



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 26, 2023

# WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF TRUTH

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

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Bill Porter

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ron Ridderbos, Ruling Elder

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. — I Tim. 6:5-7

"A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contentedly." — Anon.

"If your desires be endless, your cares and fears will be so too."  
— Thomas Fuller

## Devotional Preparation

The last two commandments have a common thread: they both have something to do with how we are called to love our neighbors. As Jesus went about his earthly ministry he would often be challenged by those seeking to maintain a self-serving status quo view of religion. One of the most famous of these situations unfolded as Jesus exhorted the Scribes and Pharisees about fulfilling the law of love amongst their neighbors. This prompted a pompous response from one of the lawyers who thought he could wiggle his way out of Jesus' exhortation by redefining who qualified as a neighbor. One can only imagine Jesus bowing his head in incredulity at the lawyer's self-serving brilliance. What follows is one of the most famous interactions in scripture, and one that should set the stage for our consideration of the 9th and 10th commandments this morning.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan- Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

**Call to Worship—Psalm 100**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: (We will) serve the Lord with gladness! (We Will)  
come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God!

**People: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his  
people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with  
praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures  
forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

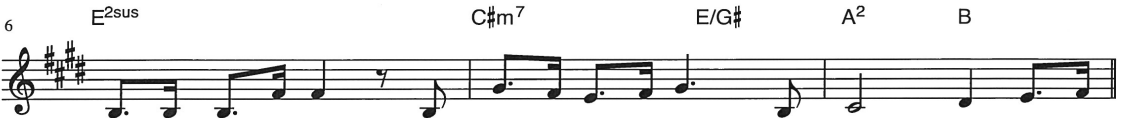
Matt Boswell and Matt Papa



1. You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks, You  
2. You reached in - to the dust, in love Your Spir - it breathed. You



paint the ev - 'ning skies with won - ders. The earth, it is Your throne from  
formed us in Your ver - y like - ness to know Your won-drous works, to



des - ert to the sea. All na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor. Praise the  
tell Your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus.

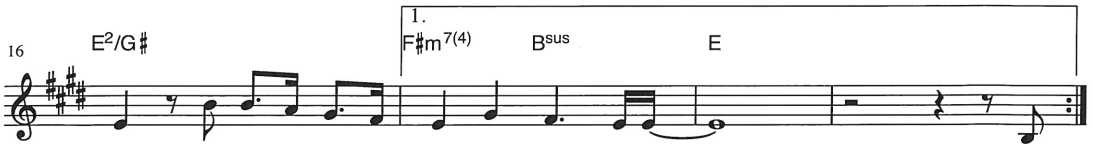
### CHORUS 1



Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the



Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to



west, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. — 2. You



has breath praise the Lord. —

24 A F F<sup>2sus</sup>

3. Let sym - phon - ies re-sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all

27 F F<sup>2sus</sup> F F

heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its

30 F<sup>2sus</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup>2 C

hon - ors to the King, a roar of har - mon - ies e - ter - nal. Praise the

**CHORUS 2**

33 F Gm<sup>7(4)</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup>2(no3) C<sup>sus</sup>

Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the

37 Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F/A B<sup>b</sup>2(no3)

Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to

40 F/C B<sup>b</sup>2/D F/C

west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far, from sky to sea to

43 Gm<sup>7(4)</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup> C F

shore, sing out for ev - er - more, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. —

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

**New Testament Reading—Ephesians 1:15-23**

*Thanksgiving and Prayer for the Saints*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25:42-45**

"For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'"

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for redeeming us from our sins!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**



# \*Song of Rejoicing

# All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kaufflin

G Am F

1. I once was lost in dark-est night, yet thought I knew the  
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-frent to the  
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

4 C Dm F G C

way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no  
 cost, You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be -  
 see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev-er come from me. O Fa-ther,

9 Cmaj7

hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will, and if You  
 -held God's love dis - played, You suf-fered in my place; You bore the  
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way You choose, and let my

13 Am7 F G C

had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still. 2. But as I  
 wrath re-served for me; Now all I know is  
 song for - ev - er be: My on - ly boast is

18 CHORUS G C F C G Am

grace! Hal-le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal-le -  
 You.

24 F Am G C D.S. C

-lu - jah! Je-sus is my life! 3. Now, Lord, I life!

