



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 9, 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 OF GOOD NEWS

(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): Debbie Highmark, Tara Thomason, Barb Schlitt, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Patti Meadows

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. — Psalm 95:1-6

“Singing ... has great force and vigor to move and inflame the hearts of men to invoke and praise God with a more vehement and ardent zeal.” — John Calvin

“There is no song like that of redemption.” — C. H. Spurgeon

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

A Prayer for Singing, Shouting and Giving Thanks to God by Scotty Smith
(thegospelcoalition.org)

Dear heavenly Father, there is no other god like you—none so awe-fueling and praise-worthy, absolutely transcendent and imminently engaged, augustly mighty and overflowing with compassion. We praise you for the great works of your hands which are the overflow of the boundless joy of your heart. How can we keep from singing, as we ponder the magnificence of creation?

You have made all things for your glory and for our joy. We praise you for the soul-centering sound of waves crashing on the shorelines of the world; the poly-chromatic splendor of every sunrise and sunset—painted on the living canvas of the horizon; the instinctive “Aahhh” we offer after savoring the first cup of coffee and the last bite of a favorite dessert.

We praise you for the pan-emotive gift of music—the voice of our hearts. For grand symphonies, which take the chaos of random notes and create auditory beauty and harmonic cosmos; for the bluegrass smorgasbord of fiddle, flat-top guitar, dobro, mandolin and harmonica—calculated to get us on the dance floor of life; for the gut-wrenching, story-telling, angst-releasing expression of “the blues”; for the deep roots and improvisational wings of jazz—giving expression to our love for order and our delight in spontaneity.

And, Father, how can we keep from shouting as we reflect on the wonders of our salvation? How appropriate that your Word reveals our redemption as unsearchable riches and a love beyond knowing. Because of what you have done for us in Jesus, we are fully and eternally accepted in the Beloved. We cannot be more loved than we are today and we will never be loved less. The saints in heaven are more happy than we are, but they are not more secure.

Every tear we shed will be redeemed and wiped away; even sin we have committed, or will commit, has already been forgiven and will never be remembered against us; every heartache, heartbreak and hiccup in life will be redeemed.

Death has already died and eternal life has already begun; the evil one has already been defeated and all evil will be terminally eradicated; already your kingdom has come and, most assuredly, it will come in beatific fullness.

Father, we want to kneel before you and dance before you, simultaneously! Is that possible? We want to shout to the Rock of our salvation, and shut up and be still in utter silence—so great is Jesus’ glory and grace. You have already made our hearts glad, but with only 2% of the joy we will experience forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We love being loved by you, more than anything else we could hope or imagine. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus’ exalted and most glorious name.

Song of Preparation

Grace

Words and Music by Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

5 C Am G C Verse 1



Your

9 C C/E F C Am



grace that leads this sin - ner home from death to life for - ev -

12 G C C/E F



er and sings the song of right - eous - ness by

15 C G C Am G



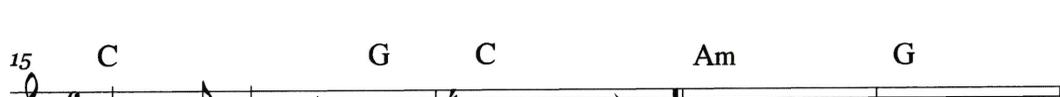
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19 C Verses 2 & 3 C C/E F



2. Your grace that rea - ches far and wide to
3. Your gace that I can-not ex - plan not

22 C Am G C C/E



e - very tribe and na - tion has called my heart to en - ter
by my earth - ly wis - dom the prince of life, with-out a

25 F C G C Chorus 1 & 2



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28 C C/E F C C/A
 grace I am re - deemed by grace I am re -

31 G C C/E F
 stored and now I free - ly walk in - to the

34 C G⁷ C Am G
 arms of Christ, my Lord

38 C Verse 4 C C/E F
 Let praise rise up and o - ver - flow my

41 C Am G C C/E
 song re-sound for - ev - er for grace will see me welcomed

44 F C G C
 home to walk be-side my sav - iour By

47 Chorus 3 & 4 C C/E F C C/A
 grace I am re - deemed by grace I am re -

50 G C C/E F
 stored And now I free - ly walk in - to the

53 C G⁷ 1. C 2. C

Call to Worship—Psalm 145 (selected)

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

All: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

Leader: Help us now, O Lord, to focus our hearts and minds on your splendor so that you will get the glory due your name!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295

