

TRINITY CHURCH

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– KIRKWOOD -

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO DELIVERS US FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

(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. We also have an area for nursing moms in room 106 by the back entrance.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Barb Schlitt, Michelle Goldstein, Cheryl Poe, Maggie Linenbroker
Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon
Scripture Reader: Mary Berardi
Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Shaun Thomason

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." — John 8:12

"The light which you see with your eyes was made by the Light which you do not see with your eyes."— (Sermon 117.4) St. Augustine of Hippo

"Jesus Christ is the light in our darkness, the mercy in our judgment, the hope in our despair."— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"As we grow in holiness, we grow in hatred of sin; and God, being infinitely holy, has an infinite hatred of sin." — Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Devotional Preparation

An Excerpt from: "The Zeal of the Lord Is for Your Salvation" May 22, 2025 by Jacob Hercamp (thegospelcoalition.org)

Believers appreciate Isaiah 9:2–7 because Isaiah prophesies about the child, a son, who will be named "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace." However, we often overlook the final verse: "The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this" (v. 7). Let's consider what the "zeal of the LORD of hosts" is and why it is important for us today.

Before diving into Isaiah's understanding of the zeal of the Lord, let's consider the word "zeal" and where it appears in Scripture. The Hebrew noun behind this translation is qanah. The verbal root (qna) appears 85 times in the Old Testament, and the noun form shows up 43 times. Most of these occurrences mean something along the lines of "jealous" or "jealousy."

The Lord's zeal is his intense and passionate love to save you. The promise of a son isn't only for Abraham, David, and Israel; it's a promise also for you. His zeal is what drove the Lord to provide his Son on the mountain called Calvary to those sitting in darkness (Gen. 22:8–18; Matt. 27:33–44; John 3:14–17). The second person of the holy Trinity became man for our redemption. What zeal the Lord has for his creation!

Jesus's zeal to save is the same zeal of his Father. He gladly suffers the cross to accomplish our salvation. Christ was raised on the third day, ascended, and now sits at the Father's right hand to reign as the crucified and risen King. The zeal of the Lord has done it, and "it is marvelous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:23). Let's give thanks to God for such desire and zeal to save us, so we might live and worship him in righteousness from now and into eternity.

Song of Preparation 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee (To the tune of The Church's One Foundation) Trinity Hymnal #471

Call to Worship—Psalm 67 (Selected)

- Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
- Leader: You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- People: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
- All: Let all the peoples praise you!
- Leader: Now, O Lord of Justice, fill our hearts with praise that we might worship you with thanksgiving!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

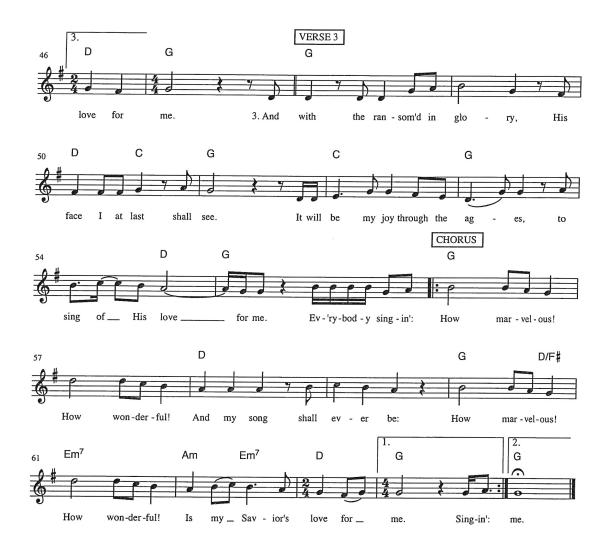
***Songs of Adoration**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Trinity Hymnal #302

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel. Arr. by Chris Tomlin





*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD Old Testament Reading—John 5:1-9

The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Acts 16:9-10

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

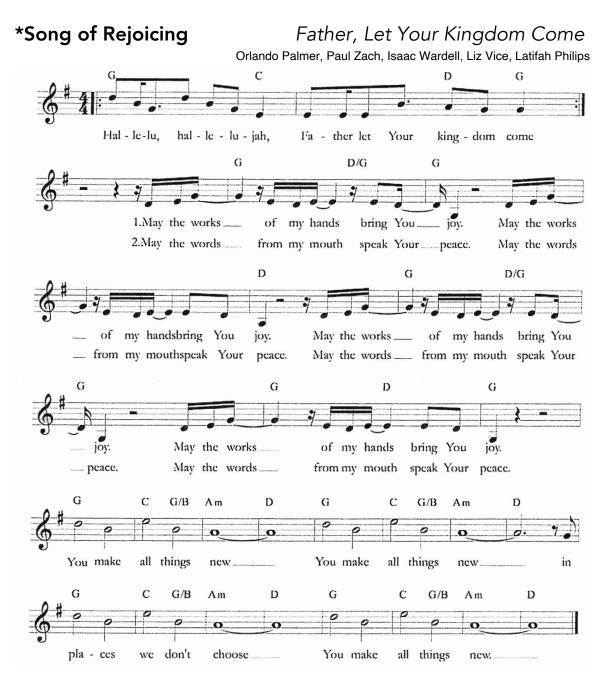
Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man (Jesus) forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

- Leader: People of God, give thanks to to the Lord for forgiving our sins!
- People: Thanks be to God!
- Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!
- People: And also with you!



