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TRINITY CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



# WELCOME

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF ALL AUTHORITY

(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 McCall, Barb Schlitt, Steve O'Neal, Josie Standerfer

**Liturgist:** Mitchell Dixon

**Scripture Reader:** Mary Berardi

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

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." – Jesus

"[Jesus] gives [his followers] all authority in heaven and on earth, heavenly authority in place of the earthly authority offered him by the devil (4:8). The authority given him by God, and envisaged in Daniel 7:14, has been tested in the fire of controversy, suffering and death. And now, resplendent in his risen glory, he delegates that authority to his followers. They will need every bit of it if they are to fulfil the vision of Daniel and exercise Christ's dominion worldwide." – John Stott

"Jesus comes close to them and addresses them to bring strength and calm. He was and is and always will be their Master, whose presence and words are what bring meaning and guidance to their daily lives. His words are an essential foundation for the disciples' personal security, but also for the commission to follow." – Michael Wilkins

"The servants of Christ are not to preach repentance on their own authority, or even on the authority of the Church of Christ, but they are to preach it on the authority of the Church's ascended Head!" – Charles Spurgeon

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## The Great Commission - Matthew 28:16–20 (*ligonier.org*)

After His resurrection, Jesus visited with His disciples and instructed them for forty days before ascending into heaven (Luke 24:36–49; John 21; Acts 1:1–11). The only event Matthew records following the resurrection, besides the payoff of the Roman guards (28:11–15), is the commission Christ gave His followers on a mountain in Galilee (vv. 16–20).

We are not sure when this event occurred during those forty days, but its precise chronological placement is unimportant. Apparently, our Lord told His followers to meet Him in Galilee after His resurrection, and the eleven remaining disciples found Him there (vv. 10, 16). Seeing Christ, many of them worshiped Him, though others doubted (v. 17). This doubt, however, is not to be confused with rejection. *Distazein*, the Greek verb translated “doubted,” reflects hesitation, not a refusal of truth. The doubting disciples did not doubt whether or not Jesus was the Messiah, they were just unsure how to respond to Him. Being notoriously slow to understand, it may be that some of them had not yet come to grips with the fact that Jesus was (and is) the incarnate God Himself.

In Galilee Jesus announced that all authority in heaven and earth was given to Him in His resurrection (28:18). Vindicated as God’s spotless lamb, the atonement for the sins of His people, the Father makes plain even today to all with eyes to see that His Son is the Messiah — whose kingdom has no end. Seated at God’s right hand, the Christ exercises His dominion, subduing His enemies through the preaching of the gospel, proving that He, the God-man, received the name above all names in His resurrection (Phil. 2:5–11; Heb. 1:1–4).

John Calvin comments that by nothing other than divine authority could Jesus “command us to promise eternal life in his name, to reduce the whole world under his sway, and to publish a doctrine which subdues all pride, and lays prostrate the whole of the human race.” Only the authority of God Almighty, revealed to us in Jesus and with us by the Holy Spirit, enables us to obey the Great Commission, teaching people to cast off self-reliance and put all their hope for salvation in Jesus alone (Matt. 28:18–20).

# Song of Preparation

## I Love You Lord

Laurie Klein

$\text{♩} = 76$  F Gm/F F F/E $\flat$

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to

5 B $\flat$ /D F/C C/B $\flat$  F/A Gm11 Gm7 C C7/E F Gm/F F

wor - ship You, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear:

12 Fsus/G F/A B $\flat$  F/A Gm11 C Dm/C C7 F B $\flat$ /F F

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. \_\_\_\_\_

## Call to Worship—Psalm 146 (Selected)

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**People:** I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Leader:** Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**People:** When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

**All:** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

**Leader:** O Lord, our God, meet us here as we worship you. Help us to put our trust in you and sing praises to you from the depths of our being.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## **\*Songs of Adoration**

*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

# Great Are You Lord

Words and Music by Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

♩ = 144 **INTRO**

A C#m7 B<sup>sus</sup> 1. 2.

