



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

June 22, 2025

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO ASSURES US OF OUR FUTURE

(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, Lori Nichols, Linda Manwaring, Cheryl Poe

**Liturgist:** Matt Pannkuk

**Scripture Reader:** Ellie Perry

**Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder,** Jim Bava

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

"We should all be concerned about our assurance of salvation, because if we lack assurance we lack joy, and if we lack joy our life is probably of a poor quality."

— David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Let us not seek any other ground of assurance than God's own testimony." — John Calvin

"Election gives assurance of salvation." — James Montgomery Boice

"Assurance is a most delicate plant. It needs daily, hourly, watering, tending, cherishing. So watch and pray the more when you have got it." — J. C. Ryle

## WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

**5 Things We Should Know About Assurance** — Robert Godfrey; [ligonier.org](http://ligonier.org)

When Horatius Bonar...compared Arminian and Calvinist views of assurance, he stated: "To an Arminian, who denies election and the perseverance of the saints, the knowledge of our present reconciliation to God might bring with it no assurance of final salvation; for, according to him, we may be in reconciliation today, and out of it tomorrow; but to a Calvinist there can be no such separation . . . Indeed, apart from God's electing love, there can be no such thing as assurance. It becomes an impossibility."

Bonar shows how assurance accompanies the doctrines of election and perseverance of the saints. Therefore, the Canons of the Synod of Dort serve as an excellent resource for understanding assurance. When we focus on the first and fifth heads of doctrine (which define election and perseverance), we find five essential truths concerning the doctrine of assurance.

### 1. Assurance Starts with Election (I.12)

The Canons of Dort give a helpful definition of election in article 7 of the first head of doctrine. The article explains how “before the foundation of the world, by sheer grace, according to the free good pleasure of [God’s] will, he chose in Christ to salvation a definite number of particular people.” Election is an immense truth. Scripture calls us to realize that the Lord had chosen His people before the world even began. How then does this overwhelming truth assure us? The Canons of Dort answer in article 12 of the first head of doctrine by stating that “assurance . . . is given to the chosen in due time . . . Such assurance comes not by inquisitive searching into the hidden and deep things of God.” . . . [As] His creatures, we find assurance not by trying to delve into His hidden things but by reflecting on what He has revealed. We can receive immense assurance in the truth of election that He has revealed clearly throughout Scripture (Rom. 9–11).

### 2. Assurance Has Evidence (I.13)

Second, we see the fruit of assurance in article 13 of the first head of doctrine. The article states that in “the assurance of this election God’s children daily find greater cause to humble themselves before God . . . and to give fervent love in return to him.” The fruit of assurance answers one of the greatest allegations against the doctrine of election, as the canons go on to say that “this is far from saying that this teaching concerning election . . . make God’s children lax in observing his commandments or carnally self-assured.” As those who have full confidence that we are God’s elect, we also receive assurance in the evidence of our Christian lives.

### 3. Assurance Applies to Our Lost Infants (I.17)

Article 17 of the first head of doctrine gives great pastoral assurance for children of believers who die at a very young age. We are told, “not by nature but by virtue of the gracious covenant in which they together with their parents are included, godly parents ought not to doubt the election and salvation of their children whom God called out of this life at infancy.” An assurance of God’s covenantal promises is given for a specific sorrowful situation. We are pointed to the assurance of everlasting life even in the face of death’s sadness.

### 4. Assurance Is More than an Experience (V.9–11)

Sometimes we can be tempted to look entirely to our own experience for assurance. How we feel quickly becomes the measurement of our assurance. However, the fifth head of doctrine provides a helpful description of assurance that involves more than our personal experience in articles 9–11. Article 9 shows how our assurance comes “in accordance with the measure of [our] faith.” Article 10 goes on to show what ground this assurance must come from. We are told that “this assurance does not derive from some private revelation beyond or outside the Word, but from faith in the promises of God . . . in his Word.” Furthermore, article 11 goes as far as to state that even our own doubts serve to strengthen our assurance (see 1 Cor. 10:13). So rather than looking for assurance in a personal experience or emotion, we are called to find assurance in the truth of faith in God’s Word.

### 5. Assurance Is Not Apathetic (V.13)

Finally, the assurance of salvation leaves no room for apathy. The idea of apathy was another allegation brought by the Remonstrants against the doctrines of election and perseverance of the saints. The argument was that if the Lord had sovereign power in election, and if the Holy Spirit was at work in preserving the saints, then wouldn’t we be tempted to be apathetic in the Christian life? Why would we not claim assurance and live in apathy? Article 13 of the fifth head of doctrine answers this allegation by stating that we seek “to observe carefully the ways of the Lord . . . in order that by walking in them [we] may maintain the assurance of [our] perseverance.” In the second point, we considered how assurance has evidence. In this conclusion, we see how assurance desires evidence. Assurance cannot produce “immorality or lack of concern for godliness.” Rather, we find assurance as pilgrims on a journey. While we face doubts, difficulties, stumbles, and failures, we still may continue on a journey with full assurance that our Lord will not forsake us.

