



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 1, 2024

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO LEADS US TO WHAT IS GOOD!

(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):** Barb Schlitt, Mickie Schmidt, Karen Broughton, Stella Hendricks

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Debbie Highmark

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, J Harrison

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. — Ecclesiastes 2:1

"At the town there is a fair kept, called "Vanity Fair"; it is kept all the year long. It bears the name of Vanity Fair, because the town where 'tis kept is lighter than vanity; and also because all that is there sold, or that comes thither is vanity. As is the saying of the wise, "All that comes is vanity."

— John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*

And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. — I John 1:4

# Devotional Preparation

"A Narrow Gate," From Ligonier.org

In today's passage, our Savior makes final application of all that He has said in Matthew 5:1–7:12. Now that we know what He demands of us, we must choose to follow Him. Ultimately, 7:13–27 shows us we have only two options. We will either follow Christ wholeheartedly or we will go down the path of destruction. There can be no half-hearted commitment to Jesus; if we are not on the narrow road of discipleship, then we are on the wide road to eternal damnation (vv. 13–14).

This call to decide does not mean we are able to choose the right path before we become Christians. Salvation is by grace through faith, a gift to God's people chosen from the foundation of the world (Eph. 2:8–9). However, those whom the Father transforms by grace inevitably choose to serve Christ. Good works, including our confession of Jesus and our obedience to His commands, follow necessarily from a changed heart (v. 10). Moreover, we still need this grace even after it first sets us on the true way of Christ in our conversion. We must daily turn to the cross and seek Christ in order that we might finish the race. Our Creator gives more grace to all who humble themselves, admit their weaknesses, and ask for strength (James 4:6–10). As Matthew Henry writes: "We can neither go in, or go on, without the assistance of divine grace; but it is as true that grace is freely offered, and shall not be lacking to those who seek it and submit to it."

Our Lord echoes the great prophets and leaders of Israel when He calls us to choose the narrow path of godliness (for example, Josh. 24:14–15). Lest we apostatize as the nation of Israel did, let us commit ourselves each day, by His grace and Spirit, to live out the kingdom ethic as Jesus has commanded.

Matthew Henry summarizes Jesus' teaching in today's passage: "We must endure hardship, must wrestle and be in agony, must watch in all things, and walk with care and circumspection. We must go through much tribulation." Christ's way is narrow and we dare not pretend otherwise. As we share the Gospel, let us tell people that following Jesus means we abandon our agenda for His. Following Him means a reorientation of life, one that might make others hate us.

**Call to Worship—Psalm 45 (selected)**

Leader: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king;

**People: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.**

Leader: The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

**People: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

**All: In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;**

Leader: Now, O Lord of Might, make our hearts ready to praise you and do your will!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Song of Adoration

*We Will Say In That Day (Isaiah 12)*

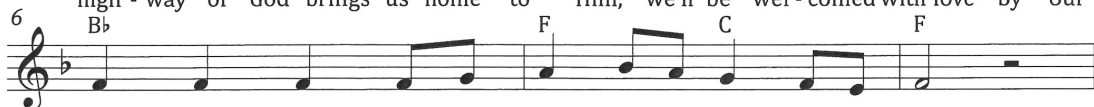
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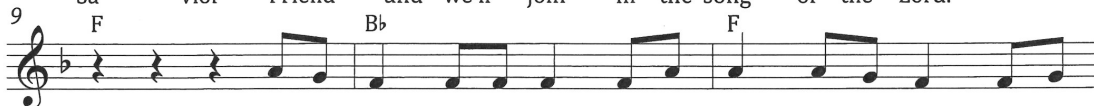
You will see there a high - way from God's own hand that will  
We will call back our ar - mies, "Re - turn from war!" And we'll  
You will see there a ban - quet for sin - ners spread where we'll  
When the rem - nant re - turn to the pro - mised land, when the



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 - comed 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!"

