



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 19, 2025

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO JUDGES JUSTLY

(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): Laurel Elzinga, Michelle Goldstein, Cheryl Poe, Josie Standerfer

Liturgist: Mason Powell

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

“Is Jesus our Example?” By David Mathis, Ligonier

Before writing that Jesus left us “an example, so that [we] might follow in his steps,” Peter first claims that “Christ suffered for you”—that is, in a way that we do not suffer on behalf of others. When Jesus suffered at the cross, He “bore our sins in his body”; He healed our wounds through His being wounded for us (1 Peter 2:24). We were the ones straying like sheep, and His unique work for us redeemed us from our sin that we might live in holiness (1 Peter 2:25).

In His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has done for us—those who are joined to Him by faith—what we could not do for ourselves or for someone else. We cannot die to redeem fellow sinners from the eternal consequences of their sin. But Jesus, as God Himself and the perfect Man, substituted Himself for sinners at the cross. Christ suffered for us who believe in Him.

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

A prayer on 1 Peter 2:16-17 by Rev. Scotty Smith

Heavenly Father, in the past 20 years of my life I've vexed, wrangled, and criticized political leaders more than I've prayed for them—on both sides of the isle, and both sides of the oceans surrounding my homeland. Aggravation and distrust have come easier than prayer and gratitude. That's a confession not a boast.

It's humbling to realize that when Peter wrote this letter, the despotic narcissist Nero was the sitting emperor in Rome. Corruption permeated both religious and secular courts. But Peter clearly lived with greater trust in Jesus—the King of kings, than fear of the madman of all madmen, Nero.

Today and every day—hope, wisdom, and redemptive engagement are the order of the day. For you've already installed Jesus as king of the cosmos (Psalm 2). Jesus' kingdom has come and will come in fullness one Day. You continue to “set up and sit down” kings and presidents, premiers and governors at your bidding. That doesn't mean they're all good; but that they're all yours.

So, show us what “doing good” looks like as dual citizens—first of your Kingdom, and second of our country. And keep us from confusing or conflating the two. The Scriptures and Gospel call us to live as your servants — only fearing, revering, and worshipping you. Forgive us when we're tempted to see mere men even as “little gods”—like the crowd who called Barnabus, Zeus, and called Paul, Hermes—after they healed a lame man (Acts 14:8-18).

And please give us humble leaders in our countries and churches, who like Barnabus and Paul, didn't see themselves as special, but as your servants. Decrying adulation and deification—they “tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ‘Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you.’” Please, Father, please—give us these kinds of leaders. Amen.

Call to Worship—Psalm 50 (selected)

Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

Leader: O Mighty God, come and inhabit our praise that we might ascribe to you the glory that is due to you alone!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Our Great God

Fernando Ortega

Verse 1 & 2

8 A Em Em7

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un -
2. Lord we are weak and frail help - less in the

12 A Em Em7

known. Your bound - less love un - fail - ing, in grace and mer - cy
storm.. Sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your

16 A F#m D2

shown. Bright ser - a - phim - in end - less flight a -
arms. Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my, his

19 F#m D2 A Em

round - Your glo - rious throne, They raise their voices day and night in
pleas - ure is our harm. Rise up, oh Lord and he will flee be -

23 Em7 A A Em

praise to You a - lone. Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry -
fore our Sov - 'reign God.

27 D A A

be to our great - God Ha - le - lu -

30 Em 1. D

jah! glo - ry be to our great

32 A Em A A 2.D
 God, Lord, be to our great

Instrumental

37 A Em A Em A Em
 God

Verse 3

43 A A A Em Em7
 3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing

48 A A Em Em7
 bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry field, and val - ley of the

52 A F#m D2
 earth, let all the moons and all the stars in

55 F#m D2 A
 all the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the

Chorus 2

58 Em Em7 A A
 liv - ing God, who rules them by His Word. Ha - le - lu -

62 Em D 1. A 2. A
 jah! glo - ry be to our great God! Ha - le - God

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

G **Em7**



1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 **C2**



— Let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps
— Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 **G** **Em7**



— Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10 **C2**



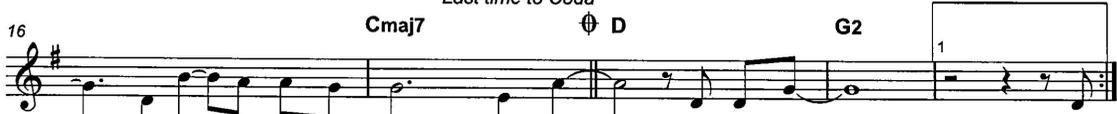
— and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
— the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