# Song of Preparation

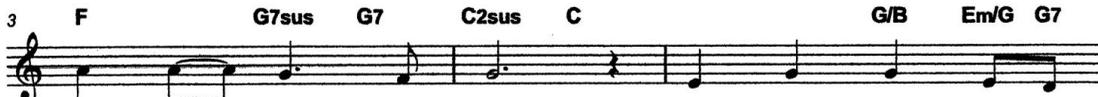
## As the Deer

Words and Music by Martin Nystrom

♩ = 74



1 As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my  
 2 You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven  
 3 I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



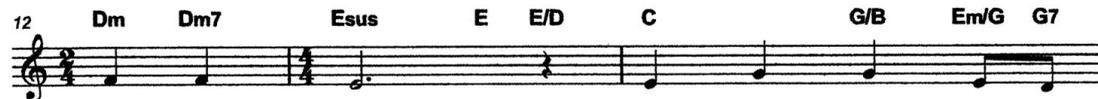
soul long - eth af - ter Thee. You a - lone are my  
 though You are a King. I love You more than  
 You can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the



heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.  
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.  
 real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my



spir - it yield. You a - lone are my



heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 42 (Selected)

Leader: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

**People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

Leader: Hope in God; for you shall again praise him, your salvation and your God.

**People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?**

**All: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

Leader: As we lift our voices to you, O Lord, humble us and meet us and guide our hearts to see you, the only wise King.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Trinity Hymnal #691

# Goodness of God

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

♩=63

## VERSE

A

D



1. I love \_ You, Lord. \_\_\_\_  
2. I love \_ Your voice.) \_\_\_\_

Oh, Your mer - cy nev - er fails .  
You have led me through the fi -

3

A

E/G#

F#m7

D



me. All \_ my days \_\_\_\_  
- re. In dark - est night, \_\_\_\_

I've been held in \_ Your hands. .  
You are close like \_ no oth -

5

E(4)

F#m7

D



- er.

From the mo - ment that I wake up un - til I lay  
I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as

7

A

E/G# F#m7

D

E(4)

A



my head,  
a friend.

I \_ will sing \_  
I \_ have lived \_

of the good - ness  
in the good - ness

of God. \_  
of God. \_

## CHORUS

10

D<sup>2</sup>

A

D<sup>2</sup>



All my life \_ You have \_ been faith - ful.

All my life \_ You have \_ been so, .

13 A E<sup>(4)</sup> D<sup>2</sup> A E/G# F#m<sup>7</sup>

— so good. With ev-'ry breath \_ that I \_ am a - ble I \_ will sing \_

16 D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> Last time to Coda ☩ 1. A 2. A

— of the good - ness of God. \_ 2. I love \_ Your voice. \_

**BRIDGE**

19 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. \_

21 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. \_ With my life \_

23 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup>

\_ laid down, \_ I'm sur - ren - dered now; \_ I give \_ You ev - 'ry - thing. \_

25 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> 1. E<sup>(4)</sup> A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. \_

27 2. E<sup>(4)</sup> A D.S. al Coda

run - ning af - ter me. \_

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **New Testament Reading—Luke 8:26-39**

*Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon*

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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—Galatians 3:23-26**

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Gal. 3:27-29**

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Leader: Children of God, give thanks to God because he has adopted you as sons and daughters, and nothing can snatch you from his hands.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick

4 C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> G/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C

1. My worth is not in what I own; not  
 (2. My) worth is not in skill or name; in  
 (3. As) sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,  
 (4. I) will not boast in wealth or might, or  
 (5. Two) won - ders here that I con - fess: my

7 C<sup>2</sup> F C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> G G#° Am F

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the  
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the  
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the  
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the  
 worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the

11 1, 3. C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C 2, 4. C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup>

cross. 2. My cross.  
 cross. 4. I cross.

15 F<sup>2</sup> G Am F C/E G<sup>2</sup>

I re-joice in my Re - deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well-spring of my soul.

19 F<sup>2</sup> G Am C/E F G

I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a -

22 C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C D.S. al Coda

7  
 -lone.

3. As  
 5. Two

# 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)

*My Help, My God*

Sandra McCracken. Based on Psalm 42

## **Sermon**

"Assurance for the Future"

Isaiah 14:1-2

Sermon Series: Isaiah

Rev. Pablo Rosales

Why can we have assurance for the future?

