



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 29, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES AND LOVES LIFE!

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

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Tom Brumley

Pastoral Prayer: J Harrison, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

— Deut. 30:15

"The hand, indeed, gives birth to murder, but the mind when infected with anger and hatred conceives it" — John Calvin, *The Institutes* 2.8.39

Devotional Preparation

Two excerpts from the WCF Larger Catechism on the 6th Commandment

Q. 135. What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?

A. The duties required in the sixth commandment are, all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defense thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep, labor, and recreations; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behavior; forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil; comforting and succoring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.

Q. 136. What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves, or of others, except in case of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defense; the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, desire of revenge; all excessive passions, distracting cares; immoderate use of meat, drink, labor, and recreations; provoking words, oppression, quarreling, striking, wounding, and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.

Song of Preparation

Establish The Work Of Our Hands

Aaron Keyes, Sandra McCracken, Orlando Palmer, Madison Cunningham, Elizabeth Vice, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell

G C

1. If You don't build it, we la - bor in vain. With-out Your
 (2. Teach us to) num - ber the length of our days. Pour out Your

G C G

Spir - it, we stand with no strength. I know my life
 pow - er, we'll pour out Your praise. Teach us to run,

G⁷ C G

is pass-ing a - way, but the works of Your hands are what will re -
 to fin-ish the race, for on - ly what's done in love will re -

PRE-CHORUS

D Em D/F# G Em Em⁶

-main. Let the fa - vor of the Lord rest - up - on
 -main.

CHORUS

D G C F C

us: O Lord, es - tab - lish the work of our hands, O

G C

Lord, es - tab - lish the work of our hands. 1. 2. Teach us to B7 Al -

ENDING

Em D C⁷ G G

-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - - ia!

Call to Worship—Psalm 46 (selected)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...so be still, and know that He is God.

People: He will be exalted among the nations,

Leader: He will be exalted in the earth!

People: The Lord of hosts is with us;

All: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

Our Great God

Fernando Ortega

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 phim 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 be -
pleas - sure is our harm. Rise up, oh Lord and he will flee

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 Ha - 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 - lu - God

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul's Ministry to the Thessalonians

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

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 23:1-5

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for making us alive in 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

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 wis

1. 2. 3.

6 G E G A

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

4.

11 D E D/F# G G#

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

17 E G A

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

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(No Children's Church on the 5th Sunday of the month)

Offertory Song (Adult Choir)

Lift Your Voice and Rejoice!

Victor Johnson

Sermon

"Life Matters"

Deuteronomy 5:17

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D Dsus D Dsus D Bm7

1 5 9 13 18 24

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
 What truth can calm the trou- bled soul? God is good, God is
 Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

A D A/C# Bm G D/A A

lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be-
 good. Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's
 lives! And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#

long Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from His com-
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de -

G D/A A(F#/A# Bm G D/A A D

mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. ___
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore the rock of Christ? ___
 stroyed, and we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er more. ___

Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G

— O sing hal - le - lu - jah Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O — sing hal - le -
 — D/F# G D/F# A G Bm A D

lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

*Benediction

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School

Common Grace- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Room 111)

The thing that most bonds us together as believers is the fact that we are saved by an act of God's astonishing mercy in and through the work of Jesus Christ. This act of God's great love stands at the pinnacle of the doctrine of special grace. But the Bible also speaks regularly of the fact that God "loves the world" (Jn. 3:16). This basic love of God is known in theology as common grace, a doctrine that seeks to explain all the ways that God showers His blessings even upon those that don't know Him. Join us for the next few weeks as we explore the doctrine of common grace seeking to understand not only how believers benefit from it, but how it helps to lay the foundation for evangelism.

The Book of Romans - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)

If the book of Romans had a title, it might well be "A Righteousness from God". It is the most systematic of all of Paul's epistles, explaining the related concepts of sin, salvation, sanctification, justification, and redemption. Along the way, Paul also explains the relationship between Jew and Gentile in the church and gives practical advice for handling relationships within the body of believers. Anyone who studies Romans will – with the aid of the Holy Spirit -- engage with the most foundational truths of our faith, and of the universe. You won't get that anywhere else!