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)

*O Give Thanks*

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs

**Sermon**

"Neighbor Love"

Deuteronomy 5:20-21

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick

**INTRO**

C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C



**VERSE**

4 C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> G/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C



1. My worth is not in what I own; not  
 (2. My) worth is not in skill or name; in  
 (3. As) sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,  
 (4. I) will not boast in wealth or might, or  
 (5. Two) won - ders here that I con - fess: my

7 C<sup>2</sup> F C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> G G#° Last time to Coda ⊕  
 Am F



in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the  
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the  
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the  
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the  
 worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the

11 1, 3. C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C 2, 4. C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup>



cross.

2. My cross.  
 cross.

cross.

4. I

CHORUS

15 F<sup>2</sup> G Am F C/E G<sup>2</sup>

Musical staff for measures 15-18. The staff contains a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: F<sup>2</sup> (measures 15-16), G (measure 17), Am (measure 18), F (measure 19), C/E (measure 20), and G<sup>2</sup> (measure 21).

I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well-spring of my soul.

19 F<sup>2</sup> G Am C/E F G

Musical staff for measures 19-21. The staff contains a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: F<sup>2</sup> (measures 19-20), G (measure 21), Am (measure 22), C/E (measure 23), F (measure 24), and G (measure 25).

I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a -

22 C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C D.S. al Coda

Musical staff for measures 22-25. The staff contains a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: C<sup>2</sup> (measures 22-23), F/C (measure 24), C<sup>2</sup> (measure 25), and F/C (measure 26). A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of measure 25, with the instruction "D.S. al Coda" above it.

7  
-lone.

3. As  
5. Two

24 Coda C<sup>2</sup> F/C C

Musical staff for measures 24-26. The staff contains a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: Coda (measure 24), C<sup>2</sup> (measures 25-26), F/C (measure 27), and C (measure 28). A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of measure 28.

7  
cross.

**\*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.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Schaffer, McCall, Goldsteins. SS: Martir, Linenbroker. CC: Oehlerking, Linenbroker.

**Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Poe, Marcus, M. Linenbroker, Highmark. SS: Harlow, Hammond. CC: Doiron, Inion.

**ACTION** will resume in the new year.

**Youth Ministry:** Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm. **JH Christmas Party:** 12/9. **SH Christmas Party:** 12/10.

**Men's Bible Study** will wrap up this semester on Fri., Dec. 1 (note date change). There is a **Women's Bible Study** on Proverbs that meets two Tues. a month at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (11/28). The Women's Wed. studies are on hiatus until February.

**Christmas Craft Party:** 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. **We still need help with a few things.** Sign up in the narthex or go to Church Ceter to volunteer/donate.

**Help us decorate for Christmas** on Nov. 29 at 9am.

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

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

**Help needed:** Nursery Co-Coordinator (high need, two positions available), Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher, ACTION Kids Coordinator (2024-25 school year), Playdate Coordinator. See Melissa Kocher.

**Year End Giving:** Thank you for your tithes and offerings this past year. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2023 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is instructed or sent to the church office prior to December 31. If you have any questions see Duncan Highmark.

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)), **Children's**

**Ministry:** Melissa Kocher

([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:](#)



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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. The whole family will enjoy the beautiful music, drama, and the telling of Christ's coming!

# MISSION UPDATE

**December Mission Newsletter and Prayer Calendar is now available:**



## **Christmas Craft Party — December 2**

Our Annual Christmas Craft Party for ages 4yrs to 5th gr. is Sat., Dec. 2nd. It **takes a LOT of volunteers/donations** 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. **Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!**

## **Restore St. Louis Workday – December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Calling all Go'ers!!! Trinity Youth will be partnering with Restore St. Louis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December 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 by Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Drew Lattner (drew.lattner@trinitychurchkirkwood.org) to go.*

## **The Greatest Story Ever Told – December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity's very special presentation of The Greatest Story Ever Told is Sunday December 17 at 6:00 pm. Come at 5:30 to get a good seat. Bring your friends! You won't want to miss it! You will experience drama and music that will touch your heart during this Advent season.

## **Local/National Missions Subcommittee is officially off the ground!**

Please welcome the following members to our newly formed Local/National Missions Subcommittee: Drew Lattner, Chuck Barker, Tim Jackson, Karla Kuntze, Allen Mathieu, Jackson Roberts, Andy Williamson.

Together they will evaluate and recommend missions opportunities in St. Louis and US on behalf of Trinity. Please pray for them as they begin these new roles that will help all of us step into Trinity's theme verse: For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake (2 Cor. 4:5).

*NOTE: There are opportunities for you to have a special impact here. Please contact Pablo if you have an interest in serving on the Local/National or Global missions subcommittee.*

# 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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