

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

May 12, 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 EQUIPS US TO SERVE HIM

(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):** Beth and Nora Williamson, Karen Broughton, Philip Waldron

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Kathy O'Neal

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. — Eph. 5:8

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. — John 17:14-15

"We should not ask, 'What is wrong with the world?' for that diagnosis has already been given. Rather we should ask, 'What has happened to salt and light?'" — John Stott



## The Barmen Declaration by Stephen Nichols at Ligonier.org

In 1933, the national synod of the German Protestant churches endorsed the Nazi party. The churches unified into a new organization called the German Evangelical Church, which was known colloquially as the Reichskirche, or the "Reich Church."

In response, a group of theologians and churchmen formed what they called the Confessing Church. One of the key figures in this confessing church was a young professor of theology at the University of Berlin, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. And though he was young, he was wise and mature beyond his years. He was able to see not only the problems with the Nazi Party and where it was going to eventually take Germany, but also the significant problems that result when the church aligns itself with a political party or a political ideology.

In response to the Reichskirche, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote the Bethel Confession, which was not well received. But the next year, 1934, a new and important document, called the Barmen Declaration, took its place.

The Barmen Declaration was drafted by a group of German churchmen, theologians, and leaders in the city of Barmen in May 1934. The statement contains a number of articles and ends with six items that they called "evangelical truths."

The first article declares that the impregnable foundation of the German evangelical church is the gospel of Jesus Christ as it is revealed in the Holy Scripture and which came to light again in the creeds of the Reformation. Here, the authorities that the church needs for her mission are defined and limited. This first article of the Barmen Declaration sets out that Jesus Christ is the sole authority of the church. Any other relationship that the church has—and in this case we're thinking of the relationship between church and state—needs to be seen in light of that relationship of the church to Jesus Christ.

After the articles come the six evangelical truths. In these statements, we see a very clear statement regarding the church and the state. The fifth evangelical truth declares: "The Bible tells us that according to divine arrangement, the state has the responsibility to provide for justice and peace in the yet unredeemed world." The statement goes on to say how the church recognizes, with thanksgiving toward God, the benevolence of this provision. And then the statement says this:

The church reminds men of God's kingdom, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility of rulers and the ruled. She trusts and obeys the power of the Word through which God maintains all things. We repudiate the false teaching that the state can and should expand beyond its special responsibility to become the single and total order of human life and also thereby fulfill the commission of the church.

These theologians recognized that in identifying with the Nazi Party, the church would not be influencing the political realm; it would be the exact opposite. The political realm would overtake the church; the Nazi party would dictate to the church her practices, beliefs, and values.

These theologians at Barmen took a bold step in declaring the church's sole allegiance to Jesus Christ and a biblical view of the relationship between the church and state. It's a fascinating document from church history and it has much to teach us as we think about these matters today.

## Song of Preparation

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
Trinity Hymnal #585 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

### Call to Worship—Psalm 47 (selected)

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!

**People: We will shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: We will sing praises to God! We will sing praises to our King!**

**All: For God is the King of all the earth; he is highly exalted!**

Leader: Now O Lord, come and inhabit our worship and make our hearts ready to hear your voice!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of Bb, and common time. Chords Bb and F are indicated above the staff.

1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of Bb, and common time. Chords Gm, Eb, and F are indicated above the staff.

Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
Pit - ied us when en - vior's e - mies  
Threat - en hard to bear us down

Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of Bb, and common time. Chords Bb and F are indicated above the staff.

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
Called us by his grace strong and taught us  
For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion

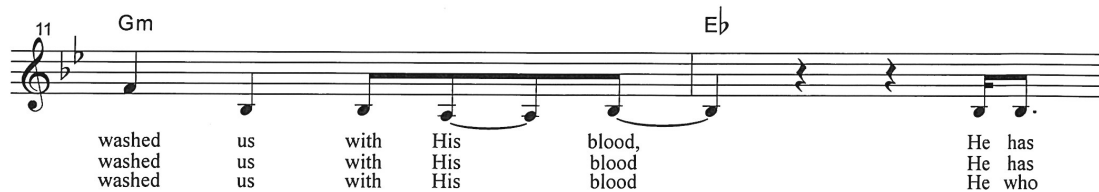
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He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
Gave us ears and the gave us eyes, He has  
Holds in view and the conq - u'ror's crown He has  
He who

