



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

November 2, 2025



# 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.



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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS RIGHTEOUS

(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, Joan Kwong, Tom Schmidt, Maggie McCall

**Liturgist:** Mason Powell

**Scripture Reader:** Tim Moffitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

“He teaches us that Christ suffered in order to bring us to God... since we have been consecrated to God’s service by the death of Christ, it behoves us to suffer, not for our faults, but for righteousness’ sake.”

— John Calvin

“Peter tells us, ‘Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.’... Reverence the Lord Christ in your heart, and in that way you will always be ready to make a case for your hope.”

— John Piper

“It was a ‘divine exchange’ — the righteous One gave up his life for the unrighteous... Because of Christ, our suffering is not useless. It is part of the total plan of God.”

— R. C. Sproul

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

**Relying on God's Grace by R.C. Sproul** (ligonier.org)

The irony of the theology of meritorious suffering is that it tends to produce the very opposite effect from its original intention. What began as a call to humble willingness to suffer became an insidious tool for self-righteousness. Perhaps the most difficult task for us to perform is to rely on God's grace and God's grace alone for our salvation. It is difficult for our pride to rest on grace. Grace is for other people—for beggars. We don't want to live by a heavenly welfare system. We want to earn our own way and atone for our own sins. We like to think that we will go to heaven because we deserve to be there.

All the suffering I could possibly endure could not earn me a place in heaven. Nor can I merit the merit of Christ through suffering. I am altogether an unprofitable servant who must rely on someone else's merit to be saved.

With Paul we can rejoice in our sufferings if they enhance the glory of Christ. We can rejoice in our persecutions and look forward to the promised blessing of Christ. But the blessing Christ promised, the blessing of great reward, is a reward of grace. The blessing is promised even though it is not earned.

Augustine said it this way: "Our rewards in heaven are a result of God's crowning His own gifts. *Sola gratia.*"

**Call to Worship—Psalm 119 (selected)**

Leader: Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your rules.

**People: You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.**

Leader: Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

**People: Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.**

**All: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give (us) understanding that (we) may live.**

Leader: O Lord of righteousness, bend our hearts to celebrate your justice and your truth as we come before you in worship today!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## The Lord Is My Salvation

Keith Getty Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs

F#m D E Sus E F#m D E Sus E

1. The grace of God has reached for\_ me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.  
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.  
 3. My hope is hid - den in the\_ Lord, He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.  
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of\_ need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

8 2.4. D/AE/A A E Refrain D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the\_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal\_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

**Refrain**  
E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the\_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

D A/C# E/G# F#m D A/C# E

be to God, the Fa - ther, - Glo - ry be to God, the Son, - Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus A A

be to God, the Spi - rit; - The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

# Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith. Arr. by Joel Mott and Dan Galbraith

A musical score for the song "Agnus Dei" by Michael W. Smith, arranged by Joel Mott and Dan Galbraith. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music, each with guitar chords written above the notes and lyrics below. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the Lamb. You are ho - ly. Ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the Lamb. Lamb. You are ho - ly. Lamb. A - men." The score includes various guitar techniques such as triplets and a chorus section starting at measure 11. The chords used include A, A<sup>2sus</sup>, D/A, E/A, F#m, E, Bm, and A/C#.

A A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A A A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A E/A

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

4 D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A<sup>2sus</sup> A A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A A

-ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia,

8 A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A<sup>2sus</sup> A

al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns.

11 A<sup>2sus</sup> A D/A E/A D/A E A A E/A A

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You,

15 D/A A F#m E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#

Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

18 D A E/A A D/A A F#m

Lamb. You are ho - ly. Ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y.

22 E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#

-y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

24 1. D 2. D E A

Lamb. You are ho - ly. Lamb. A - men.

