

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 12, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GENEROUS MERCY

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

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Chris Freeman, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." — 2 Cor. 8:1-3

"Sin is the greatest robber this world will ever know." — Peter Clement

"Sin pays...but it pays in remorse, regret and failure." — Billy Graham

"Chains of gold are stronger than chains of iron." — Anon.

Devotional Preparation

As we continue to work our way through the ten commandments, it's always helpful to review the positive implications of the "thou shalt not" commandments. Here is how the Westminster Larger Catechism frames those things that we ought not to neglect doing in relation to the 8th commandment.

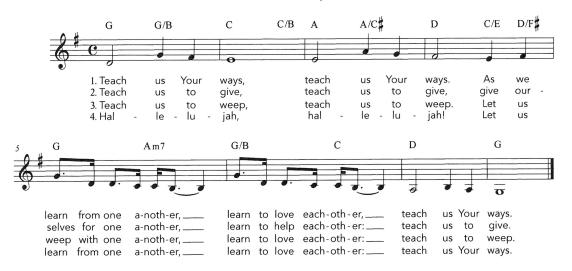
Q. 141. What are the duties required in the eighth commandment?

A. The duties required in the eighth commandment are, truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce between man and man; rendering to every one his due; restitution of goods unlawfully detained from their right owners; giving and lending freely, according to our abilities, and the necessities of others; moderation of our judgments, wills, and affections concerning worldly goods; a provident care and study to get, keep, use, and dispose these things which are necessary and convenient for the sustenance of our nature, and suitable to our condition; a lawful calling, and diligence in it; frugality; avoiding unnecessary lawsuits, and a willingness to help others with their debts, or other like engagements; and an endeavor, by all just and lawful means, to procure, preserve, and further the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own.

Song of Preparation

Teach Us Your Ways

Leslie Jordan, Aaron Keyes, Orlando Palmer, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach



Call to Worship—Psalm 70 (selected)

Leader: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May

those who love your salvation say evermore,

People: "God is great!"

Leader: But we are poor and needy; hasten to us, O God!

People: You are our help and our deliverer;

All: O Lord, do not delay!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

We Will Say In That Day

Wendell Kimbrough



We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Coming of the Lord

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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—Joshua 24:14-15

"Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for saving us by His

grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

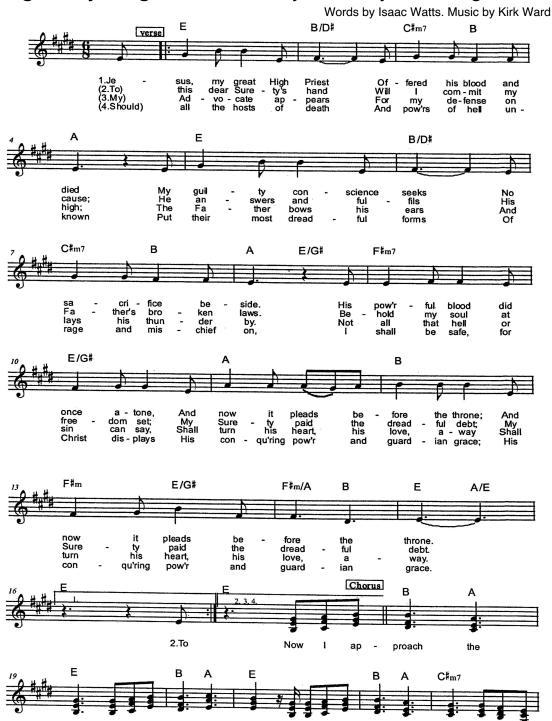
People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

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My Jesus My Great High Priest