Promotion Recognition

Acknowledging our 2025 Graduates and Teachers

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:

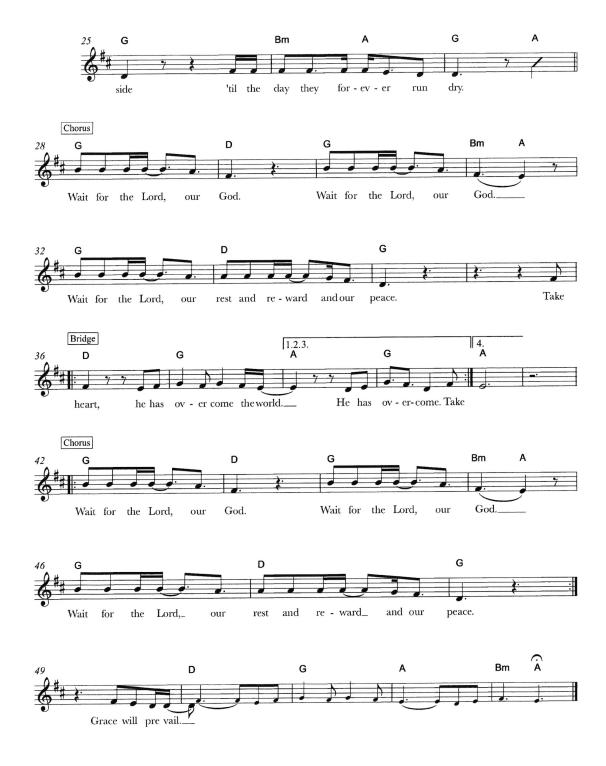


Offertory Song (Please join when directed)

Grace Will Prevail

Kirk Sauers and Paul Ranheim





Sermon

"The Light Has Come" Isaiah 9:1-7 Sermon Series: Isaiah Rev. Dr. Chris Polski *Song of Response

All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue I Kings Kaleidoscope





***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): Olga Martir (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spiritual Formation- Pastor Polski (Room 111)

St. Augustine said: "You have made us for yourself and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in You." Join Pastor Polski for the final four weeks of our spring Sunday school semester as he takes up the subject of personal spiritual formation and looks at themes like soul-awareness, supplication, solitude, and song with the goal of sharpening our personal spirituality.

Proverbs- Ruling Elders Poe and Talent (Room 110) Ruling Elders Talent and Poe will guide us through the Book of Proverbs.

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 for all ages meets today.

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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Schlitt, Goldstein, Poe, Linenbroker. SS: Martir. CC: Sweet, Petty, Goldstein. Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Petty, Thomason, O'Neal, Goldstein. CC: Steele, Williamson, Younger.

The **Men's and Women's Bible studies** are on a short break for the summer.

Ladies Connect is moved to Tues., Jun. 3rd at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

Kingdom Kids wraps TODAY from 4:30-6:30pm with a combined pizza dinner, outdoor games, and water fun with the youth group. In the case of rain we will move indoors.

Kingdom Prayer meets today at 4:30pm for a time of guided prayer, asking God to bring renewal to St. Louis.

Sunday Snacks: More snack volunteers needed! Please try and keep the snacks nut free. Sign up using the QR code on the snack table or see Mary Rosales.

The **Grounds Crew could use your help**. Schedule is flexible. See Glynn Schlitt if you are able to help.

Join us for an evening of **Prayer & Praise** on May 31st at the O'Neals. Space is limited so sign up today.

Youth Group: Joint Youth and Children's Ministry event tonight from 4:30-6:30pm. Pizza and outdoor games.

Registration is now open for The **Children's Ministry Summer Kickoff on Jun. 7** from 4-7pm. Enjoy games, inflatables, crafts, and treats. Volunteers needed.

Men's Chamber Choir: Will launch June 8th, led by Addie Akin. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School through July 27th. No experience necessary! 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:** Erin Wagberg (Erin.wagberg@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 <u>following the link</u>:



CONGRATULATIONS

Today we recognize our graduating kindergarten students and 5th graders. Those rising 6th grade students will move on to the youth ministry this summer. We also want to congratulate our graduating senior high students! To those of you who are celebrating graduations of any level, we are so happy for you and wish you the best!

Thank you to all of our teachers and volunteers who have spent hours loving and teaching our covenant

MISSION UPDATE

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



Prayers: Scan the QR link for the **MAY** 2025 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar.

Goers:

- June 7th Service Day! Mission Gate Fort Good Shepherd We will be painting the Pathfinders residents' building down by the Meramec River and staining a wall on the main lodge near the top of the hill. We will plan on meeting at Trinity Church on Saturday morning @ 8am and carpool to FGS near Cuba, MO. It is about an hour's drive. We should be heading back by early afternoon. Please wear your finest painting attire. We hope to see you then!
 - **Sign up now via QR Code above.** Contact Chuck Barker (invest3@att.net) with any questions.

Senders:

Thank you to all who have given to the work of outreach and mission. You are a great help to missionaries and ministries on a journey to serve those in need. As Paul told the Roman church, "I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while" (Rom. 15:24). The work of outreach and mission is not possible without helpers/senders like you.

Welcomers:

- Forai is opening their first brick and mortar store in Kirkwood! Grand opening will be June 7th from 10am 5pm. Drop by and say "Hi!"
- Trinity Food Pantry! Through the summer months, we will be hosting a food pantry right here at Trinity. The dates will be June 19th, July 17th, and August 14th from 5:30-7:30pm. This will offer a unique opportunity to pray for the families we serve throughout the school year. We will only need a handful of volunteers for those dates, so look for registration information coming soon. Food, canned goods, and other groceries will be collected early June.

Mobilizers:

• Thank you to all who attended the Mission Committee informational. Please reach out to Pastor Pablo with any follow up questions. Missions Orientation (a requirement to serve on the committees) will be scheduled soon. 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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