



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 25, 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 OF GOOD BUT HARD TRUTHS!

(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): Jackie Petty, Michelle Goldstein, Kenna Marcus, Chloe Inion

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Amy Mitchell

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. — 1 Peter 3:9

"Do something everyday that you don't want to do; this is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain." — Mark Twain

"Remember!--It is Christianity to do good always--even to those who do evil to us. It is Christianity to love our neighbors as ourself, and to do to all men as we would have them do to us. It is Christianity to be gentle, merciful and forgiving, and to keep those qualities quiet in our own hearts, and never make a boast of them or of our prayers or of our love of God, but always to show that we love Him by humbly trying to do right in everything." — Charles Dickens

Devotional Preparation

Three Things Jesus Didn't Say in the Golden Rule

(Article Excerpt from desiringgod.org) by Stephen Wittmer

To see the demand and delight of Jesus's teaching (in Matthew 7:12), consider three things he does not say.

1. Jesus does not say, "Whatever others have done for you, do also for them." He doesn't limit our good deeds that way. The measure of our service to others is not their actual service to us, but what we'd *like* that service to be. "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." There's an invitation, limited only by our own desire and imagination. One of the distinctive marks of Jesus's followers is that they regularly go above and beyond what others expect.

2. Jesus does not say, "If there are a few things you wish others would do to you, do these also to them." He doesn't limit our good deeds that way. Instead, he says, "*Whatever* you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." The word "whatever" (literally, "everything whatsoever") is very broad. It may include cutting a neighbor's grass when he's out of town, having a lonely friend over for dinner, writing a note to express appreciation, and so much more. The upper limit is our desire and imagination.

3. Jesus does not say, "Whatever you wish your best friends, and fellow Christians, and people who like you would do to you, do also to them." He doesn't limit our good deeds that way. He says, "Whatever you wish that *others* would do to you, do also to them." *Others* encompasses anyone in our lives. It includes the grumpy neighbor, the kid in your class no one likes, the spouse or child you're struggling to understand, even the people who don't love you back.

Song of Preparation

Teach Us Your Ways

Leslie Jordan, Aaron Keyes, Orlando Palmer, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach



1. Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways. As we
2. Teach us to give, teach us to give, give our -
3. Teach us to weep, teach us to weep. Let us
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Let us



learn from one a-noth-er, ___ learn to love each-oth-er, ___ teach us Your ways.
selves for one a-noth-er, ___ learn to help each-oth-er: ___ teach us to give.
weep with one a-noth-er, ___ learn to love each-oth-er: ___ teach us to weep.
learn from one a-noth-er, ___ learn to love each-oth-er: ___ teach us Your ways.

Call to Worship—Psalm 84 (selected)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Leader: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

People: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Leader: Now, O Lord of hosts, come dwell among us and remind us that blessed is the one who trusts in you!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

I See the Lord

Chris Falson

♩ = 80

D A/C# Em D/F# G

I see the Lord____ seat - ed on____ the____ throne____ ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#

alt - ed, and the train of His robe____ fills the tem - ple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A

glo - ry; And the whole earth____ is____ filled,____ and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7

whole earth____ is filled,____ and the whole earth____ is____ filled____ with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D

glo - ry. Ho - ly,____ ho - ly,____ ho - ly,____

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G

Asus	A
1	

Asus	A	D
2		

ho - ly,____ ho - ly is the Lord.____ Lord____ of lords.

*Song of Adoration

Better Is One Day

Matt Redman

E5 **A2(no3)**

1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -
 (2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

Bsus **E5** **Bsus**

y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
 ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

E5

For here my heart is sat - is - fied
 One thing I ask and I would seek:

A2(no3) **Bsus** **E5**

with - in Your pres - ence. I sing be - neath the
 To see Your beau - ty, to find You in the

Bsus

shad - ow of Your wings. Bet - ter is
 place Your glo - ry dwells. Bet - ter is

A2(no3) **E/A** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

A2(no3) **A/C#** **Bsus** **E/G#**

one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is

A2(no3) **E/A** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

A2(no3) **A/C#** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where, than thou - sands

Last time to Coda

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 34:15-22

The Lord's Promise to His People

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.

Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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—John 6:56-60

Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for sending His son Jesus to save 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

The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone. Music by Brian Moss

♩. = 54

Lead

1. The church's one foundation
lect from every

da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord, she is His new crea - tion by
na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth; her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one

wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; With
Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food, And

His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died. 2. E -
to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en -

dued. 3. Mid toil and trib - u -

la - tion, and tu - mult of her war, she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er

more. Till with the vi - sion glo - ri - ous, her long - ing eyes are blest, And the great church vic -
2nd time bits: resume rhythm

tor - ious shall be the church at rest. Till rest.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

Children ages 3 (by July 31) through 1st grade are dismissed for Children's Church to Room 106B

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



Offertory Song (Ensemble) *He Is Among Us (The Least of These)*

Orlando Palmer, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach, John Swinton, Andy Piercy

Sermon

"The Golden Rule"

Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:12

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Be Thou My Vision
Trinity Hymnal #642

***Benediction**

*If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,
please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TODAY:

Join us this Sunday for a joint Sunday School in the sanctuary, as we will be rolling out the framework for Trinity's future church plant. Whether or not you plan to personally participate in the plant, we hope and pray that you will come and learn a little bit more about why church planting is so important so that you can be a more effective prayer partner and encourager in this whole-church effort. We will be simultaneously kicking off our children's and youth Sunday School programs this Sunday so there is something for everyone during the 11-11:55am time frame.