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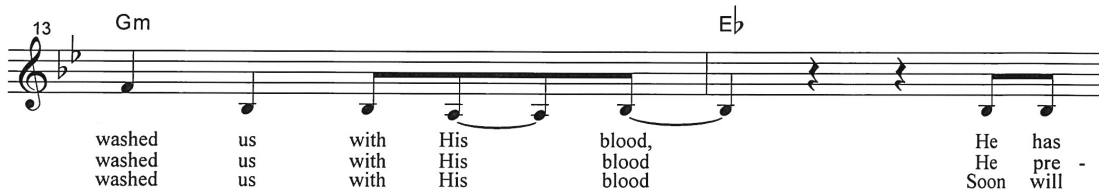
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
He who

11 Gm Eb




washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb



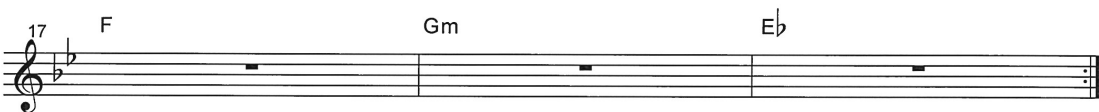
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He who

15 F Bb



brought us nigh to God  
sent our souls to God  
bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb



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

# Let The Nations Be Glad

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Aaron Boswell

5 VERSE 1 & 2  
B $\flat$ <sup>5</sup>

1. Let the glo - ry of the Lord for - ev - er be our  
(2. Through the) ag - es gone be - fore, through the tri - al and the

9 F<sup>sus</sup> E $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>

joy. May re - demp - tion be the theme of our song. For by  
sword, man - y saints and mar - tyrs con - quered, though they died. Still we,

14 B $\flat$ <sup>5</sup>

grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall pro - claim to the corn - ers of the  
hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing o - ceans, suf - fring loss, shall en - dure all things to

19 CHORUS  
F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F

earth that Christ is come. Let the na - tions be glad, let the peo - ple re -  
win the crown of life.

25 G $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F

-joice, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our God. Let the

30 E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  F G $\flat$  E $\flat$

whole earth be filled with the prais - es of the Lord, for sal - va - tion be -

35 B $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> TURNAROUND 1  
E $\flat$  F B $\flat$ <sup>5</sup>

-longs to our God. Let the na - tions be glad.

44 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> 1. 2.

3. As Your

48 B $\flat$ <sup>5</sup>

VERSE 3

ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r with the glo - ries of the

53 F<sup>sus</sup> E $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

gos - pel \_ to ex - claim, now we pray Your king - dom come, and we

58 F/A F B $\flat$  E $\flat$ maj<sup>7</sup> F<sup>sus</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

pray Your will be done for the hon - or and the glo - ry of Your name.

63 F<sup>sus</sup>/A E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F Gm

CHORUS

Let the na - tions be glad, let the peo - ple re - joice, for sal -

68 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D

-va - tion be - longs to our \_ God. \_ Let the whole earth be filled with the

74 E $\flat$  F Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$  1. F<sup>sus</sup>

prais - es of the Lord, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our \_ God. \_

79 F 2. F<sup>sus</sup> E $\flat$  F B $\flat$ <sup>5</sup> OUTRO

Let the \_ God. Let the na - tions be \_ glad. \_

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **Old Testament Reading—Psalm 1**

*The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked*

Blessed is the man

    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree

    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so,

    but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

    nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will perish.

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—1 John 5:9-10**

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 5:11-12**

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for giving us eternal life in His Son!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**



# \*Song of Rejoicing

# Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

Jennie Wilson. Arr. by Mason Brown

Country Gospel shuffle ♩ = 75

*mp* Band in; Light groove  
16th shuffle

1 Verse

D

Time is filled with swift tran -

Bm D

si - tion, naught of earth un-moved can stand; build your hopes on things e -

2 Chorus *mf*

F#7 Bm G D/A A7 D D

ter - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand. Hold to His hand,

Bm

God's un - chang - ing hand. Hold to His hand, God's un - chang - ing hand.

D F#7 Bm G D/A A7 D

Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal, hold to God's un - chang - ing hand. —

3 Verse *mp*

D Bm

Trust in Him who will not leave you, what - so - e - ver years may bring;

23 D F#7 Bm G  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

if by earth-ly friends for - sa - ken, still more close-ly to - Him cling.