I See the Lord

Chris Falson

♩ = 80

D A/C# Em D/F# G

I see the Lord_____ seat - ed on_____ the_____ throne_____ ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#

alt - ed, and the train of His robe_____ fills the tem - ple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A

glo - ry; And the whole earth_____ is_____ filled,_____ and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7

whole earth_____ is filled,_____ and the whole earth_____ is_____ filled_____ with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D

glo - ry. Ho - ly,_____ ho - ly,_____ ho - ly,_____

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G

Asus	A
1	

Asus	A	D
2		

ho - ly,_____ ho - ly is the Lord,_____ Lord_____ of lords.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 20:27-38

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to 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— 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Lord, I am ashamed of myself for the ways that I have openly violated your law, for my secret sins, for my omission of duty, for my failure to take hold of the means of grace, for my boredom in worship, and for all of the sins that dim my love for you. I confess and grieve all of these ways that that I have failed to stand firm in you and failed others due to the sinful weaknesses of my flesh. Even so, you know my sins O Lord, for Christ has interceded with you on my behalf to make propitiation for me, so that I might hear your words of peace anew. By your forgiving mercies, improve my heart's dedication to you so that my joy may grow, my obedience may improve and your glory might be celebrated.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Thes. 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the eternal comfort that comes by grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell

♩=77

VERSE



1. Christ the — sure and stead - y an - chor in the fu - ry of the
 (2. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor while the temp - est rag - es
 (3. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor through the floods of un - be -
 (4. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor as we face the wave of

4



storm, when the — winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been
 on, when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has
 -lief. Hope - less, — some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va -
 death, when these — trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal

CHORUS

8



torn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
 won. Deep - er still, then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
 -ry. This my bal - last of as - sur - ance— see His love for - ev - er
 breath. We will cross that great hor - i - zon, clouds be - hind, and life se -
 (D.S.) shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er

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few, I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cused. I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 proved. All my — hope is in the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cured. And the — calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
 true. We will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

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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 (Adult Choir)

I Will Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)

Arr. by Michael John Trotta

Sermon

"Singing the Gospel"

Colossians 3:12-17

Rev. Kevin Twit, RUF Campus Minister at Belmont University

*Song of Response

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor

G D

1. Let us love and the sing Lord and won - der,
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
 3. Let us sing the though fierce temp - ta - tion

3 Em C

Let us praise the Sa - - vior's name,
 Pit - ied us hard when the en - - e - - mies
 Threat - ens to bear us down

5 G D

He has hushed the law's loud and thun - der,
 Called us by his his grace and taught us
 For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion

7 Em C

He has quenched Mount and Si - nai's flame, He has
 Gave us ears view the and gave us eyes He has
 Holds in view the and the conq - u'ror's crown He who

9 Em C

washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood He has
 washed us with His blood He who

11 Em C

washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood He has
 washed us with His blood He who

13 Em C

washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He pre -
washed us with His blood, Soon will

15 D G

brought us nigh to God
sents our souls to God
bring us home to God

17 D Em C

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of 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): Ruth Harlow (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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Highmark, Thompson, Schlitt, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC: Steel, Williamson, Goldstein. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Moen, Hall, Schmidts. SS: Mitchell. CC: Standerfer, Polski, Younger.

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

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

Ladies Connect meets TOMORROW at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

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

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 via the QR code to the right.

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. Join us for

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.

Trinity's annual Christmas concert will be two nights this year! "His Name Shall Be Called" - Dec. 20 & 21 at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm for a special prelude by Concert Pianist Annie Gregurich). This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors.

Join us for our family-friendly **Service of Thanksgiving** on Wed., Nov. 26 at 5:30pm. We will give thanks through prayer, song, and personal testimonies.

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

Nov. 10 Ladies Connect
Nov. 11 Robinson Food Pantry
Nov. 14 Young Adults Game Night
Nov. 15 Ladies to Hannah's Ranch
Nov. 15 SH Progressive Dinner
Nov. 22 Men's Breakfast
Nov. 23 Food Pantry donations due
Nov. 24 Robinson Food Pantry
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Service (5:30)
Nov. 29 Christmas Decorating
Dec. 6 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 14 Congregational Meeting (SS)
Dec. 20 & 21 Christmas Concert
Dec. 24 Candlelight Service 5pm
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:

- **Embroidered Trinity Pull-overs** – Your orders and referrals of others to Swan Graphics have helped this organization further its mission and here are just a few examples of the work they've fueled together:
 - 28 employees have been given training and employment opportunities
 - 3 past and current employees have graduated or are currently enrolled in university.
 - Started 2 economic development projects: Swan Graphics and Swan Seed Co.
 - 18 individuals have gone through Swan Training classes
 - A duplex was purchased to provide housing for employees of the businesses
- If you ordered a pullover, 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:

- **Special Food Pantry This Tuesday, Nov. 11 — Sign up in QR code above**
- **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 23rd. 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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