



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

April 28, 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 ABIDES WITH US TO THE END

(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, our family overflow room with toys is available in room 111.)

**Nursery Volunteers (worship service):** Jessica Schaffer, Kenna Marcus, Michelle Goldstein, Lily Polski

**Liturgist:** Jerome Merritt

**Scripture Reader:** Amy Mitchell

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

To live is Christ and to die is gain. — Phil. 1:21

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.  
— Rom. 6:8

“Believers may not often realize it, but even as believers we are either centered on man or centered on God. There is no alternative. Either God is the center of our universe and we have become rightly adjusted to him, or we have made ourselves the center and are attempting to make all else orbit around us and for us.” — Ray Ortland Sr.

## **Devotional Preparation:** An Excerpt from Don Carson's "God's Purpose in Suffering"

There was a time when Christians were known as people who knew how to die well. It was part of Christian concern to be known as people who know how to die well. But today, if I start talking about death everyone becomes very nervous.

Not long ago in my church, a woman I'll call Mary experienced a recurrence of cancer. Within a few months it had spread throughout her body, and despite treatment, she was very ill. The people in our church gathered for prayer. And although this is not a church from a charismatic tradition, the prayers throughout the day became more and more enthusiastic.

"Lord, you've said you will answer if two or three are in agreement. We have 287 in agreement, and we want you to heal her!"

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We want you to show that you are still the Great Physician!"

"Lord, will you not have mercy on her husband and her children?"

Finally it was my wife's turn to pray (she who had almost lost her life to cancer twice) and she prayed, "Heavenly Father, we would love it if you would heal Mary. But if it is not your will to heal her, teach her to die well. She is going to die anyway, and so if the time is now, teach her to die well. Give her a joy of the Lord. Give her a heritage of godly faith, with one foot firmly planted in heaven, so that her husband and children will be stamped by it, and will look to Christ. We don't ask that she have an easy time, but ask that she be so full of grace, people will see Christ in her."

Well, you could have cut the air with a knife. No longer were there 287 people agreeing in prayer. My wife's prayer seemed to create a break in the chain. She was letting down her side. We found out afterward that some of Mary's relatives rather wished my wife would go to heaven first so she would know whereof she was praying!

A few months later, Mary's husband called me, and was desperate to talk. Mary's health was going down and down despite every treatment conceivable. The church was wonderful, bringing in food, reminding them, "We're praying for you . . . the Lord is faithful." But he wanted permission to talk about his wife's impending death. The heated atmosphere had made it impossible for them to talk in those terms, as if it would no longer be walking by faith. Mary couldn't focus on eternity or talk about it, because there were so many Christians around her telling her she was going to be healed.

Well-intentioned, but poorly informed brothers and sisters who try to deflect people from thinking about death, or who hold out the constant hope of healing, keep them so occupied with matters in this world that they have neither the time nor the energy to think about the next world. They succeed only in robbing their loved ones of the enormous comforts of the gospel as they step into eternity.

## Song of Preparation

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Trinity Hymnal #648

### Call to Worship—Psalm 22:25-31 (Adapted)

Leader: O Lord, we praise You in the great congregation!

**People: Our vows we will perform before You!**

Leader: You have made the afflicted to eat and satisfied the hunger of those who seek you!

**People: Our hearts remember your faithfulness and we shall worship before you!**

**All: May our posterity serve You and tell of your great deeds forever!**

Leader: Come among us now, O Lord, and enable us to proclaim your righteousness to one another!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Shout to the North

Martin Smith

♩ = 62



1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the  
 (2. Rise up,) wo - men of the truth, stand and  
 (3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this



great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel  
 sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing  
 place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on



weak, in your bro - ken - ness com - plete.  
 pow'r of our awe - some King of love.  
 high. By His grace a - gain we'll fly.



Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is



Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth.

2. Rise up,  
 3. Rise up,

# We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be  
2. In the dark of  
3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised  
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up  
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.  
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **New Testament Reading—1 John 4:13-21**

*Perfect Love Casts out Fear*

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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—Acts 8:26-30**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 4:9-10**

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for loving us and saving 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

# Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words by Charles Wesley. Music and alt. by Kevin Twit

G C Am D

A - rise my soul, a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears;  
 He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter - cede,  
 Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry  
 My God is re - con - ciled his pard - ning voice I hear;

5 G C Am D

the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears  
 his all - re - deem - ing love his prec - ious blood to plead  
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers they strong - ly plead for me  
 he owns me for his child I can no long - er fear;

