



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

May 4, 2025

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO PROMISES REDEMPTION

(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):** Kim Linenbroker, Michelle Goldstein, Steve O'Neal, Josie Standerfer

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Jerome Merritt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

"The root of pride is saying that we can do without God."

— James Montgomery Boice

"And there is no difference whether they simply worship an idol, or God in the idol. It is always idolatry when divine honors are bestowed upon an idol, under whatever pretext this is done." — John Calvin

"Little children, keep yourself from idols." — 1 John 5: 21

## Devotional Preparation

Where is our trust placed? We claim that we are trusting Jesus, but in daily practical reality is it really so? What wisdom do we live by? Do we ever let the wisdom of the world take the place of the light of the Word of God (v. 6a)? Do we read our horoscope on the quiet (v. 6b)? What are we trusting for security, the support systems this world offers—insurance and assurance policies (v. 6c), money and investments (v. 7a), military capability (v. 7b)? And do we never make our own gods according to our own fancies (v. 8)? In post-Christian countries, the no-gods are those of folk religion, nice, heart-warming assumptions: trouble-free life after death, a ‘god’ they never thought of life-long who is only too delighted to welcome them into a cushy heaven. Grandma watching over us, still with us though long dead. Isaiah’s definition of a ‘no-god’ is self-reliance. The idolater had ‘done it all himself’ with his strong hands and skilled fingers. So have you never met someone whose commitment to Christian works has become a pathological zeal? They just can’t stop. Devotion has become the hard taskmaster called Duty and, though they would sternly deny it, the onlooker wonders if somewhere along the line justification by faith with its glorious restfulness has been swallowed by salvation by works. Dutifulness has killed off joyfulness. It truly is a point at which sensitive and constant alertness is the order of the day. Our most precious possession is ‘Yahweh’s light’ (v. 5), ‘the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God ... the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ’ (2 Cor. 4:3, 6). Ever and always, as our outstanding priority, ‘Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in his wonderful face’—not, of course, by way of inner vision, but by way of the printed page—the Emmaus way (Luke 24:31–32), the only way the risen Lord allowed.

Alec Motyer, *Isaiah by the Day: A New Devotional Translation* (Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2011), 24.

Song of Preparation

There Is A Redeemer

Melody Green

D D<sup>sus</sup> D D<sup>sus</sup> D A D G A D A



1. There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; \_\_\_\_\_  
3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face; \_\_\_\_\_

5 D D<sup>sus</sup> D D<sup>sus</sup> D D<sup>sus</sup> D G G/B A<sup>sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O \_\_\_\_\_ for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in \_\_\_\_\_ that ho - ly place.

CHORUS

9 D D/F# G D G A D A<sup>7</sup>



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, \_\_\_\_\_ and

13 D D<sup>sus</sup> D D<sup>sus</sup> D D<sup>sus</sup> D G G/B A<sup>sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D



leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work \_ on \_ earth is done.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 30 (selected)

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

Leader: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

**All: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: Now, O Lord, enable us to praise you, the one who brings joy this morning!

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
Trinity Hymnal #100

# *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## **Chorus**

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before, O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus)

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—John 21:1-19

### *Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples*

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 9:1-5**

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Acts 9:17-19**

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to to God for giving us eyes to see.

**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 Lamb Has Overcome

Luke Morton

**VERSE**

**5** *Dm* The Lamb has ov - er - come spread The Lamb has ov - er - come spread The *Gm* */A*  
*1,6.* The ta - ble now is spread The ta - ble now is spread This

**10** *Bb* *F* *A* *Dm* *A* *Dm*  
bat - tle's done and the vic - to - ry is won For the Lamb has ov - er - come!  
wine and bread bro - ken bo - dy and blood shed The ta - ble now is spread.

