



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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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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CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is the form of prayer that Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer.

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF INESTIMABLE MIGHT

(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, Beth Williamson, Tom Schmidt, Shirah Goldstein

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Alyce Bava

Pastor Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

“Satan has no power over the faithful except what is given him from above. Hence we ought not to fear him as if he acted of himself, but to remember that he is restrained by God’s hand.” — John Calvin

“The activity of Satan is most effective where ignorance of the truth prevails.”
— John Owen

“Satan is a defeated enemy whose activity takes place within the shadow of the cross.” — Gerhardus Vos

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

The Lies the Devil Tells — C.A. Polski

A few years back Jared Wilson wrote an interesting little book entitled, *“The Gospel According to Satan: Eight Lies about God that Sound Like the Truth.”* In it he addressed eight of the most common ways that Satan twists the truth into a dagger aimed at undermining and destroying our joy. While there are probably far more than eight ways that he does this, I think it's worth pondering the list that Wilson gives as we prepare to spend time this morning reflecting on the Devil's work of prowling around in search of someone to devour.

- Lie #1: God just wants you to be happy;
- Lie #2: You only live once;
- Lie #3: You need to live your truth;
- Lie #4: Your feelings are reality;
- Lie #5: Your life is what you make it;
- Lie #6: You need to let go and let God;
- Lie #7: The cross is not about wrath;
- Lie #8: God helps those who help themselves.

Each of these lies has a connection to something that is true, even biblical, but each of them distorts and disfigures that truth in order to deceive.

The reason these lies are so effective is that the Devil is an expert in exploiting our weak spots. That's the idea that C.S. Lewis was leaning into when he said, “Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope.”

What gentle slope do you find yourself perched next to this morning?

Let's turn again to the abiding truth of God's word as stated in I Peter 5:6-7: Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Song of Preparation *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord*

Bob Hudson

(Ensemble leads, Congregation echos)

Em D Em Bm7 Em D

Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the Lord, Hum-ble thy-self in the sight of the

4 Em Bm7 Em C D

Lord; And He shall lift you

6 Em D C D Em

up high-er and high-er, and He shall lift you up.

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 three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1-3, the second staff contains measures 4-5, and the third staff contains measures 6-8. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Call to Worship—Psalm 62 (selected)

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

People: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

People: My mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

All: God is a refuge for us.

Leader: Help us now, O Lord of might, to pour out our hearts before you in wonder, thanksgiving and praise!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Trinity Hymnal #521

His Glory and My Good

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Ben Fielding

VERSE 1/2

5 Asus2 E B C#m7
seen my Fa - ther's glo - ry re - vealed in Je - sus Christ... And the
hope in ev - 'ry tri - al for I can trust the Lord... He will

7 Asus2 E B C#m7
more that I be - hold Him, the more He sat - is - fies... When I
turn my heart to - wards Him and help me bare the thorn... So in

9 Asus2 E B C#m7
gaze u - pon His beau - ty, when I see Him as I should then my
faith I fol - low Je - sus on the road not un - der - stood... For I

11 Asus2 E/G# B
eyes are lift - ed up - ward for His glo - ry and my
know that He is work - ing for His glo - ry and my

13 1. Asus2 E B C#m7
good. There is

15 2. E5 Esus
 good. To our

17 **CHORUS** E A E C#m7
 God be the glo - ry, to our God be praise. He a - lone, the name a - bove all

20 B E/G# A C#m7 **To Coda**
 names. I will boast ev - er on - ly in the Lord my God, for I

23 A B Asus2 E
 know His glo - ry is my good.

25 **VERSE 3** B C#m7 Asus2 E
 See the o - pen arms of Je - sus u -

27 B C#m7 Asus2 E
 pon the cross that day. What they un - der - stood as weak - ness de -

29 B C#m7 Asus2 E
 serves my ev - 'ry praise. For the charge that was a - gainst me, it was

31 B C#m7 Asus2 E/G#
 nailed in - to the wood. Yes, I know that He has saved me for His

33 B E **D.S. al Coda**
 glo - ry and my good. To our

⊕ CODA

35 A B A E/G#

know His glo - ry is my good.

sing 1st time only

INSTRUMENTAL

37 C#m7 B A E/G#

39 1. C#m7 B 2. B

Would I

41 VERSE 4 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#

glad - ly be - made noth - ing that Christ would be - made more... Would I

43 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#

seek the on - ly king - dom that far out - weighs them all... I will

45 Aadd2 E Badd4 C#m7

stand be - fore my Fa - ther where the faith - ful saints have stood and with

47 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4 C#m7 Bsus

joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my good. And with

49 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4

joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my

51 E

good. To our

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 32:16-23

Jeremiah Praises the Might and Power of God

"After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying: 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds. You have shown signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all mankind, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day. You brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror. And you gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey. And they entered and took possession of it.'"