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 23:1-6**

The Righteous Branch

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

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 12:17-18**

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 32:1-2**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for covering our sins!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## O Great God

Bob Kaufflin

♩=72

### INTRO

B♭ F Gm7 F/E♭ B♭/D B♭ E♭ F<sup>sus</sup> F



1. O great

### VERSE 1 & 2

6

B♭ E♭/F B♭ Cm B♭/D E♭ B♭ E♭/F



God of high-est heav'n, oc-cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it all and reign su -  
 (2.) blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with-

11

B♭ Cm F<sup>sus</sup> F B♭ F Gm F/E♭ B♭ F



-preme, con-quer ev - ry re - bel pow'r. Let no vice or sin re - main that re -  
 -in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o-pened

16

Gm7 E♭ F<sup>sus</sup> F E♭<sup>2</sup>/G F/A B♭ B♭/D



-sists Your ho - ly war. You have loved and pur - chased me, make me  
 up Your word to me through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me

20

E♭ F<sup>sus</sup> F 1. B♭ F Gm7 Cm F<sup>sus</sup> F E♭/F 2. B♭ F



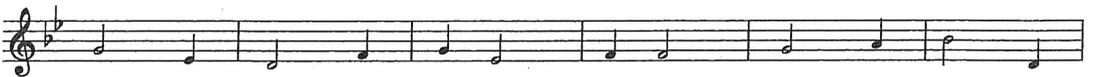
Yours for - ev - er more.  
 end - less hope — and

2. I was peace.

### INSTRUMENTAL 2

25

Gm7 F/E♭ B♭/D F Gm7 E♭ F<sup>sus</sup> F E♭<sup>2</sup>/G F/A B♭ B♭/D



# 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**

"In Pursuit of the Greatest Good"

1 Peter 3:8-18

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker

D Dsus D Dsus D Bm7



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-  
 What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is  
 Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

A D A/C# Bm G D/A A



5 lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-  
 good. Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's  
 lives! And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with

D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#



9 long Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes a-part from His com-  
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y  
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-

G D/A A(F#/A# Bm G D/A A D



13 mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —  
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore the rock of Christ? —  
 stroyed, and we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er more. —

Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G



18 — O sing hal-le-lu-jah Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O — sing hal-le-

— D/F# G D/F# A G Bm A D



24 lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

# 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—1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

## 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)

*Jesus, Strong and Kind*

Colin Buchanan, Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Sending Song

*Mighty God We Thank and Praise You*

Wendell Kimbrough and Ludwig van Beethoven

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;  
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.  
In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;  
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, One.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

### \*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):** Lori Nichols (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.

### **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. 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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: McCalls, Highmark, Schmidt. SS: Nichols. CC: Doiron, Schmidts. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Highmark, Thompson, Schlitt, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC:

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

The **Men's Bible study will meet** Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri. at 6:30am.

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

**Ladies Connect** meets on Mon., Nov. 10 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Nov. 22- 8-9:30am.

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

Our annual Christmas Craft Party is favorite of our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach. We **need a LOT of volunteers and donations** to make it a success.

Information and sign ups are on the table in the main hallway. You can also sign up on Church Center.

The **Christmas Craft Party for kids ages 4yrs thru 5th grade** is on Sat., Dec. 7th from 9am to 12:15pm. Registration is now open-see today's insert.

**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.

You won't want to miss **Indelible Grace, Hymns & Stories** on Nove. 8 at 6:30pm.

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.

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

Nov. 2 Christmas Craft Reg. Open  
Nov. 5 Red Cross Blood Drive  
Nov. 5 Men's Night  
Nov. 8 Indelible Grace Concert  
Nov. 10 Ladies Connect  
Nov. 15 Ladies to Hannah's Ranch  
Nov. 16 Food Pantry donations due  
Nov. 22 Men's Breakfast  
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Service (5:30)  
Nov. 29 Christmas Decorating  
Dec. 6 Christmas Craft Party  
Dec. 14 Congregational Meeting  
Dec. 20 & 21 Christmas Concert  
Feb. 27-28 Women's Retreat

# 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 November 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. **Please see page 4 of this month's newsletter for special prayer request.** Check the QR code for more info.

## 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** – If you ordered one, please come by Pastor Pablo's office and pick your order up. Make sure to sign off next to your name on the sheet.

## 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, Bleach, All Purpose Cleaner/Disinfectant Spray
  - Dishwasher Gel, Dish Soap
  - Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex
  - Shampoo/Conditioner
  - Liquid Body Wash, Liquid Hand Soap
  - Body Lotion
  - Feminine Products
  - Deodorant (Men and Women)
  - Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
  - Antibacterial Wipes
  - Sugar, Salt, Pepper
  - Vegetable Oil
- **Special Needed Items** – Turkeys, Chickens, Stuffing, Cans of Cranberry, Pie Crusts, Pies

## 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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