**14** *Dm* *Gm* */A*  
2. No grave could hold him down. No grave could hold him down Up

**19** *Bb* *F* *A* *Dm* *A* *Dm*  
from the ground, "He is ri - sen!" was the sound No grave could hold him down

**23** *Dm* *Gm*  
3. At God's right hand is he near At God's right hand is  
4. The day is draw - ing near The day is draw ing

**27** */A* *Bb* *F* *A* *Dm* *A*  
he near. Our Per - fect Plea as he lives to in - ter - cede At God's right hand is he  
He shall ap - pear and will wipe a - way each tear The day is draw - ing

**31** *Dm* *Bb* *F*  
near. Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain Glo - ry

**34** *A* *Dm* *Bb* *F*  
be un - to his name Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain Glo - ry

**38** *A* *Dm*  
be un - to his name!

**40** *A 2* *Dm*  
be un - to his name! Wor - thy

# 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

"A Tale of Two Cities"

Isaiah 2

Sermon Series: Isaiah

Mr. Mitchell Dixon

## \*Song of Response

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Trinity Hymnal #295

# 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)

## *The Feast*

William Gadsby, Karl Digerness, Karl Digerness

## 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.*

**Nursery Volunteer (SS):** Sarah Oehlerking (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 classes for all ages meet today.** No Sunday school on May 11.

**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: Linenbroker, Goldstein, O'Neal, Standerfer. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Doiron, Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Highmark, Nichols. CC: Steele, Hawley, Standerfer.

Our ladies **Wednesday morning (9 am) and evening (6:15 pm) Bible study** is reading Jen Wilkin's book, *Women of the Word* and will discuss chapter 4 this week.

**Men's Bible study:** Meets this Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri. at 6:30am.

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

The next **Ladies Connect** is Thur., May 29 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

**Kingdom Kids** wraps up on May 25 from 4:30-6:30pm with a combined pizza dinner, outdoor games, and water fun with the youth group.

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

We are hosting a **Blood Drive with the Red Cross on May 14th** from 2-6pm. Help save a life by donating blood. Register using the QR code to the right.

**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.

**Men's Breakfast:** Sat., May 24th from 8-9:30am.

Mark your calendars for an evening of **Prayer & Praise** on May 31st at the O'Neals.

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](#):



### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This month, we will be wrapping up our Sunday School year, Kingdom Kids has an end of semester party with the youth, and all our graduating children will be celebrated on **Promotion Sunday on May 25th.**

**Mark your calendars:**

May 9 - 5th gr. Connection!

Jun. 7 - Summer Kickoff

Jun. 28 - Brentwood Beats

July 11 - Frozen at the Muny

Aug. 2 - Bike Night.

(See Erin Wagberg for more information)

# MISSION UPDATE

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



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

## Goers:

- **Forai** is a ministry to Refugee and Immigrant women in the St. Louis area. Their mission is to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, while walking with them and teaching them the skills to create their own business. Learn about other opportunities by following the link in the QR code.
- **Restore St. Louis Workday** – Our next Restore workday will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing yard work. **Please register by Thursday, May 8. We need to send in a headcount.**
  - **Here is a typical workday schedule:**
    - **8:30am** - Arrive at New City Fellowship - UCity for devotional and prayer.
    - **9:00** - Receive your assignments and gather tools/supplies
    - **9:30** - Serve your neighbor
    - **12:30** - Return to NCF-UCity to drop off tools and go home.

## Senders:

- **Robinson Food Pantry — Volunteers needed! Please register via QR Code.** May 15<sup>th</sup> is the last school pantry of the year. We will be collecting donations through Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are grocery shopping, please consider buying one or some of the following from the pantry wish list:
  - Liquid Hand Soap and Dish soap
  - Disinfecting Spray/All-Purpose Cleaner
  - Toilet Paper and Paper Towels and Tissues
  - Laundry Detergent and Bleach
  - All Feminine Products
  - Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
  - Women's and Men's Deodorant
  - Sugar and Flour
  - Cooking Oil
  - Shampoo and Conditioner

## Welcomers:

- **"High School Musical"** – Don't miss this opportunity to witness the wonderful work of the students at Promise Christian Academy. Grab a postcard at the Welcome Desk. **Only one showing on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Location: Westminster Christian Academy**
- **Trinity Food Pantry!** Through the summer months, we will be hosting a food pantry right here at Trinity. The dates will be **June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and August 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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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