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— James 4:6-10

Therefore, it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 12:9

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the sufficiency of His 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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Words by Charle Wesley. alt by Kevin Twit. Music by Kevin Twit

G C Am D

A - rise my soul, a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears;
 He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter-cede,
 Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 My God is re - con - ciled his pard - ning voice I hear;

5 G C Am D

the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears
 his all - re - deem - ing love his prec - ious blood to plead
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers they strong - ly plead for me
 he owns me for his child I can no long - er fear;

9 C G D/F# Em D C

be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands
 his blood a - toned for ev - ry race his blood a - toned for ev - ry race
 for - give him, o for - give they cry for - give him, o for - give they cry,
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh

13 C D G C D

my name is writ - ten on his hands
 and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!
 and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

17 G C D C

Men: A - rise A - rise A - rise, a - rise a - rise, *Unison:* A - rise my soul a - rise
Women: A - rise my soul a - rise

21 G C D C Am

A - rise my soul a - rise

25 Am C D G C D

shake off your guilt - y fears and rise

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

"Resistance is NOT Futile"

1 Peter 5:8-11

Sermon Series, 1 Peter

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #94

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) *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*
Words by Reginald Heber. Music and add'l text by Zac Hicks

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): Jessica Pannkuk (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vocation: Work That Makes a Difference (Pastor Polski's office)

Do you ever feel like you are stuck in the rat race in your work? Does work feel like a drudgery to you? Do you struggle to have a clear sense of how your particular vocational calling can glorify God? Join Pastor Polski as he leads an 8-week interactive study of Dr. Dan Doriani's book, "Work That Makes a Difference." This is a space limited SS class that only has room for seven folks who will pledge to read the chapter in the book related to each week's discussion. If you are interested, you can sign up on Church Center.

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."

Gospel Pictures: Visual Tools for Discipleship and Evangelism (Room 111)

Christians often understand the truths of Scripture but struggle to communicate them clearly to others. This class introduces simple visual illustrations that capture core biblical doctrines—tools that can strengthen your own faith and help you teach your children, share with a neighbor, or walk alongside a coworker who wants to grow spiritually. Together we will study key themes of the Christian life, learn the accompanying illustrations, and practice expressing these truths with clarity and confidence. Join us as we discover how these visual tools can deepen our walk with Christ and equip us for ministry in everyday life.

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 today. See the previous page for details and locations.

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: McCall, Williamson, Schmidt, Goldstein. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Sweet, Rosales, Kwong.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Kwong, Thomason, Schmidts. SS: Harlow. CC: Mitchell, Manwarings.

Young Adults Potluck Lunch TODAY at 12:30 at the Roberts. Theme idea: Comfort Classics — think casseroles, soups, chili, baked pasta, or any comfort food you already love to make. Sides, mains, drinks, and desserts welcome. Come hungry!

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, Jan. 17 from 8-9:30am. Come out for good food and fellowship! RSVP on Church Center or to Kyle Roberts.

Pastor Polski will be leading a **Sunday school class** beginning Jan. 11. This 8 week interactive study of Dr. Dan Doriani's book, Work That Matters is limited to 7 people. For more info and to register go to Church Center or use the QR code.

Does your family enjoy the snacks after worship? If so, please **consider volunteering to bring a snack** some Sunday. This is an easy way to minister to your church family. Sign up using the QR code, your weekly email, or on Church Center.

Kingdom Kids will resume in February.

Our next **Food Pantry Night at Robinson** is Thur., Jan. 15th. Two volunteers are needed. Sign up using the QR code to the right.

The **Men's Bible study** will NOT meet this week. The **Women's Bible study** will resume on Wed., Jan. 21st at 9am or 6:15pm.

Ladies Connect: Mon., Jan. 26 at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

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

Jan. 11 YA Potluck Lunch

Jan. 17 Men's Breakfast

Jan. 16-18 Youth Retreat

Jan. 17 YA Bowling @ Bowlero

Jan. 21 Women's Bible study

Jan. 26 Ladies Connect

Feb. 22 Kingdom Kids resumes

Feb. 27-28 Women's Retreat

MISSIONS MOMENT

Local Mission News
Featuring Restore St. Louis
Rev. Herman Armstrong
Executive Director

Connecting God's people, the Church, with opportunities to manifest His love in the city of St. Louis to widows, orphans, immigrants, refugees and the poor.

What is Restore St. Louis?

Restore St. Louis (RSL) promotes a network of Christian ministries that desire to show God's love to the poor, widows, orphans, immigrants and refugees of St. Louis. RSL is under the oversight of New City Fellowship of St. Louis.

Our Vision and Purpose

The vision of RSL is to see the Church of St. Louis express the love of Christ by meeting needs of the community, especially the poor, the widow, the fatherless, the imprisoned, the immigrant and the refugee. God has called the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus to meet the needs of the poor. Restore St. Louis seeks to be the vehicle through which God's people can meet those needs.

Restore St. Louis is a group of seven ministries birthed under the oversight of New City Fellowship Church. Our mission is to disciple and equip the Church to do Spirit-led deeds of justice and mercy in St. Louis because we believe that Jesus has called the Church to display His glory in justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. By God's grace, we will accomplish this mission by recruiting, training, coaching, and unleashing disciples of Christ Jesus to lead the Church in completing this work

600 families served, 2000 volunteers, 40,000 hours of volunteer service.

By God's Grace, RSL has been blessing St. Louis families for almost 30 years!

Ministries: restorestlouis.org (for more information)

Firm Foundation
Health Connection
Workday

Inside/OUT Prison Ministry
Umetulisha
The Freedom School

Harambee Youth

*Please tear out this page and use as a reminder to pray for our local missions.

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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