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

Beginning Sept. 8:

Trinity Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)

Calling All Singers! We'd like to invite you to join our Trinity choir. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the semester. No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

The Book of Ephesians- Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)

We are going to take a deep dive into Ephesians, the book where Paul reveals the "mystery" behind His plan for His church. Along the way he touches on virtually every truth about God's relationship with us as individuals. If you want to know God better, and have the peace and blessedness that goes with it, come and study Ephesians with us. We're going to take it slow so that we can all learn together.

All of Christ in All of Life- Rev. Tim Jackson (Room 111)

The Bible can seem like a collection of documents that don't appear to have much connection to one another – history, laws, letters, and prophecy all combined into one big book. Yet, Jesus tells us in the gospels that all of Scripture testifies to him (Luke 24:27; John 5:39). What does that mean? What difference does it make? How do we read Scripture in a way that keeps Christ at the center? What impact does this understanding of Scripture have for how we live? Join us for a five-week class where we will practice bringing all of Christ into all of life.

Trinity Connect (New Member's Class)- Pastor Chris and Pastor Pablo-Sanctuary

If you would like to learn more about Trinity and are considering becoming a member, then join us! While this class is a prerequisite to membership, it does not commit you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school for all ages today. See previous page.

Visitors: If you are visiting with us today we would love to give you a small gift. Please stop by the Welcome Table so we can say "hello."

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: J. Petty, M. Goldstein, Marcus, Inion. SS: Harlow. CC: Marcus, Polski, Wagberg. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Schlitt, Schmidt, Broughton, Hendricks. CC: Doiron, Hawley, Inion.

Youth Ministry: Parent Meeting: TODAY after SS. JH & SH **Ministry Night:** Sundays from 4:30-6:30pm (dinner included). Parent & Student **BBQ** at the Hendricks on Sept. 15-Families, based on last name, please bring: A-G Drinks, H-M Desserts, N-T Sides, U-Z Plates, Cups, bowls, napkins, silverware. Please RSVP to Mitchell Dixon by Sept 8th to help us with numbers.

Ariel Concert Series is coming to Trinity! Sept. 14th at 7:30pm. Invite your friends and neighbors for this FREE concert which promises to be an incredible evening of classical music. More info can be found by using the QR code to the right.

Party on the Lawn, Sat., Sept. 28 at 4:30pm. Games, bounce house, sumo bumper balls, pickle ball tournament, and more. We will provide the pig roast, you bring a side to share. See today's insert for more info and to sign up. **Guys**, Pablo will be pulling another all nighter to roast the pig. Join him at Trinity anytime Fri. night from 5:30 on!

More ushers needed: see Paul Schaffer or one of the current ushers for more info.

Trinity Connect Class: Will meet during the SS hour beginning Sept. 8 for those interested in learning more about becoming a member. RSVP to the church office.

Trinity Cookbooks are available in the Narthex (\$5 suggested donation to cover costs).

Church Work Day: Sat., Oct. 5 at 9am.

Wednesday Women's Bible studies meet weekly at 9am or 6:15pm. We are studying the Books of Jonah & Habakkuk. Childcare available for the morning study. The **Tues. evening group** (The Prodigal God) will begin on Sept. 10th at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home.

Men's Bible study begins Sept. 18 and 20.

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:](#)



KINGDOM KIDS

Children ages 3 (by July 31 of the current school year and potty trained) through 5th gr. are given the opportunity to grow friendships and community while further being equipped and disciplined in their faith through sharing a meal, lessons from Character By God's Design, games, and children's choir. Rooted in Scripture, Character By God's Design engages kids to grow to be like Jesus. Children's Choir seeks to teach our children about the importance of worship, give them excitement to participate in it, and grow their relationship both with the Lord and with other children. Starting TONIGHT we will meet the 2nd & 4th Sun. of the month from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

MISSION UPDATE

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



- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.
- **Public Prayer requests can be found here:**



Goers:

- **FORAI** – *Still an opportunity to serve TODAY!* A ministry we support that comes alongside immigrant and refugee women is looking for volunteers at the ***Festival of Nations*** today. They need assistance with sales, setup and teardown, etc. Several shifts with multiple slots available. Great way to plug in.
- **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** — One of the ways we serve our community is through this local food pantry. We are in the process of finalizing dates. Registration is now open. *Limited to 2 per date.*



Senders:

- **SeptemberFest 2024** — Come and discover Mission Gate Prison Ministries on Friday, September 13th. 6:30 - 9pm Reception, Dinner, and Program. **Your Mission Committee purchased a table to this event. 8 seats available for anyone not currently involved in this ministry.** Contact Pablo for more information.

Welcomers:

- Say hello and thank our ***Welcome Team***. We are so thankful for the Trinity members who have been faithfully serving on Sunday mornings. They gather before the service to pray for everyone and then stand at the doors to usher us into a joyous celebration of the Lord's goodness. Thank them today for their welcoming hands, words, and smiles.
 - **The Welcome Team:** James Broughton (chair), Rebecca Iglesias, Sue Freeman, Chuck Barker, Elizabeth Barker, Allen Mathieu, Henry Asbury, Mary Berardi, Andrew Marcus, Karen Broughton

Mobilizers:

- We are looking for ***members*** to join our Local/National and Global Missions Subcommittees. If you are passionate about the gospel going forth in our community, St. Louis, the nation, and the world, and want to learn more about this opportunity, reach out to Pastor Pablo at pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.
- **Our Missions Fair and Dinner is October 12th.** Registration for the dinner will be available soon. In the meantime, please consider volunteering here:



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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