



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

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.



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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO EARNEST REPENTANCE

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

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Carly Waldron, Alyce Bava, Kenna Marcus, Maggie Linenbroker

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Peg Nichols

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." — Luke 5:31-33

"Repentance is ultimate honesty." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Repentance is nothing else but a reformation of the whole life according to the Law of God." — John Calvin

"The faith which receives Christ must be accompanied by the repentance which rejects sin." — John Stott

Devotional Preparation

Evangelicals Embracing (and Rejecting) Lent by Trevin Wax

“Lent seems to be increasingly popular among young evangelicals nowadays. This isn’t the first year I’ve seen attention given to Lent, but it is the first time that I’ve noticed multiple blogs and tweets pushing back against the practice of fasting in the weeks before Easter.

Some younger evangelicals appreciate Lent as an opportunity to implement a spiritual discipline that has a long history within the various wings of Christianity (Catholic, Orthodox, and many Protestants observe this time of reflection). Other evangelicals believe Lent has the potential of leading us back into the bondage of perpetual penitence and rituals common to Catholicism, to which the Reformers rightly reacted.

Some say it’s a historical practice with spiritual benefits. Others say evangelicals have historically rejected it because of its potential excesses.

Looking at History

The truth is, history is on both sides and on neither side.

Yes, plenty of Christians through the years have engaged in some sort of Lenten fast, but the idea that we are “connecting with our roots” by practicing Lent *voluntarily* is only half the story. For many of our forefathers, Lent wasn’t optional; it was enforced. If you tell me I have to observe Lent by only eating certain foods, I’m going with Zwingli to eat a nice round of sausages on Friday, thank you much.

And yes, plenty of Christians through the years have rejected any kind of Lenten fast as “Romish popery,” but the idea that we’re standing in the shoes of our Protestant forefathers in rejecting Lent is only half the story. Plenty of Puritans banned Christmas, Easter, and any special Sunday, but I don’t see many people today taking a saw to the church’s Christmas tree.

In the past decade, I’ve engaged in “fasting” during Lent a few times. Right now, my focus is more on Eastertide – a season of Easter celebration that extends through the weeks after Resurrection Sunday.

I see Lent as an exercise that can be helpful or harmful – like many spiritual disciplines. So here are a few suggestions for those who practice and those who refrain.

If You Do Lent...

First, I would caution my friends who engage in Lenten practices to not give off the impression that their brothers and sisters who refrain are “missing out.” If a season of Lent were that important to spiritual growth, the apostles would have recommended it. It is not unreasonable to remember the track record of how Christians have sometimes allowed these seasons to get out of hand by making them into a new law – as Paul himself made clear (Colossians 2:16, where the apostle’s conversation isn’t about Lent, although the principle still applies).

Secondly, in an attempt to “reconnect with our roots,” there’s the possibility of offending a weaker brother who found their former Catholicism or Anglicanism or whatever high-church tradition they were a part of to be life-draining, rather than life-giving. My Baptist friends in Romania are not going to fast around Easter or Christmas *precisely because* it is associated with a cultural, lifeless Christianity they see in the state church. More power to them. No one should stumble over a fast.

If You Don’t Do Lent...

For my friends who have an aversion to anything like Lent, don’t impugn the motives of those who have found spiritual benefit in setting aside a time of the year for reflection on Christ’s passion. To imply that Lent is a “Catholic thing” misses the rich Protestant history of the practice, and rejecting it for this reason ironically puts Rome front and center, with all of us just positioning ourselves in reference to the Roman Catholic Church. To forbid the practice can be just as detrimental as demanding it.

Conclusion

I hardly think the church is suffering from too much fasting. But I do think the church is suffering from too much self-righteousness (and I include myself in this indictment). Lent – being either for or against – can become a way of climbing up on to the pedestal.

What is more important than the practices we take on is the heart attitude behind them. If there’s anything we should give up this time of year, it’s our sense of superiority either to those outside the church or those inside the church who do things differently than we do.

The cross levels us all. And that’s true whether or not you practice Lent.

Song of Preparation

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

(vv. 1, 4) Words by Anne Steele. Music by Kevin Twit

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

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

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 Thee I tell each ri - sing grief, For
 gra - cious the God where of shall I flee? Thou
 still the ear seat is sov - ereign grace, At
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, 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 - trea - t With hum - ble hope at -

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 25 (selected)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust;

Leader: Who is the man who fears the Lord?

People: Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

Leader: Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

All: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

Leader: Now, O Lord our God, come among us and fill our hearts with thanksgiving!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Cornerstone

Eric Lijero, Rueben Morgan, and Jonas Myrin. Vs. from "The Solid Rock" by Edward Mote

♩=71 **INTRO**
C

Am



4

F

G



VERSE 1

7

C

F



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and

10

G

Am

Am/G



right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,

13

F

G

I.