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

4th-5th Grade - Room 102

1st-3rd Grade - 106B

Preschool (3yrs by July 31) /Kindergarten - Room 105

Nursery - Room 104

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today. A list of classes and locations can be found on the previous page.

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

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Linenbrokers, Schlitt, J. Petty, Moen. SS: D. Nichols, Elzinga. CC: Oehlerking, L. Polski. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, T. Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Schmidts, Hawleys. SS: Bava, L. Elzinga.

Sign up for a Small Group today in the Narthex.

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

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) **meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month (11/1).** An optional dinner is available if you register by Tues. at 9am using the QR code to the right. Dinner is at 5:30pm, followed by nursery, children's ministry, jr. high, and men's and women's bible study from 6-7:15pm.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm. **JH Bonfire & Movie Night:** Nov. 11.

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-*please note that the next gathering will be on 11/7 at Melissa Jorgensen's (not on 11/14).* A study of Luke is held weekly at Trinity at 9am or along side ACTION every-other week at 6pm.

Christmas Craft Volunteer Info & Sign Up: Never attended our annual Christmas Craft Party? This is a favorite ministry to our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach to our community. But it takes LOTS of volunteers. **TODAY we have a table set up in the narthex for volunteer/donation sign ups and to explain more about what is involved.** Registration for the kids will open Nov. 5.

Make plans to join us for our family friendly **Thanksgiving service on Nov. 22 at 5:30pm.**

Daylight Saving Ends-Make sure to set your clocks back an hour when you go to bed Sat.

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 Kocher (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:

Christmas Craft Volunteer Sign Up-

Oct. 29

Daylight Saving- Nov. 5

Thanksgiving Service- Nov. 22

Christmas Craft Party- Dec. 2

Christmas Concert- Dec. 17

Christmas Eve-5pm (regular 9:30am worship that morning)

MISSION UPDATE

New Monthly Mission Newsletter and Prayer Calendar! Scan here to access:



Missions Project for Christ our Refuge Church in Kampala, Uganda

Purchasing land is a challenge for a young and growing church. This challenge is compounded in the current Ugandan environment by the weak condition of the economy combined with the continual rise in land prices. COR's goal for this project is to raise \$135,000. As a congregation within the struggling economy, COR has so far managed to save and raise \$5,000. Additionally, partners from the U.S. have contributed \$45,000. This leaves us with \$85,000 remaining to meet our goal.

Would you pray for the Lord to provide this funding for COR so that it can better fulfill its mission to proclaim the gospel and disciple the nations? As you pray, would you consider giving?

Please scan this QR code to watch video from Rev. Ben Church, serving in Uganda:



To participate in God's mission by giving, please scan this QR code and select "Mission Project" from the dropdown menu:



Baby Shower and Baby Bottles – Starts TODAY!

Last week we began a 3-week long baby shower for the women and children served by ThriVe St. Louis. Next Sunday will be our last collection day. Please be sure to place all items in the Baby Shower area where the future mission wall will be (hint hint). Items needed can be found in our weekly email that went out on Monday, or on a list at the Baby Shower table.

See this week's bulletin insert and contact Jane Caldwell (jecmd25@gmail.com) for more information.

Restore St. Louis Workday – November 11th

Calling all Go'ers!!! Trinity Youth will be partnering with Restore St. Louis on the 2nd Saturday in November to serve several underserved elderly and widows in our city. Together our goers will work on yards and in homes (depending on skill). Come and be the hands and feet of the body of Christ.

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 9:00. We wrap up between noon and 1pm. The organizers need an accurate headcount. Please contact Drew Lattner (drew.lattner@trinitychurchkirkwood.org) to go.

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – November 20th

Another Going opportunity. Robinson Elementary School hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. We have partnered with them and assist in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families.

This service opportunity is limited to 2 volunteers per month. Please visit our Events page to register. 14

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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