lives in a manner that brings glory to God and enjoyment of who he is? To answer this, we must first answer "who are we and what are we here for?" In this Sunday School, we will seek to answer these questions by looking at scripture and selected chapters from Christopher Wright's book, *The Mission of God's People*.

Turning Points: A Survey of the Most Significant Moments in Church History and Why They Still Matter Part 2- 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 continues his exploration of these and other fascinating questions by looking at key moments in the history of the Church beginning on Sunday, September 10.

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? 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)

Join us for our Trinity adult choir which meets during Sunday school from Sept. 10-Oct. 29. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester (including Christmas time). No musical experience necessary; just a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

4th-5th Grade - Room 102

1st-3rd Grade - 106B

Pre K/Kindergarten - Room 105

Nursery - Room 104

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today. See previous page for a list of classes and locations.

Sunday snack volunteers needed: See sign up info on the snack table.

Volunteers today: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Schaffer, C. Inion, S. Goldstein, Bava, Hawley. SS: Oehlerking, Standerfer. CC: Jackson, J. Standerfer. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Reynolds, K. O'Neal, Polski, Linenbroker, Highmark. SS: Broughton, D. Nichols. CC: Standerfer, Linenbroker.

Sign up for a Small Group today in the Narthex.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) **meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month (9/20).** An optional dinner is available if you register by Tues. at 9am using the QR code to the right. Diner is at 5:30pm, followed by nursery, children's ministry, jr. high, and men's and women's bible study from 6-7:15pm.

Men's Breakfast, Sat., Sept. 16th at Trinity from 8-9:30am. Use the QR code to the right or see Kyle Roberts to let him know you are coming.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High does NOT meet tonight.

Party on the Lawn: Sat., Sept. 23 from 4:30-7pm. Bring your friends and join us for free food, games, petting zoo, bounce house, and live music. We will provide the roast pig. Bring a potluck side. The youth will be hosting a bake sale. Sign up today using the QR code to the right where you will also find a few ways you can help us make the event a success!

Men's Bible Study will meet Wed. during ACTION, OR the 2nd & 4th Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study on Daniel. There is a **Women's Bible Study** on Proverbs that meets two Tues. a month at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home (starting THIS TUESDAY). A study of Luke is held weekly at Trinity at 9am or along side ACTION every-other week at 6pm. Sign up sheets and study guides are in hallway near the back entrance.

Join us for our Fall children's event--**Flannelpooza!** Wear your Fall flannel, participate in the chili contest and dinner, roast s'mores, pick a pumpkin, take a hayride, and bring a friend! All are welcome to join us and enter the chili contest! Please bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. **Registration required by**

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:

Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org,

Greeters: James Broughton

(jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com).

Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocker (Melissa.Kocher@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(S)

As we head into the fall, please add these dates to your calendar:

ACTION - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Tues. Evening Wom. Bible Study-
Sept. 12

Men's Breakfast - Sept. 16

Party on the Lawn- Sept. 23

Jr./Sr. High George Night - Sept. 23

Mission Conference- Oct. 1-8

Flannel Pooza- Oct. 14

Church Work Day- Oct. 21

Christmas Craft Party- Dec. 2

MISSION UPDATE

Party on the Lawn, September 23rd, 4:30pm

We will be gathering in the evening of Sept. 23rd for some fun on our beautiful property. This is an opportunity to reach out to any neighbors in your communities. **See your bulletin insert for more information.**

Sign up here:



THRIVE — 40th Anniversary 40,000 Lives Saved Celebration

Thrive (formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center) is a Christ-centered organization that empowers women and men to make life-affirming, and healthy decisions about sex, pregnancy, and relationships. They commit to sharing Jesus and walking with people during and post pregnancy, providing life coaching, parenting mentorship, even baby supplies. Since 1983, 40,000 lives have been saved through their pro-life initiative.

Your Mission Committee has sponsored a table for 10 people for this celebration being hosted on **September 30th, 5pm**, at the St. Charles Convention Center. Our sponsorship will provide multiple days of operation for their Medical Mobile Centers. Parked strategically by Planned Parenthoods throughout St. Louis, this has been one of the most effective ways of intervening in the lives of women looking to end the life of their child.

We want all of Trinity to be able to participate in this pro-life initiative and we want all to have a chance to experience premium seating, so **we are raffling all 10 seats!** It's one raffle ticket for a \$10 donation and each selected ticket is good for up to 2 seats. Yes 2 seats! So you and a plus one! All of your donations will be given to Thrive at the celebration event.

Tickets will be selected on the evening of September 17th. *If your ticket is not selected, you can still attend via RSVP with pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org by September 19th 11am.*

Our First Mission Conference! — October 1-8

Our missions week will kick off on October 1 during the worship service. This will be followed by a week-long emphasis on God's mission.

On Saturday, October 7th, beginning at 5:30pm, we will host a mission fair, followed by dinner (Dadies BBQ), where several of our ministry partners/missionaries will share briefly and be available for questions. **Fair is open to all.**

Dinner is limited to 100 persons. Please RSVP here:



Lastly, on Sunday, October 8th, we will culminate with a Sermon and Sunday School from one of our missionaries currently serving in Ethiopia, Jason Polk.

We will need volunteers! Please email Tom Schmidt to do so (schmidt.thomasm@gmail.com)

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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