C



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —

16 2. CHORUS

C ^{Csus} C F Am G C/E

- sus' Name. Christ a-lone. Corn-er-stone. Weak made

20 F Am G C F Am G

strong in the Sav-iour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

24 VERSE 2 & 3

C C

all. 2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face,
3. When He shall come with trump-et sound,

28 F G Am

I rest on His un-chang-ing grace. In ev-'ry high and
oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right-eous-

31 Am/G F G C F G

2nd time to Coda Φ

storm-y gale, my an-chor holds with-in the veil. My an-chor holds with-in
-ness a-lone. Fault-less stand be-fore

35 CHORUS

C F Am G C/E

the veil. Christ a-lone. Corn-er-stone. Weak made

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Stead, Kirkpatrick. Arr. Page CXVI

C /G /F

C /D /E /F C

A (2x add toms)
C/G C/F C

11/39 (1x solo) *p* 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
voice) *mp* O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing blood;

C/E C/F 1x sing 'promise' as 2x sing as written C

15/43 just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!

C/A (1x elec plays notes) C/F C

19/47 (2x sing notes) (Oh, _____ Oh) _____

B C/A C/G C/F

23/51 *p* Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
mf

C/A C/F C

27/55 Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

(add elec)
C/A C/F C

31/59 (1x no lead) *mp* And more, _____ and more _____
(2x add cues) *mf*

C/A C/F C

35/63 And more, _____ and more _____

C (building)
C/G C/F C

67 (add a voice) I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend.
(prime unison)

C/E C/F C

71 And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me 'till the end. _____

C/A C/F C

75 _____ 'Till the

(guys on bottom)

C/A C/F C

79 end

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Mark 1:1-13

The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

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 Confession and Lament Over Sin

Joel 2:1-2, 12-13, 16-17

Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach..."

(Please come forward upon direction if you would like to participate in our annual ceremony of public repentance marking the beginning of Lent)

Song of Reflection (Ensemble)

Mercy

Chris Brown, Jason Ingram, and Dante Bowe

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Joel 2:23, 32

"Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for his vindicating mercy!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. Arr. by an Galbraith



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right-eous-ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak-ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis-played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep-herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver-come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Sermon

"The Public Witness of the People of God"

Deuteronomy 15:1-18

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

F B \flat /F F F B \flat /F

1. Hear the call of the king-dom, lift your
 (2. Hear the) call of the king-dom, to be
 (3. Hear the) call of the king-dom to reach

4 F A 7 Dm 7 B \flat /C

eyes to the King; _ Let His song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of - fer - ing of how
 chil - dren of light _ with the mer - cy of heav-en the hu - mil - i - ty of _ Christ; Walk-ing
 out to the lost _ with the Fa - ther's com-pas-sion in the won-der of the _ cross, bring-ing

7 F A 7 Dm 7 Gm 7 F/C Gm/C

God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re-deem _ all who trust in His un - fail - ing
 just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right, _ that the life of Christ may shine through
 peace and for - give-ness, and a hope yet to come: _ Let the na-tions put their trust in

10 1. F B \flat /F F 2. F CHORUS F

grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav-en, _ we will
 Him.

14 B \flat F C Gm 7 C

an - swer _ the call. _ We will fol - low, _ bring-ing hope to _ the world, _ filled with

17 F B \flat F

pas - sion, _ filled with pow - er to _ pro - claim _ sal -

19 Gm 7 F/A B \flat F/C Gm/C F B \flat /F 1. F 2. F D.S.

-va - tion _ in Je - sus' name. 3. Hear the

*Benediction

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Amy Mitchell (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Survey of the Minor Prophets- Dr. Aaron Goldstein (Room 111)

Also known as the Book of the Twelve, in this class we will explore the twelve Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. We will look at each book, considering its main message and key passages, with a special interest in the way that the book is quoted in the New Testament and how it applies today.

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!

Trinity Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)

Do you enjoy singing? Do you love worship? The Trinity choir might be just the place for you to serve! Join us beginning Sun., Feb. 18th. We'll spend eight weeks together learning songs that we'll sing throughout the semester, including Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

Turning Points in Church History- Pastor Polski (Sanctuary)

Join Pastor Polski for this third and final survey of some of the most significant moments in the history of the church. Having already covered Ancient and Middle Ages Church History, we turn our attention in this class to Post-Reformation Church history all the way up to the current day. Among the topics we will cover are: The development of the Westminster Confession, the Enlightenment, Christianity in the New World, The Great Awakening, the great Missionary movement, the advent of Pentecostalism, Liberalism and the enduring legacy of Christianity in the post-Christian west.