13 **G** **Em7**



— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

16 **Cmaj7** **D** **G2**



— And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

Last time to Coda

1

21 **G** **Em7**

Name a - bove _____ all names, _____ wor - thy of _____ all praise. _____

25 **Cmaj7** **D** **G**

_____ My heart will sing: _____ How great _____ is our God! _____

30 **D** **G** *D.S. al Coda*

_____ is our God! _____ How great _____

Coda
33 **D** **G2**

_____ is our God! _____

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 18:1-8

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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— 2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Jer. 31:34

"For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for remembering our sin no more!

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 Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

Words by William Gadsby. Music by Sandra McCracken

♩=75

VERSE 1

C C^{2(no3)} C F^{2(no3)} G^{sus}

1. The love of Christ is rich and free, fixed on His own e - ter - nal -

4 C C^{2(no3)} C F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} C

-ly. Nor earth nor _ hell _ can it re - move, long as He lives His own He'll love.

VERSE 2

9 C C^{2(no3)} C F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} C

2. His lov - ing heart en - gaged to _ be their ev - er - last - ing sur - e - ty. 'Twas love that

14 G/C C F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} C

_ took their cause in hand, and love main - tains it to the end. Love

CHORUS

18 Fmaj⁷ G^{sus} C Fmaj⁷ G^{sus} C

can - not from its post with - draw. Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law can

22 Fmaj⁷ G^{sus} Am⁷ F² 2nd time to Coda Φ G^{sus} G

turn the sure - ty's heart a - way. He'll love His own to end-less days. 3. Love has re -

VERSE 3

27 C C^{2sus} C F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} C

-deemed His sheep with blood, and love will bring them safe to God. Love calls them

31 C^{2(no3)} C F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} C D.S. al Coda

all from death to life, and love will fin - ish all their ___ strife. Love

Coda INSTRUMENTAL

35 G^{sus} C G/B C F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} C

VERSE 4

40 F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} C C C^{2(no3)}

4. At death be - yond ___ the _ grave He'll .

44 C Fmaj⁷ G^{sus} C

___ love. In end - less bliss His own shall prove the blaz - ing ___ glo - ry of that

48 F^{2(no3)} G^{sus}

love ___ which nev - er could from them re -

50 Am⁷ F^{2(no3)} G^{sus} G C

-move, _ which nev - er could from them re - move.

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)

Lord I Need You

Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Daniel Carson

Sermon

"Submission to Authority"

1 Peter 2:13-25

Rev. Tim Jackson

*Song of Response

Justice Will Roll Down

Sandra McCracken

Verse

1. Oh my love, you have grown so cold to the world out-side,
2. child, I will be your light in your se-cret pain,

6 to the house next door. She who has been loved much,
in the dark of night. No en-e-my, no con-quer-or

10 has so much to give, mer-cy is the fra-grance
will steal your life from me, I am your sal-va-tion,

14 of the brok-en and your vic-tory. Chorus Jus-tice will roll down oh

19 jus-tice will roll down, from high up-on those moun-tains with a might

23 -y riv-er sound, it will roll down, it will roll down.

28 Verse 3
2. Oh my 3. Soon, oh

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the song 'Justice Will Roll Down' by Sandra McCracken. The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb). It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Verse' and contains the first two lines of the song. The second staff continues the first line and begins the second line. The third staff continues the second line. The fourth staff begins the chorus with the lyrics 'of the brok-en and your vic-tory.' and 'Jus-tice will roll down oh'. The fifth staff continues the chorus. The sixth staff continues the chorus. The seventh staff continues the chorus. The eighth staff is labeled 'Verse 3' and contains the final two lines of the song. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines: Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Gm, Eb, Bb, Gm, F, Eb, Bb, F, Eb, Gm, C, F, Eb, Gm, Eb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Eb/Bb.

B \flat Eb/B \flat B \flat Eb/B \flat Gm

soon, when the trum-pet sounds, ev-ery knee will bend,

E \flat B \flat Gm E \flat

ev-ery heart will pound. I have made a new world, where the ser-vant is

B \flat F E \flat B \flat

the King, op-pres-sion will be o - ver and the slave set free.

