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TRINITY CHURCH • OCTOBER 5, 2025

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO MAKES DISCIPLES

(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): Jessica Pannkuk, Olga Martir, Karen Broughton, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Debbie Highmark

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..."
— Jesus

"Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples,' not—make converts to your opinions."
— Oswald Chambers

"The aim of Jesus' disciples, therefore, is to make disciples of all men everywhere, without distinction." — D. A. Carson

"The apostles are called not to evoke decisions but to make disciples."
— Michael Green

"A mark of mature Christianity is discipleship—making disciples and being discipled." — Matt Chandler

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Why Evangelism Is a Team Sport —Jonathan Leeman

Is evangelism an individual sport or a team sport? It's both. Jesus commands every Christian to make disciples. But we should make disciples in and through our churches.

Think of the first chapters of Acts, which describe how the Apostles proclaimed the resurrection. Behind them was the church, living together and sharing everything in common, "praising God and enjoying the favor of the people" (2:47; 5:13). Somehow, the life of the church served as a positive witness to the gospel. Then, when persecution broke out and the church scattered, "those who had been scattered preached the gospel wherever they went" (8:4). So the leaders evangelized. The members evangelized. And their life together commended the message.

Maybe Peter had those early days in mind when he later described the church as a people, a priesthood, and a holy nation that lived such good lives that pagans would see their good deeds and glorify God (1 Peter 2:9, 12). Jesus said something similar: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Evangelism is the work of the church. Once a person is reconciled to God and (therefore) to God's people, he gains a new job: sharing the gospel with others. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," Jesus said (Mark 1:17; see Matt. 28:19). Every Christian and church member is charged to bear witness to the gospel.

But that gospel message should be adorned by our lives—individual and corporate. "Gospel doctrine," Ray Ortlund has written, "creates a gospel culture." Or in Jesus' words: "Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another" (John 13:34). His love for us is the church's doctrine. Our love for one another is the church's culture. Then notice the evangelistic effect of our doctrine and culture: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (v. 35). Our good deeds toward outsiders and our love for fellow church members point neighbors and colleagues to Jesus. The life of the church argues for the gospel.

What are some practical lessons? As church members, we must integrate our lives with one another, show hospitality, and make sacrifices for one another. We must invite correction for sin in our own lives and be willing to give it to others. Neglecting church discipline undermines evangelism (see 1 Cor. 5:1–2). We must get equipped to share the gospel, share it, and then live lives that bless outsiders. We should invite non-Christians to church and to informal gatherings of Christian friends. We should share evangelistic stories with each other, and then boast about what others are doing (2 Thess. 1:4). We should also tell non-Christians about the joy of being a Christian and the fellowship of the saints. And if we are pastors or elders, we must equip and set a good example. If pastors aren't evangelizing, members probably won't evangelize either.

Song of Preparation

Spirit of the Living God

Trinity Hymnal #726

Call to Worship—Psalm 139:13-17

Leader: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

People: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

People: Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

Leader: In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

All: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: Lord, you are the God who thought of us before the foundations of the world; you formed us in our mother's wombs. Continue to form us now as your disciples.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Trinity Hymnal #296

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
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*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 5:33-42

The Council, Gamaliel, and the Unstoppable Witness

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

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— Romans 10:13-17

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 5:5-6

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for redeeming us while we were still weak!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fionan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes and Matt Menafee

D D A7 D

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! this I sing - Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 D D A7 D

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
Naught of good that I have done, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
All my life, my cry shall be - Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

9 D D/C# Bm7 D/A Em/G Em/F# Em A7

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;__

13 D D/C# D/C Bm7 Em7 Gma7 A7 D

No oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

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

"Missions is Fueled by Disciple Making"

Matthew 28:19-20a

2025 Missions Sermon Series, *The Fuel for Missions*

Rev. Ben Church

The Church is to make disciples by:

1. Going
2. Baptizing
3. Teaching

Rev. Ben Church: Ben is a pastor and missionary to Kampala, Uganda, where he is planting Christ Our Refuge Church (COR). He is married to Kim who serves in the women's and medical ministries of COR, and together they have five children: Asher (15 years), Elias (13 years), Eva (11 years), Ames (8 years) and Gabe (2 years). Besides preaching the gospel, teaching the Bible and being with his family, Ben loves to play tennis and guitar.

*Song of Response

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Hear the call of the king - dom, lift your eyes to the King; Let His
 (2. Hear the) call of the king - dom, to be chil - dren of light with the
 (3. Hear the) call of the king - dom to reach out to the lost with the



song rise with - in you as a fra - grant of - fer - ing of how
 mer - cy of heav - en the hu - mil - i - ty of Christ; Walk - ing
 Fa - ther's com - pas - sion in the won - der of the cross, bring - ing



God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re - deem all who trust in His un - fail - ing
 just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through
 peace and for - give - ness, and a hope yet to come: Let the na - tions put their trust in



grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav - en, we will an - swer the call. We will
 Him.



fol - low, bring - ing hope to the world, filled with pas - sion, filled with



pow - er to pro - claim sal - va - tion in Je - sus' name. 3. Hear the

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)

Until He Comes Again

Ricky Vasquex, Ike Ndolo, Sandra McCracken, Mitch Wong, and Matt Maher

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): Ruth Harlow (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Missions: Rev. Ben Church

Ben will be giving a report of how the Lord has been working through the planting of Christ Our Refuge Church over the last year. It will include some of the unique challenges and opportunities of ministry in the Ugandan context as well as ministry highlights like church growth, developing discipleship avenues, developments in Kim's medical ministry, and producing new worship songs. Ben will also share about his family's home assignment and prayer requests.

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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Pannkuk, Martir, Broughton, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC: Mitchell, Rosales, Hawley.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Moen, Hendricks, Schmidts. SS: Broughton. CC: Waldrons, Manwarings.

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

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 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 TODAY from 2-3pm at the intersection of Manchester and Ballas Road.

Kingdom Kids meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays (10/12) from 4:45-6:15pm (please note the new schedule-no dinner). Preschool -5th grade join us for Bible lessons, games, and singing!

The next **Men's Breakfast** is 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.

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. 9 Ladies Connect
Oct. 11 Missions Fair & Dinner
Oct. 15 Men's Night
Oct. 25 Men's Breakfast
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.
- **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 Fair and Dinner – October 11th** - Join us for our annual Missions Fair and Dinner. Fair starts at 4:00pm and will be followed by dinner at 5:15 (Dadies 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. There are **several dates available to serve, including October 16**. Please register through the QR code above. Please stop by the welcome desk for a list of needed items. Drop-off items by Wednesday, October 15th.
- **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.

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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