9 C G D/F# Em D C

be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands  
 his blood a - toned for ev - ry race his blood a - toned for ev - ry race  
 for - give him, o for - give they cry for - give him, o for - give they cry,  
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh

13 C D G C D

my name is writ - ten on his hands  
 and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!  
 and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

17 G C D C

**Men:** A - rise A - rise, A - rise, a - rise, *Unison:* A - rise my soul a - rise  
**Women:** A - rise A - rise, a - rise a - rise A - rise my soul a - rise

21 G C D C Am

A - rise A - rise a - rise a - rise A - rise my soul a - rise

25 Am C D G C D

shake off your guilt - y fears and rise

## Reception of New Members

Mitchell & Megan Dixon, Ben & Chrissy Inion,  
Kyle & Jackie Petty, Jacob & Erin Wagberg

## Covenant Baptism

Killian Jack Wagberg

## Baptism Song

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*  
Trinity Hymnal #189

## WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer

## Offertory Song (Adult and Children's Choir)

*Rejoice*  
Keith & Kristyn Getty, Rend Collective

## Tithes and Offerings

*(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106  
following the offertory song)*

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



## Sermon

"Undimmed and Unabated"

Deuteronomy 34

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words by Samuel Stennett. Music by Christopher Miner. Arr. by Joel Littlepage

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And  
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines  
 3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath, Can  
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, Can

cast a wish - ful eye To  
 one e - ter - nal day There  
 reach that health - ful shore, blessed Where  
 be for - ev - er

Can - aan's fair and hap - py er land, Where  
 God, the Son for - row, my pain - er and death, And  
 Sick shall I see my Fa - ther's face, Are  
 And

my scat - ters - sions lie - 2. All way. Chorus: I am  
 felt and night feared a no more.  
 in his bos - om rest.

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land I am

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land

3. No  
 4. When

# \*Benediction

**Nursery Volunteer (SS):** Ruth Harlow (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## **The Book of 1 Timothy - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)**

If you've ever wanted to know why our church operates as it does, join us for a study of 1 Timothy, the first of Paul's pastoral letters. It's a blueprint for how churches should be organized, how they can best serve God, and how they should choose their leaders. It also has a lot to say about the way God wants us to serve each other!

## **Trinity Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)**

All are welcome to join the Trinity choir for a time of singing and worship! We will continue meeting through the end of May, before breaking for the summer, and will be singing in a few of the worship services during that time. 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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Schaffer, Marcus, M. Goldstein, Polski. SS: Harlow. CC: Marcus, Manwaring. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: C. Waldron, J. Hendricks, L. Manwaring, S. Goldstein. SS: Moen. CC: Doiron, Hawley, Williamson.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (5/14). The **Wed. Women's study** meets at 9am or 6pm.

The **Men's Bible Study** of Daniel will meet Wed., May 1st at 6pm OR Fri., May 3rd at 6:30am.

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

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

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

Trinity is hosting a **BBQ for refugees and immigrants at Oasis International** on May 18th. See today's insert for more information on how you can help. All Trinity families are welcome to join the fun!

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!

The **next Men's Breakfast** is Sat., May 11 from 8-9:30am. Guest speaker, Steve O'Neal. Let us know you are coming using the QR code to the right.

**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](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:  
[Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),  
**Greeters:** James Broughton ([James.Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:James.Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)),  
**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:](#)



### 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 MAY 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:

- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.

## **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

**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.




- **MAY 9<sup>th</sup> is GIVE STL DAY** – several of our ministry partners are participating in this event. Depending on when money is given, donations can be amplified through matching. Either way, this is a great opportunity to support kingdom work.

Early giving has opened! Please prayerfully consider giving. Even as little as \$5 is a great help!

- **To give:** go to [givestlday.org](http://givestlday.org) and search in the top-right corner for Forai, Thrive St. Louis, Oasis International, or Mission Gate.

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

- **May 18<sup>th</sup> - BBQ with Oasis International – This is our event with Oasis! Don't miss it. It is for the whole family!**
  - This BBQ serves to strengthen the relationship that Oasis has with this community. At the same time, it is a unique opportunity for us to create and develop relationships with people who are very different from us, all while enjoying Arts and Crafts, a bounce house, a performance from Kinetic Tapestry (A Performing Arts Studio in St. Louis), Grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs.
  - We need at least 30 volunteers: Sign up to volunteer here: 
- **Starting TODAY!** “House Warming” for refugee families in the St. Louis area. We'll be collecting donations of household goods, which will be presented to Oasis International at the Community Barbecue in May. A collection table will be set up in the narthex from April 28th-May 12th. Please see Bulletin Insert for details.

**Mobilizers:** 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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