41  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D D

Co-vet not\_ this world's vain ri-ches,

45 Bm D F#7 Bm G

*mf* Band building

that so-ra - pid-ly de - cay; seek to gain the hea-ven-ly trea - sures,

49  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D D

they are ne - ver gon-na pass a - way. Hold to His hand,

# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer

## Offertory Song

*In The Light*

Charlie Peacock

## 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:*



## Sermon

"The Redemptive Life"

Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:13-16

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective Experiment

♩ = 137

## VERSE 1

F C F C



1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our \_\_\_\_\_ hearts a - gain. In -

5 F C G<sup>(4)</sup>



-crease in us, we pray. Un - veil \_\_\_\_\_ why we're made. Come

9 F C F C



set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our ver - souls;

13 F C G<sup>(4)</sup> F C



Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in-vade us now. \_\_\_\_\_ We are Your

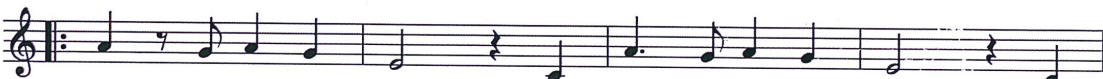
18 G<sup>(4)</sup> F C G<sup>(4)</sup> C F<sup>2</sup>



church; We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We  
(3. Un) -

## VERSE 2 & 3

23 F C F C



seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst; Re -  
leash Your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and far. No

27 F C G<sup>sus</sup>

-fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To  
force of hell can stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing hearts. You

31 F C F C

see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
made us for much more than this; A - wake the king - dom seed in us.

35 F C G<sup>sus</sup> F C

We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause. \_ We are Your  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. \_ We are Your

40 G<sup>(4)</sup> F C G<sup>(4)</sup> C F<sup>2</sup>

church; We pray, re - vive this earth.  
church; You are the hope on earth.

§ CHORUS

45 C F<sup>2</sup> G Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup>

Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness

50 C G Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> G C

fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. \_ Set Your

55 G Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> C G

church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos -

60 Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> G

-phere. Build Your king - dom here, \_ we pray!

Last time to Coda ♪

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1  
C G<sup>sus</sup> C G<sup>sus</sup>

**\*Benediction**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school classes do not meet today.** All classes will resume next Sunday.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Williamsons, Broughton, P. Waldron. CC: Jackson, Oehlerking, S. Goldstein. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Inion, McCall, T. Thomason, S. Hendricks. SS: Oehlerking. CC: K & J Standerfer, Brumley.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study** meets THIS Tues. at 6:30pm (potluck meal) at Melissa Jorgensen's (5/14). The **Wed. Women's study** meets at 9am and 6pm.

The **Men's Bible Study** of Daniel will meet Wed., May 15 at 6pm OR Fri., May 17 at 6:30am.

**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., May 14th at 10am. Then stay for ministries for all ages from 6-7:15pm. This is our last ACTION for the semester.

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

**Youth Ministry: No Sr. High** tonight. End of the Semester Parties: JH-Wed., May 15 from 6-7:30pm. SH-Sun., May 19 from 6-7:30pm.

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!

**Promotion Sunday is May 26th.** This is a time when we thank the teachers and recognize our graduating kindergarteners, 5th graders, high school, and college students.

It is not too early to sign up for our next **Prayer and Praise evening** on Sat., Jun. 15th-*The Psalms We Sing*. Space is limited. Use the QR code to the right to register.

Children in nursery - 5th gr., along with their families, join us for **Summer Kickoff** on Sat., Jun. 8 from 3:30 - 7 pm for inflatables, activities, music, and fun! A hot dog dinner will be served at 5pm. Register on Church Center or use the QR code in today's insert.

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: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:](#)



### OASIS BBQ

Join us as we host a BBQ for refugees and immigrants at Oasis International on **May 18**. This is an opportunity to welcome, serve, and bless, a growing population in St. Louis. Trinity will be providing burgers and hot dogs, as well as fun activities for the family. We will need a minimum of 30 adult/teen volunteers to help set up tables and chairs, and have fun. Sign up using the QR code above. Trinity is also collecting household goods to give to OASIS. See today's insert for a list.

# 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.
- **FARSI Ministry Booklets:** Over the last several weeks, we helped a Farsi speaking ministry print 500 evangelistic booklets. This is the second printing! The first were 500 Farsi language booklets that made their way to California and Iran. We had to figure out how to print “backward” due to the nature of the language being right-left. This printing was an English translation of the first for second-generation readers. ***Pray that these booklets would bring readers to consider the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.***

**Goers:**

- **This Saturday! May 18<sup>th</sup> - BBQ with Oasis International – 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 still need a few volunteers., Please register by **tomorrow afternoon:**



**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.



- **Amazing generosity!** We sent out checks this week for donations from our Giving Tree during the advent season. In all we collected right around \$2000. When we made the ministries aware that they would be receiving a gift, they were all excited and thankful for our partnership in God’s mission.

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

- **Wednesday is the last day to bring in your “House Warming” gifts for refugee families in the St. Louis area.** Drop off in Pastor Pablo’s office. These will be brought to Oasis on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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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