You give

**VERSE**

6 A C#m7 B<sup>sus</sup> A

life. You are love. You bring light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re -

11 C#m7 B<sup>sus</sup> A C#m7

-store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. — And great are You, —

§ **CHORUS**

16 B<sup>sus</sup> A C#m7

Lord. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

Last time to Coda ♯

20 B<sup>sus</sup> A C#m7

pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

**INSTRUMENTAL 1**

24 B<sup>sus</sup> A C#m7 B<sup>sus</sup>

pour out our praise to You on - ly.

29

2, 4.  $B^{sus}$  D.S.  $B^{sus}$  3.

You give pour out our praise to You on - ly. It's Your pour out our praise to You

**INSTRUMENTAL 2**

33

E  $E^{sus}$   $A^2$

on - ly.

**BRIDGE**

40

E E  $E^{sus}$

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these

45

$A^2$

bones will sing, — "Great are You, —

48

1, 2. E 3. E D.S. al Coda

Lord!" — And Lord!" — It's Your

$\diamond$  Coda

**ENDING**

52

$B^{sus}$  A  $C\#m^7$

pour out our praise to You on - ly.

56

$B^{sus}$  A  $C\#m^7$   $B^{sus}$

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Acts 5:21-32**

The Apostles Arrested and Freed

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey 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— 1 Timothy 6:6-10**

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

## WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 24:3-5**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for making our hands clean and our hearts pure through Jesus 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

## His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

E E/G# A E

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 B C#m A B<sup>sus</sup> E F#m<sup>7</sup>

-ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

6 E/G# A E/G# A E/B

1, 2. **TURNAROUND**  
 B<sup>sus</sup> B<sup>6</sup> B<sup>sus</sup> E E/G#

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.  
 nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

11 A E B C#m A B<sup>sus</sup>

3. **CHORUS**  
 B<sup>sus</sup> B<sup>6</sup> B<sup>sus</sup> E A E

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, —  
 3. What

17 C#m<sup>7</sup> B<sup>sus</sup> A E B<sup>sus</sup> B B<sup>sus</sup> A E

His mer - cy is more. \_\_\_\_\_ Strong - er than dark - ness,

21 B C#m<sup>7</sup> A E

1. B<sup>sus</sup> E  
 2. B<sup>sus</sup> E

new ev - 'ry morn. — Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

# 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)

*Awesome God*

Rich Mullins. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

## Sermon

"Missions is Fueled by Divine Authority"

Matthew 28:18

2025 Missions Sermon Series, *The Fuel for Missions*

Rev. Pablo Rosales

Why is Divine Authority premium fuel for Missions?

Because it is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Because it is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus

Because it is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

# \*Song of Response

# King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .  
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 — with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -  
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 - cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -  
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 - gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -  
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 - dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,  
— our sake — You died. —

12 praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

CHORUS

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of nine staves of music. Above each staff are guitar chords: D/F#, G, A, D, D/F#, G, A, D, D, A<sup>SUS</sup>, A, D, G, Bm, G, A, D. The lyrics are placed below the notes. A 'CHORUS' box is placed above the eighth staff. The score includes repeat signs and a double bar line. The final measure of the ninth staff has a 2/4 time signature change.



2. To re-veal

3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav



- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb .



- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -



- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

VERSE 4



- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir



- it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel, .



- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free



- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me. .

**\*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):** Dave Nichols (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Missions and the Old Testament: Dr. Aaron Goldstein**

The Bible's missionary interests do not begin with the Great Commission at the end of Matthew's Gospel. Rather, its trajectory has always involved all the nations. In this class, we will briefly survey ways in which the Old Testament provides a foundation for understanding the Bible's mission-oriented disposition.

### **Adult Choir (fireplace room)**

The Trinity choir will meet during the Sunday school hour starting Aug. 31. 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.

**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 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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: McCall, Schlitt, O'Neal, Standerfer. SS: Nichols. CC: Sweet, Polski, Younger. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Pannkuk, Martir, Broughton, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC: Mitchell, Rosales, Hawley.

**Kingdom Kids resumes TODAY** from 4:45-6:15pm (please note the new schedule-no dinner). Preschool -5th grade join us for Bible lessons, games, and singing!

The **Women's Bible studies** meet on Wednesdays at 9am or 6:15pm. We are studying Revelation.

**The Men are studying II Timothy** this fall. They will meet on Wed., Oct. 1 at 6:15pm or Fri., Oct. 3 at 6:30am. There will be no other meetings in Oct.

