



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

September 3, 2023

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS OUR REFUGE

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

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Jerome Merritt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Jim Talent, Ruling Elder

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah.— Psalm 62:8

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold and my refuge,  
my savior; you save me from violence.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.— 2 Samuel 22:2-4

"Where does your security lie? Is God your refuge, your hiding place, your stronghold, your shepherd, your counselor, your friend, your redeemer, your savior, your guide? If He is, you don't need to search any further for security."

— Elisabeth Elliot

## Devotional Preparation

Today we return to the book of Deuteronomy and in doing so we are going to be pulling together two different texts (Dt. 4:1-3 and Dt. 19:1-13) that speak about the cities of refuge commanded by God in scripture.

These cities were proscribed by God for people who found themselves in the middle of a storm of false accusations about the taking of life. These were the first "sanctuary cities."

Today's "sanctuary cities" have little in common with their biblical forerunners in that the text of scripture is clear that these cities were not for law-breakers, but for those who truly broke no law and were innocent of the charges levied against them. That said, our modern day "sanctuary cities" do stand as public reminders that we need a place to go when we are in trouble.

It's this core idea that helps us to understand why our place of worship is referred to in scripture as a "sanctuary." In the Hebrew the word is miqdash and means "a consecrated place." In the Greek the word is oikos which usually means a house or household. Together the idea is that our places of worship are like a family home consecrated to the service of God within which we can feel peace because, if we are his children, we are protected by our Heavenly Father.

As we come to worship this morning be refreshed in the knowledge that you are in God's sanctuary and as such you can have peace as you sit under the protection of your God.

# Song of Preparation

# Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words by Anne Steel. Music by Kevin Twit

1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, On  
 oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - yail, I  
 Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And  
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, Here

5 These when sor - rows rise On Thee when waves of  
 fear to call Thee mine And springs of com - fort  
 shall I seek in - vain? With can the ble ear of  
 let my soul re - treat treat hum - ble hope at -

8 trou - ble roll, My fain - ting hope re - lies To  
 seem to fail, And all my hopes de - cline Yet  
 sov - ereign grace, Be deaf when I com - plain? No  
 tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy - feet Thy

12 These I tell each ri - sing grief, For  
 gra - cious the God where shall I Oh Thou  
 still mer - cy seat is of sov - ereign grace, At  
 mer - cy seat is of sov - ereign grace, Here

15 Thou a - lone canst hea - l Thy Word can bring a  
 art my on - ly tru - st And still my soul would  
 tends the mour - ner's pray - er Oh may I ev - er  
 let my soul re - treat - t With hum - ble hope at -

19 sweet re - lief, For eve - ry pain I feel 2. But  
 cleave to Thee, Though pro - strate in the dust 3. Hast  
 find ac - cess, To breathe my sor - rows there 4. Thy  
 tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy - feet

## Call to Worship—Psalm 105 (selected)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**People: We will sing to him, sing praises to him; We will tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**All: Praise the Lord!**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Words by Henry Lyte. Music by John Gross. Arr. by Dan Kreider

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to His feet your  
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers  
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish— blows the wind, and  
5. An - gels in the heights, a - dore Him— ye be - hold Him

trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,  
frame He knows. In His hands He gen - tly bears us,  
it is gone. But while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
face to face. Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him,

ev - er - more His prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
God en - dures un - chang - ing on! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
gath - ered in from eve - ry race. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Praise the ev - er - last - ing King! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Praise the High E - ter - nal One! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Praise with us the God of grace! Al - le - lu - ia,

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**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD**

**New Testament Reading—Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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—Exodus 3:1-6**

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Exodus 34:6**

The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for His steadfast 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

## Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
2. Let us love sing the Lord 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 bear e - mies  
Threat - en us hard to down



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
For the Lord our strong sal - 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 - u'ror's crown He who  
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, Soon will

15 F Bb

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

# Reception of New Members and \*Sacrament of Baptism

*\*Henry Sinclair, Molly Marcus, Andrew Marcus*

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

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

## **Sermon**

"God Is Our Refuge"

Deuteronomy 4:41-43; 19:1-13

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

**Song of Response**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Trinity Hymnal #32

# 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)

## *All Ye Refugees*

Kellie Haddock, Flo Paris Oakes, and Chelsey Scott

*Our communicant's class graduates will be receiving their first communion today:*

Josiah Goldstein, Mia Hendricks, Maddox Kocher, Meredith Kocher, Molly Marcus,  
Henry Sinclair, Scarlett Thomason

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Sending Song

*Doxology*  
Trinity Hymnal #731

## \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school classes will resume next Sunday.**

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

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: L. Nichols, McCall, M. Linenbroker, P. Waldron, Hall. CC: Doiron, Sweet. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Schaffer, C. Inion, S. Goldstein, Bava, Hawley. SS: Oehlerking, Standerfer. CC: Jackson, J. Standerfer.

**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 (THIS Wed.).** 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 Night this Wed.** at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

**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!

**Calling all singers!** 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. Sign up using the QR code to the right or on Church Center.

**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 (9/12). 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.

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

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**Greeters:** James Broughton

([jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Nursery:**

Alyssa Hall ([alyssaruth120@gmail.com](mailto:alyssaruth120@gmail.com)).

**Children's Ministry:** Melissa Kocker  
([Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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

**Flannel Palooza-** Oct. 14

**Church Work Day-** Oct. 21

**Christmas Craft Party-** Dec. 2

# MISSION UPDATE

## **Party on the Lawn, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30pm**

We will be gathering in the evening of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> for some fun on our beautiful property. This is an opportunity to reach out to any neighbors in your communities. **Let us know you are coming and/or can help at the event** by using the QR code:



Here are some things that are happening that you will not want to miss:

- Bouncy House
- Dunk Tank (Dunk a Pastor(s) / Yankees Fan)
- Petting Zoo (Donkey, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Piggy)
- Pony Rides (I know what you're thinking...No, grown-ups...not for you!)
- Face painting
- Pig Roast (Chicken will also be available)

## **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – September 31<sup>st</sup>**

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.

This service opportunity is limited to 2 volunteers per month. Registration for upcoming dates are open on our Events page in Church Center.



## **Our First Mission Conference! — October 1-8**

Several members have been working behind the scenes to host our first ever Mission Conference. We will kick off a week of missional emphasis during our Sunday Service (Oct. 1). This will be followed by an emphasis on our mission as God's people throughout the week.

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

We will need volunteers! Sign-ups and RSVP's will open next week.

# 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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