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. See the previous page for a list of classes.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: C. Waldron, Bava, Inion, M. Linenbroker. SS: Mitchell. CC: Oehlerking, E. Hawley, Inion. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Williamson, Hannond, Hawleys. SS: Nichols. CC: Marcus, Rosales, Standerfer.

Young Adults Lunch-TODAY at MOD pizza in Kirkwood at 12:30pm.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (2/27). The **Women's Wed. studies** meet weekly at 9am or the 1st & 3rd Wed. at 6pm. The **Men's study of Daniel** will meet this Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 6:30am.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. (THIS WED.). If you would like to join us for a **Chipotle taco dinner at 5:30pm**, be sure to register on Church Center by Tues., Feb. 20 at 10am. Then join us at 6pm for activities for the kids, nursery through Jr. High, and both men's and women's bible studies.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets Wed. at 6pm. Sr. High meets Sun. at 6pm.

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

Help needed: Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher. See Melissa Kocher.

Prayer and Praise! Mar. 2 at 6:30pm at the home of Kyle & Melissa Kocher. Come for a time of singing and prayer led by our ensemble with a focus on the Lenten season. Register on Church Center-space is limited.

The **next Ladies Connect** is Wed., Feb. 28th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home. Join us for a relaxing evening with friends!

Sandra McCracken in Concert: Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm along with an all-star bluegrass band. Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are on sale now via Church Center.

Church Work Day-Sat., Mar. 23rd at 9am.

Following the 9:30 am Easter Worship Service, nursery children through 5th grade are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt** on the front lawn. **We are in need of donations of pre-filled eggs for the event.** Eggs may be filled with individually packaged, nut-free candy, small toys, stickers, etc. The donation registration can be found on Church Center. Please contact Jacqueline Petty at jackiehrnz@aol.com with any questions.

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), **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:](#)



TRIVIA NIGHT

Our Jr. and Sr. High students are hosting a **Trivia Night on Fri., Mar. 1st at 6pm.** This night will help support our Student Ministry for their upcoming summer retreats & Puerto Rico Mission Trip. There will be soft drinks, coffee, and desserts for purchase. Tables are welcome to bring dinner. *Register in the narthex or on Church Center.*

MISSION UPDATE



Prayers: Here is a QR link to our NEW February 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:

- Be informed about Local and Global ministries and missionaries.
- Join with other Trinity members who pray daily for missionaries and ministries we partner with.

Goers:

- **Promise Christian Academy Chapel** – February 21st 2024, 2:30-3. Help us serve a wonderful ministry by coming to worship with us. Please contact Pastor Pablo for more information by **Tuesday, February 21st**.

Senders: The work of outreach and mission cannot happen without your generous and sacrificial giving. If you would like to participate in mission work by sending, scan here: Select "Missions" from the dropdown menu.



- **Meghan Rintoul** our newest ministry partner is still in financial need. To support her ministry to students in Birmingham, England, scan here:



Welcomers: Are you a person that loves the idea of hospitality? Consider volunteering on our Welcome Team. Contact newly ordain deacon, James Broughton, for more information.

- **Snack Table Ministry:** Believe it or not, snacks are a vital part of our weekly ministry. A few calories, fat, carbs, protein, and natural sugar, are necessary fuel for the body. Sadly, around 10:45am every Sunday, those energy stores are depleted and need a quick replenishment (especially for those little ones). Help prevent "hanger" through hospitality by participating in this ministry. Link to snack list:



Mobilizers: Mobilizers are teachers, planners, encouragers, motivators, rally'ers, potstir'ers, makers, guides, and cultivators. They see the potential in someone and are willing to dedicate the time and energy, with the Holy Spirit, to help shape them into go'ers, senders, pray'ers, welcomers, man-fishers, and nation-blessers. Mobilizers see a mission field (in/out of the church walls) and work *with* others to *make* the best trained go'ers. Are you a *mobilizer*? Let's talk — pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

Coming Soon – Trinity Church Kirkwood Community Board!

One of the characteristics of the early church that is so foreign in our hyper-individualistic culture is that "all who believed were together and had all things in common" (*cf. Acts 2:42-47*).

We have been raised breathing in the air of "it's all about me and my family," but what if we could push back on that a little by having more things in common? Introducing the **Trinity Church Kirkwood Community Board!**

Think of facebook marketplace mixed with the community board at your local coffee shop, where people thumbtack items or services or needs to the cork board. Well, this is similar, but instead of a thumbtack and corkboard, you send it via email! More info coming soon!

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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