# \*Song of Adoration

## *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

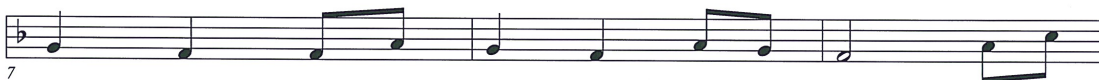
Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. Arr. by Dan Kreider



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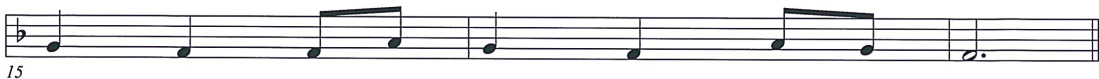
7 prai - ses, robbed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our  
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sin - ners, hangs the lamb in vic - tor - y. See the  
strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a



10 long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now the  
true and of bet - ter re - dem - ption. come to  
price of our re - dem - ption. see the  
fore - taste of de - li - vrance. How un -



12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -  
save the hell - bound man. Christ the great and sure ful -  
Fa - thers plan un - fold! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to  
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -



15 scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.  
fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.  
glo - ry un - der the will - sured, love un - told.  
rec - ted as we will - be when he comes.

# \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

### *Moses Commands Obedience*

“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

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—James 1:19-22**

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 2:4-5**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for making us alive in Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

## **\*Song of Rejoicing**

*Jesus Paid It All*  
Trinity Hymnal #308



# 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:*



## **Sermon**

"Two Tests"

Sermon Series, Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:13-20

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

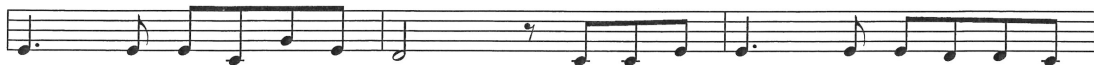
# \*Song of Response

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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



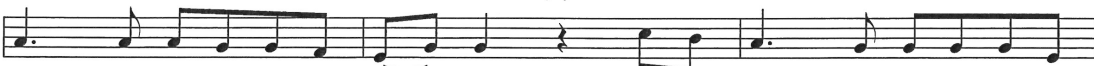
What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no  
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my  
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture  
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - ous - 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.  
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# THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## **\*Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the LORD.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

**People: It is good and right so to do.**

## **\*Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He  
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen**

## Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

## Prayer of Consecration

### The Giving of the Bread and Cup

*Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

## Communion Song (Ensemble)

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

Words by Reginald Heber. Music and additional text by Zac Hicks

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Sending Song

*Doxology*  
Trinity Hymnal #731

### \*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.*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

No Sunday school today. Be sure to join us for one of the classes below next Sunday.

## **Next Sunday:**

### **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.

**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

**NO Sunday school today. Classes for all ages resume next week.**

**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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Schlitt, Schmidt, Broughton, Hendricks. CC: Doiron, Hawley, Inion. **Next Sunday:** S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Moen, Williamson, Inion, Goldstein. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Marcus, Rosales, Petty.

**Youth Ministry:** No evening activities tonight. **JH Mini Golf:** Sept. 13. 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.

**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.

**Kingdom Kids** for kids 3yrs (by July 31 of the current school year and potty trained) through 5th gr. join us on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month (9/8) from 4:30-6:30 for dinner, games, Bible lessons, and children's choir.

Sign up for a **small group** today in the narthex. It is a great way to get connected!

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),

**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](#):



### PARTY ON THE LAWN

Join us on Sat., Sept. 28 at 4:30pm for 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!

There are **simple ways you can help** make this event a success. When you register you will have an opportunity to volunteer for a 30 min. shift.

# MISSION UPDATE

ALL the links mentioned below can be found using this QR code:



**Prayers:** NEW September 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar (use the QR code above)

- Please pray for the ministries and volunteers listed in the prayer calendar and below.
- **MO Presbytery Night of Prayer** – Join with MTW as we pray for cross-cultural workers, global Christian family, and kingdom expansion. There will times of prayer and praise. This is an event for the whole family. Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6pm. The Commons, 14885 Clayton Rd., Chesterfield.

**Goers:**

- **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. (use QR code above)*

**Senders:**

- **SeptemberFest 2024** — Come and discover Mission Gate Prison Ministries on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 - 9pm Reception, Dinner, and Program. **Your Mission Committee purchased a table to this event. 4 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
- **Good Neighbor On Mission** — Event will be held on **Thursday, 9/5, 6:30-8:30pm**, at Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship (2640 Oakview Terr. 63143). Presented by Mission to the World and Cru Church Movements, this evening will encourage and equip you to build friendships and share the gospel across cultures in your community. The event is free, and is best experienced with a friend or two! RSVP using the QR code above.

**Mobilizers:**

- **Our Missions Fair and Dinner is October 12<sup>th</sup>.** Registration for the dinner will be available September 1. In the meantime, please consider volunteering using the QR code above.

# 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.



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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