

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

April 14, 2024

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 ENDURES WITH US ACROSS TIME

(Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service, but if your family needs a break from the sanctuary or wants to move around, an overflow room with toys is available in Room 111.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Allison Schmidt, Cheryl Poe, Jackie Petty, Maggie Linenbroker

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." — Mark 1:7

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection...and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. — Acts 1:21-22, 26

"Succession occurs inevitably and repeatedly, whether it's a first pastorate or a tenth pastorate," so "Every pastor is an interim pastor."
— Vanderbloemen, Bird, Ortberg

"It is our position that most transition failures take place because the major players are unprepared for the critical crossroads they encounter and in particular because they underestimate or ignore the complexity of the process."
— Ciampa and Dotlich

Devotional Preparation

Today's sermon text is of special importance to me because it was foundational in the development of my Doctoral Dissertation on Pastoral Succession Planning. For reasons that will become obvious, I focused intently on the process that the Lord led Moses and Joshua through to create the conditions that made both of them and the people of Israel ready for a change in leadership.

And this wasn't just any change in leadership, this was a change from perhaps the most significant human biblical figure (Moses) to his successor, Joshua. No transition is easy, but transitions involving a founder or long term leader are the most complex, as we will see in the next few sermons.

On a very personal note, I want to underline the fact that while the elders and I have already begun conversations related to pastoral succession, I am still many years away from the event itself (Lord willing!). That said, healthy transitions take a lot of prayer, time and developmental work, a process modeled very well in the transition that took place between Moses and Joshua.

Song of Preparation

We Will Glorify

Twila Paris

♩=68

VERSE

D G A D G A D



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne; We will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -

5 G A A/C# Bm D/F# G D/A A⁷ D



glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.
wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all — praise to Him we give.
-lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.

Call to Worship—Psalm 4 (selected)

Leader: There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”

People: Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!”

Leader: You have put more joy in our heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

People: In peace we will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make us dwell in safety.

All: We will Offer right sacrifices and put our trust in the Lord.

Leader: Now, Oh Lord of our Salvation, meet us in this place and fill our hearts with grateful worship and thanksgiving!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

The Lord Is My Salvation

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs

F#m D ESus E F#m D ESus E

1. The grace of God has reached for_ me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 3. My hope is hid - den in the_ Lord, He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of_ need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

8 2.4. D/AE/A A Refrain E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Refrain
E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

D A/C# E/G# F#m D A/C# E

be to God, the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God, the Son, Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus ^{1.} A sus A

be to God, the Spi - rit; The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Trinity Hymnal #500

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 3:12-21

Peter Speaks After the Healing of the Blind Beggar

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Call to Confession—Luke 24:36-42

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 3:1, 3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are... And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for the great love with which
He has loved us!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

We Will Say In That Day

Wendell Kimbrough



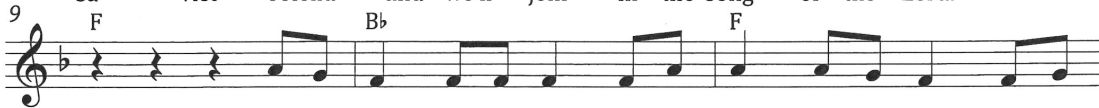
You will see there a high-way from God's own hand that will
We will call back our ar-mies, "Re-turn from war!" And we'll
You will see there a ban-quet for sin-ners spread where we'll
When the rem-nant re-turn to the pro-mised land, when the



lead back the lost to the pro-mised land, and the voice of the Sa-vior will
make in-to plow-shares our use-less swords, ve-ry soon to for-get what they
sit with the Lord at the ta-ble's head, and the Shep-herd Him-self is our
high-way of God brings us home to Him, we'll be wel-come with love by our



call us friends, say-ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!"
once were for, when we join in the song of the Lord.
wine and bread, and we'll join in the song of the Lord.
Sa-vior Friend and we'll join in the song of the Lord.