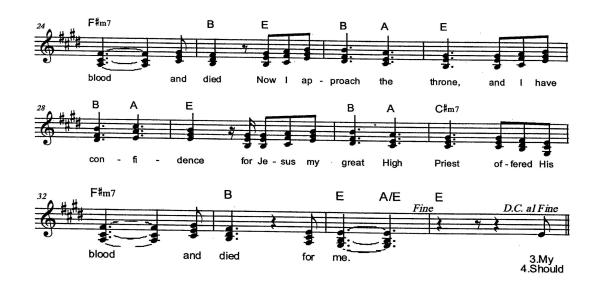


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Vows of Membership

Jamison and Jake Standerfer

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Song

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know Trinity Hymnal #189

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Sermon

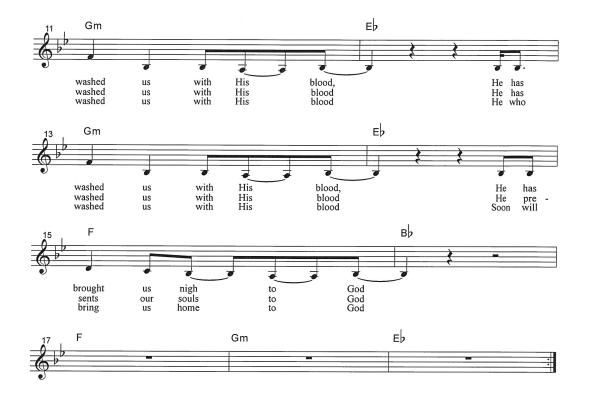
"True Value"
Deuteronomy 5:19
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor





- 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

*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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Moen, C. Waldron, L. Polski, Younger. SS: Younger, Broughton. CC: Jackson, Sweet. Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Hendricks, Garner, Waldron. SS: Kocher, Oehlerking. CC: Standerfers.

ACTION meets this Wed. 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.

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

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm.**SH** Progressive Dinner- Nov. 18.

Men's Bible Study will meet Wed. during ACTION, OR the 2nd & 4th Fri. at 6:30am. There is a Women's **Bible Study** on Proverbs that meets two Tues, a month at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (11/28). A study of Luke is held Wed. at Trinity at 9am or 6pm.

Christmas Craft Pary: Kids ages 4yrs -5th gr., come make gifts, sing songs, enjoy games and lunch, and hear a Christmas story. Sat, Dec. 2nd, 9am to 12:15pm. Sign up today on Church Center or use the QR code to the right. It take a LOT of hands to make this outreach a success. Sign up in the narthex or go to Church Ceter to volunteer or make a donation.

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

Ladies Connect: Mon., Nov. 27th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

This year's Christmas Concert, "The Greatest Story Every Told," is Sat., Dec. 17 at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30 with a special prelude from professional violinist, Bailey Salinero.

Annual Congregational Meeting, Dec. 10th during the Sunday school hour. We will go over the budget, elect officers, and review 2023.

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

(ilbroughton12@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:



Volunteers Needed

Fulfilling the mission of Trinity Children's Ministry takes many hands! Please join us in prayerfully considering how you may join us in this important work. Help needed: Nursery Co-Coordinators (high need, two positions available), Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher, ACTION Kids Coordinator (2024-25 school year), Playdate Coordinator.

Contact Melissa Kocher: (melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

MISSION UPDATE

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



Missions Project for Christ our Refuge Church in Kampala, Uganda

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

Today is the last day for your donations. On Wednesday, several women will load up their vehicles and bring the items down to ThriVe and get a tour of the facility. Please be sure to place all items in the Baby Shower area where the future mission wall will be.

Please contact Jane Caldwell (jecmd25@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

<u>Christmas Craft Party — December 2</u>

Our Annual Christmas Craft Party for ages 4yrs to 5th gr. is Sat., Dec. 2nd. It **takes a LOT of volunteers** to make this a success. The good news is there are very simple ways to volunteer or to make donations. For a list of volunteer opportunities and donation needs, please scan this QR code:

Please see Jane Bailey or Amy Mitchell if you have any questions. Registration for the kids is now open.



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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