Because The Lord chooses in His \_\_\_\_\_

Because The Lord holds the future in His \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, we rule presently as citizens of His \_\_\_\_\_

## \*Song of Response

## Before the Throne of God Above

Charlie Lees Bancroft. Alt. Words and Music by Vikki Cook



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect  
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with -  
3 Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less, Right - eous -



plea; A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for  
in. Up - ward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my  
ness. The great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace. One with Him - self. I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His



heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
free. For God. the just. is sat - is - fied. To look on Him and par - don  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my



part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
God. With Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

## \*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):** Chenoa Pysar (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Today: Introducing: Hope Presbyterian Church (Rev. Tim Jackson)**

Are you interested in hearing more about the next phase in our church planting journey? What does the next year hold? Are you curious how you can be involved? Come and listen as we talk about where we think God is calling us as we step out in faith to plant Hope Presbyterian Church.

June 29: Dr. Aaron Goldstein will be teaching on "Baptism & the Biblical Story."

July 6: All-church pot-luck luncheon

July 13: Pastor Polski will report back on the key actions taken at the 2025 PCA General Assembly

July 20: Matt Pannkuk will be teaching on "What are you talking about?" The three main ways we use language and how this can help us to better understand the bible.

July 27: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt will be teaching on strategies for maintaining your faith in the secular workplace.

Aug. 3: All-church pot-luck luncheon

Aug. 10: Pastor Polski will be teaching on the topic of "Parenting adult children and relating to your parents after you've been married."

### **Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level**

#### **Children's Summer Sunday School**

This summer begins our Summer of "Why?" for our 6 week series answering why we're here, why we sin, why we need Jesus, and more! We'll be learning the verse Jeremiah 33:3 together, do fun crafts/activities that correlate with each lesson, and more! Please join us for this special time! All kids 3yrs (by July 31 and potty trained) through 5th grade will be meeting in room 106.

**Nursery - Room 104**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages 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:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Schlitt, Nichols, Hendricks, Poe. SS: Pysar. CC: Waldrons & Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Highmark, Williamsons, Manwaring. SS: Linenbroker.

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

The **Young Adults Ministry:** If you are a high school grad to mid 30s, come join us! Families with small children welcome. Want to learn about upcoming events? See Jackson or Abby Roberts.

**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.

**Food Pantry:** Over the next few months Trinity will host the Robinson Food Pantry. You can help in a few ways. Prayer is always needed, there will be two more opportunities to serve at the Food Pantry, or you can give needed items. More information and sign ups can be found using the QR code to the right.

**Church Directory:** Have you signed up for the church directory or updated your family info? All can be done via Church Center. See Amy Mitchell with any questions.

**Ladies,** you should have received an email with upcoming events for the summer. Stop by the Women's Ministry Table in the hallway for a printed copy.

**Men's Chamber Choir,** led by Addie Akin meets during Sunday School through July 27th. No experience necessary!

**Children's Story Time:** Join us as we read some of R.C. Sproul's children's books! We'll offer a light snack and make a craft that goes along with each story. We'll meet from 9:30-11am on select Friday mornings in June and July, so please be sure to register using the QR code to the right.

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:** Erin Wagberg ([Erin.wagberg@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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 [following the link:](#)



## COMMUNITY SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of the month between May and September, Trinity will be setting aside our normal Christian Education hour in favor of a community building **pot-luck luncheon that is open to everyone**, including visitors. Bring a dish (non-dessert) that serves 8-10 people (fridge space is limited). We will provide water, juice boxes, chips, cookies, plates, and utensils. If you want to eat outside you may want to bring lawn chairs or a blanket.

# MISSION UPDATE

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



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

## Goers:

- **STL Post-Tornado Clean Up.** MNA Disaster Relief and Restore St. Louis have been continuing their work in the area affect by the recent tornado. If you would like to participate in clean up, please contact Pastor Pablo to get connected.

## 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.
- Look below for an opportunity to provide resources for the upcoming Summer Pantry.

## Welcomers:

- **Trinity Food Pantry! Our first pantry in this Thursday, June 19<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. There are only a few spots left for the June pantry. Other dates will be added soon. However, you can register to pray and help stock our pantry!
  - If you are out shopping, please consider buying one, two, or a few of the following:
    - Liquid Hand Soap and Dish soap
    - Laundry Detergent
    - Bleach
    - Toilet Paper
    - Paper Towels
    - All Feminine Products
    - Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
    - Sugar and Flour
    - Cooking Oil
    - Shampoo and Conditioner
    - Frozen products: meals, meats, veggies
    - Diapers (Sizes 4 – 7)
    - Small containers of cocoa butter

## Mobilizers:

- **Pilgrim's Progress Prayer Path** – Over the last year, a few mobilizers have been working to create a prayer path around the church property. While it isn't paved, the grass is cut shorter than the rest. Altogether, there are 9 stations calling us to contemplate, meditate, confess, offer thanksgiving, and petition our Lord. Take the 1/3-mile loop which starts and ends at the white picket fences near the entrance of our property.
  - **Walking sticks are available in Pastor Pablo's office to borrow.**

# 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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