We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give _ thanks!" We will



not be a-fraid, for He comes to save. We will shout, we will call, "Ev-'ry



tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Same God

Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Pat Barrett and Steven Furtick

Sermon
"Succession"
Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 14-29
Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #94

***Benediction**

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Lori Nichols (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 eleven 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 (Room 111)

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 and locations.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: A. Schmidt, Poe, J. Petty, M. Linenbroker. SS: L. Nichols. CC: Mitchell, Hawley, Inion.
Next Sunday: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: O'Neals, Schlitt, E. Schmidt. SS. Mitchell. CC: Oehlerking, Rosales, Petty.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (4/23). The **Wed. Women's studies** meet at 9am and 6pm.

The **Men's Bible Study** of Daniel will meet Wed. at 6pm OR Fri. at 6:30am.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) meets this Wed. If you would like to order the Chipotle taco dinner at 5:30pm you must do so by Tues., Apr. 16 at 10am. Then stay for ministries for all ages from 6-7:15pm.

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

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

Young Adults Ministry-Please join us on the third Sunday of the month for lunch at 12:30 until we move to a more regular meeting time starting this June. See Mitchell Dixon if you are interested.

The **Grounds Crew could use your help!** We need help with mowing, trimming, etc. If you are willing to lend a hand, please see Glynn Schlitt, James Broughton, or Fielding Poe. We can work with your schedule!

Upcoming Concerts: Sandra McCracken in Concert: Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm (sold out). **W. Mark Akin, classical guitarist in Concert:** Sat., May 11th at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale now via Church Center.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Apr. 20th from 8-9:30am. While the breakfast is free (donations welcome), it is helpful to let us know you are coming by registering on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

The next **Ladies Connect** is MON., Apr. 22 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. *(please note change in date)*

Mark your calendar for our next Prayer and Praise evening on Sat., Jun. 15th-*The Psalms We Sing.*

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 (James. Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

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:](#)



MARK AKIN CONCERT

Sat., May 11 at 7:30pm. Award-winning classical guitarist, W. Mark Akin has engaged audiences across the country with his dynamic on-stage presence and musicality. He is on faculty at Washington University, the music director of the St. Louis Classical Guitar orchestra, and the host of the radio program "Inside Classical Guitar." His engaging concert performance will take you on a cultural adventure through music. **Get your ticket today** on Church Center or at the concert.

MISSION UPDATE

Prayers: Here is a QR link to our April 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:

- **Volunteer Opportunity -FORAI** – A local ministry that helps immigrant and refugee woman create their own business by working with their own hands is looking for volunteers to assist with the sales team at events.

See the below dates and contact Brittany Lattner (bjoys14@gmail.com) for more information.

- Tower Grove Farmers Market: Saturday mornings—May 11
 - Bookish Market: Sunday afternoon—April 21 at City Foundry
 - WorldFest: Saturday, April 28 in Maryland Heights
- **Summer Ministry Opportunity – Harambee** – The tuck-pointing ministry of Restore STL is looking for an adult (18 or older) crew leader during the summer months. No tuck-pointing experience required. Only requirement is a heart from God, people, our city, and a willingness to sacrificial love our youth. This is a paid position.

For more information, check out the description here:



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.



Welcomers: Are you a person that loves the idea of hospitality?

- **FORAI** – (Also mentioned above) is looking for ESL instructors or mentors, who have a heart to connect and form friendships with these women through practicing English together. This can also lead to sharing stories from the Bible as practice or helping women with navigating America’s education system/legal system/ transportation system/etc. The two women in need already know English fairly well but would like to have more practice conversating.

Contact Brittany Lattner (bjoys14@gmail.com) for more information.

Mobilizers: Mobilizers see a mission field (in/out of the church walls) and work with others to make the best trained go’ers.

- **We are currently looking for future members of our Local/National and Global Subcommittees.** If you would like to hear more, please email Pastor Pablo.

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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