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

We need your help at our **All Church Work Day** on Sat., Oct 4 at 9am. We will have items on our "to do list" both indoors and out.

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

The next **Ladies Connect is Thur., Oct. 9** at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

Our 2025-2026 Concert Series theme is "Ponder anew." Over the next several weeks, you'll find art displayed in the Narthex inspired by this theme. These are **original pieces created by Trinity members**, and each will be displayed for a few weeks at a time. Their art causes us to consider God's goodness once again, with a sense of wonder and amazement.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity or want to learn more about our ministries and the PCA? Consider joining the Sunday school **class for new members, Trinity Connect.** Beginning Oct. 19. Please let us know if you plan to attend. This does not commit you to membership.

The **Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Life Chain** will occur on Sun., Oct. 5 from 2-3pm at the intersection of Manchester and Ballas Road.

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:](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

Sep. 28 Kingdom Kids Begins  
Oct. 4 Church Work Day  
Oct. 9 Ladies Connect  
Oct. 11 Missions Fair & Dinner  
Oct. 25 Men's Breakfast & Flannelpalooza  
Nov. 5 Red Cross Blood Drive  
Nov. 8 Indelible Grace Concert  
Nov. 15 Ladies to Hannah's Ranch  
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Service  
Nov. 29 Christmas Decorating  
Dec. 6 Christmas Craft Party  
Dec. 14 Congregational Meeting  
Dec. 20 & 21 Christmas Concert

# MISSION UPDATE

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



## Prayers:

- Prayer is essential to Trinity's mission. Please see our October 2025 newsletter for ways to pray for our ministries and missionaries. Also, see our public prayer list to pray for congregational needs.

## Goers:

- **Hope Presbyterian Church Plant** – Is God calling you to be part of the Hope Pres launch team in a small or large capacity? What does it mean to live your life “on mission”? A church plant is a huge undertaking and prayers, welcomers, senders, goers, and mobilizers, are all a vital part. A few dates are available for this informational gathering. Check the QR code for more info.
- **Forai (Friends of Refugees and Immigrants)** is hosting a Sip and Shop event at their new location, right here in **Kirkwood (211 S. Kirkwood Rd.) on October 24 from 6:30 – 8:30pm**. Trinity Church members have volunteered to walk alongside several women ministered to through this ministry. From visits, to grocery shopping together, to teaching ESL, “we have welcomed the stranger” with the love and power of the Gospel. Trinity has helped sponsor this event and we invite you join them. Tickets are \$10 and you can purchase at [forai.org](http://forai.org)

## Senders:

- **Trinity Missions Fair and Dinner – October 11<sup>th</sup>** - Join us for our annual Missions Fair and Dinner. Fair starts at 4:00pm and will be followed by dinner at 5:15 (Dalies BBQ) and program at 5:45. Several of our ministry partners/missionaries will share briefly and be available for questions. See how you can be part of it as a sender, doer, prayer, welcomer, or goer.
- **Embroidered Trinity Pull-overs** – The order has gone out. Swan Graphics will begin the process of embroidering. Just so you know, your donation now becomes a way for some young adults in the lower Yakima Valley to learn business from design to invoice to production to shipping. This is a ministry that exists for the flourishing of image bearers to the Glory of God.

## Welcomers:

- **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** - We concluded our Summer Pantries with 16 families showing at Trinity Church. All the items were donated. We are now shifting back to Robinson to continue to be salt and light in the public school setting. Your donations and volunteering are a testimony to, not only the families we serve, but school staff and faculty. A list of requested donations will be posted soon. Dates a posted. Please sign up and bring your family!
- **Post-POTL** – What an amazing time together at Party on the Lawn! Huge thank you to the volunteers and the amazing one and only Party on the Lawn Band. As a reminder, we had several visitors from all over the St. Louis area join us that night. Many were looking for a church home. If you happen to see a visitor, extend the hand, and love, and welcome of Jesus to them. Point them to the welcome desk where we have a gift waiting for them.

## Mobilizers:

- If you've ever thought to yourself, “I wish we could do this,” or “I wish we would do that.” Let's have a chat about Missions. Are you passionate about PowerPoint and communicating mission opportunities to the congregation? **The Mission Committee is looking for you.** Reach out to Pablo for more 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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