Chorus

F E \flat Gm

Jus-tice will roll down oh jus-tice will roll down, from

C F E \flat

high up - on those moun - tains with a might - y riv - er sound, it will roll down,

Gm E \flat B \flat Eb/B \flat

it will roll down, it will roll down,

B \flat Eb/B \flat B \flat Eb/B \flat B \flat

it will roll down.

***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

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.

The Reformation and Why It Still Matters (Sanctuary)

General evangelicalism seems to be the flavor of the day in the modern church in that people seem to be happy to settle for theology-lite, which prompts a question: Does the Reformation and its core theological teachings still matter? Join Pastor Polski as he explores the key teachings of the Protestant Reformation and explains why they remain significant for modern believers. In Pastor's Polski's absence, the class will kick off on October 19 with a one hour video overview detailing the events that launched the Reformation.

Galatians-Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)

Join us as we study the book of Galatians, with reference for context to the book of Acts. Galatians was written shortly after the historic event related in Acts 15 – the Council of Jerusalem. Galatians affirmed and explained the monumental implications of that first church council: that Christianity was not just a sect of Judaism, but a new faith, that Jesus was not just the Jewish Messiah, but the suffering servant who had died to atone for the sins of all those of every background who are called to believe in him, and that salvation was therefore always and only by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Paul wrote about that “mystery” in many of his epistles, but Galatians is his first and most passionate defense of the gospel of grace that he carried to the gentile world.”

Trinity Connect, New Members Class (Room 111)

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity Church? Or maybe you just want to learn more about our ministries or denomination. Join us for this 7 week Sunday school class. While this is the first step to becoming a member, it does not commit you to following through with membership.

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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Elzinga, Goldstein, Poe, Standerfer. SS: Pysar. CC: Oehlerking, Schmidt, Standerfer. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Linenbroker, Ridenhour, Bava, Goldstein. SS: Martir. CC: Mitchell, Wagberg, Kwong.

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

NO Men's Bible study this week. Pastor Polski will resume the study of II Timothy on Nov. 5th & 7th.

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.

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.** 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 TODAY.

Kingdom Kids meets on the 2nd & 4th Sunday (10/26) from 4:45-6:15pm (please note the new schedule-no dinner). Preschool -5th grade join us for Bible lessons, games, and singing!

Men's Breakfast THIS Sat., Oct. 25 from 8-9:30am.

Trinity is hosting a **Blood Drive with the American Red Cross** on Wed., Nov. 5 from 9am-1pm. You can help by donating blood, candy, or serving. See QR code.

It is almost that time of year! We will open **volunteer sign ups for our annual Christmas Craft Party** NEXT SUN. This event takes MANY hands!

Ladies, we are visiting with the residents and staff at Hannah's Ranch (a branch of Mission Gate) again on Sat., Nov. 15th. For all the details and to sign up use the QR code or go to Church Center events.

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 [following the link:](#)



UPCOMING DATES

- Oct. 25 Men's Breakfast
- Oct. 25 YA Murder Mystery
- Oct. 26 Christmas Craft volunteer sign up opens
- Nov. 1 Ladies Bow Making (10am)
- Nov. 5 Red Cross Blood Drive
- Nov. 8 Indelible Grace Concert
- Nov. 10 Ladies Connect
- 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.
- **This FRIDAY! 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

Senders:

- **Trinity Missions Conference and Dinner** – Thank you to all who came out to this event. Thank you to all the volunteers, missionaries, and ministries, that were present. We pray that this was encouraging and motivating for you.
- **Embroidered Trinity Pull-overs** – Should be arriving any day now. If you ordered one, please be on the lookout for an email that they have arrived!

Welcomers:

- **Thanksgiving Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** – There are several dates available to serve. Please register through the QR code above. This upcoming pantry is **on a Monday** because of Thanksgiving. Please stop by the welcome desk for a list of needed items. **Drop-off items by Sunday, November 16th. Any cold items can be placed in the refrigerator.**
 - Laundry Detergent, All Purpose Cleaner/Disinfectant Spray
 - Dishwasher Gel, Dish Soap
 - Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex
 - Shampoo/Conditioner, Liquid Body Wash, Liquid Hand Soap
 - Feminine Products
 - Deodorant (Men and Women)
 - Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
 - Sugar, Spices, Vegetable Oil
 - Whole turkey or chicken
 - Stuffing, Cans of cranberry, veggies
 - Pie crust, pies (any flavor)
- **Please take a moment to thank those who stand at the doorways every Sunday to smile and say, “Hello”. Our welcome team does an amazing job.**

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.

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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