



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

January 4, 2026

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF THE CHURCH

(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): Kimberly Linenbroker, Emily Ridenhour, Alyce Bava, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Clark Emerson

Scripture Reader: Glynn Schlitt

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." — Acts 6:2-4

"Those who preside over the Church must remember that they are shepherds, not masters; and the people must receive their government as coming from Christ himself." — John Calvin

"It is the duty of the church to esteem them highly for their work's sake, and to strengthen their hands by prayer and obedience." — John Owen

"Elders are not the Chief Shepherd; they are under-shepherds who must one day give account to Him whose sheep they tend." — Sinclair Ferguson

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Every Member Ministry (ligonier.org)

Nearly every Christian tradition has, with good reason, maintained some distinction between the clergy and the laity. After all, Scripture distinguishes those qualified to be elders from those not suitably equipped to fulfill these offices (1 Tim. 3:1–7). However, although some on either side of the clergy-lay divide have thought otherwise, the clergy are not more important to God’s plan than the laity. Instead, the distinction is one of function and gifting. Some have the giftings and dispositions to be leaders and some do not, but all believers are equally important to the healthy functioning of the church.

In the final analysis, Christian ministry is “every-member ministry,” as indicated in Ephesians 4:12–13. God gives evangelists, pastors, and teachers (v. 11) to the body of Christ today “to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ” (v. 12) We delete the comma between the words ministry and for intentionally in this quote to remove any hint that it is the responsibility of church officers alone both to equip church members and to build up the body of Christ. That is not the sense of the verse. On the contrary, Paul means that while church leaders must equip the saints to do ministry, this ministry of building up Christ’s body (the church) is collective. All of us have a role to play in advancing the people of God to maturity in His Son (see 1 Cor. 12).

The maturity the apostle has in mind is a corporate maturity. Of course, our individual growth in Christ is important, but our personal advancement in the grace and knowledge of Jesus is not an end in itself; rather, individual growth serves the purpose of collective growth as we work with one another. We aim to produce nothing less than a body of believers conformed to the image of the glorified Christ (Eph. 4:13). This goal is a great one indeed, and would be impossible to attain if we were not already, in some measure, filled with the fullness of Jesus (1:22–23). Still, the church is not yet in full conformity to the perfection of Christ, and we must strive toward this end until His return. Between our Lord’s two advents, all believers build up the body of our Savior as they minister one to another, and all of us must find and fulfill our God-given role in His church.

13 **B^b2/D** **C/E** **F/A** **B^b** **C**

Thy trans-form-ing pow-er, Thou hast made me whole.
cer-tain-ty of prom-ise and have made it mine.
eth me 'round with bless-ings, Thine is love in-deed.

16 **F** **B^bmaj7** **C/E** **F/A**

Je-sus, I am rest-ing, rest-ing in the

19 **Dm** **Am/C** **B^b** **B^b2/D** **C2/E**

joy of what Thou art. I am find-ing out the great-

22 **F2/A** **B^bmaj7** **C** **F**

ness of Thy lov-ing heart.

Call to Worship—Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: We will serve the Lord with gladness! We will come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

People: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

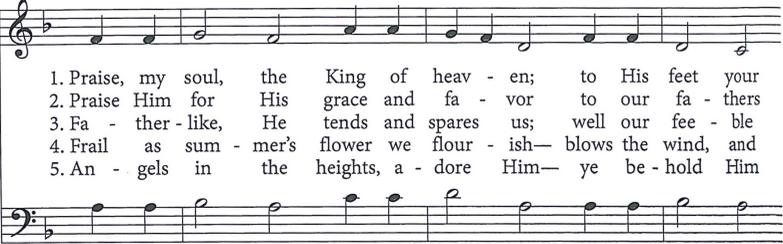
All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Leader: Grant us now the strength to worship you with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind, O Lord, our great Rock!

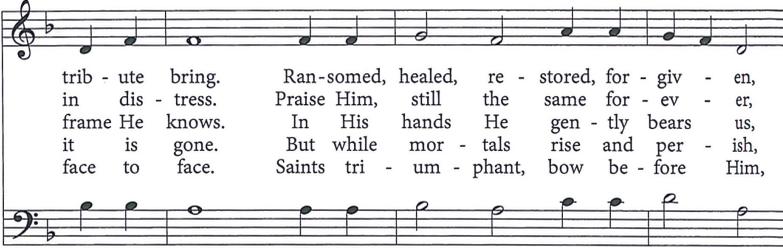
WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to His feet your
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish— blows the wind, and
5. An - gels in the heights, a - dore Him— ye be - hold Him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress. Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,
frame He knows. In His hands He gen - tly bears us,
it is gone. But while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
face to face. Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him,



ev - er - more His prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
God en - dures un - chang - ing on! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
gath - ered in from eve - ry race. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Praise the ev - er - last - ing King! Al - le - lu - ia,
Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness. Al - le - lu - ia,
Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows. Al - le - lu - ia,
Praise the High E - ter - nal One! Al - le - lu - ia,
Praise with us the God of grace! Al - le - lu - ia,



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***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:11-16

The Body of Christ

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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— Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Heb. 9:13-14

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for purifying our souls
by the blood of Christ!

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 Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone. Music by Brian Moss

Real Key

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her is His new creation, by wa-ter and the Word, From char-ter of sal-va-tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; One heaven He came and sought her, to be His ho-ly bride; With ho-ly Name and she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food, And His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died, 2. E - to one hope she press-es, with eve-ry grace en-dued

3. Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

6. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy,
Lord gives us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and

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

"Shepherds and Sheep"

1 Peter 5:1-7

Sermon Series, 1 Peter

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson. Arr. by Dan Galbraith



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 - ted. 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.
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SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEACON AND ELDER

"God does not ask about our ability or our inability, but our availability." — Anon.

For Ruling Elder: Dave Alexander

The Warrant and Nature of the Office of Elder

- The Questions for Ordination and Installation
- The Prayer of Ordination
- The Right Hand of Fellowship
- The Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation
- The Charge

***Sending Song**

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal # 731

***Benediction**

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Lori Nichols (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

*If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,
please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint adult Sunday school class today in the sanctuary. Details and room locations for Sunday school for all ages found on the next page.

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: Linenbroker, Ridenhour, Bava, Williamson. SS: Nichols. CC: Standerfer, Polski, Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: McCall, Williamson, Schmidt, Goldstein. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Sweet, Rosales, Kwong.

Youth Parent meeting today following Sunday school. **Youth Student Ministry** meets Sundays from 6-8pm.

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

Young Adults Potluck Lunch next Sun. 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!

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.

We could use a little help taking down the Christmas decor this Wed. at 11:30am.

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. 4 Sunday school Resumes

Jan. 4 Youth Parent Meeting

Jan. 11 YA Potluck Lunch

Jan. 16-18 Youth Retreat

Jan. 17 YA Bowling @ Bowlero

Jan. 21 Women's Bible study

Jan. 26 Ladies Connect

Feb. 27-28 Women's Retreat

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday (January 4)

Adult Joint Sunday School: (Sanctuary)

Join Pastor Polski as he hosts a joint Sunday School on January 4th to dialogue about Trinity's overall ministry and some key organizational plans and goals for 2026. We will cover our plans for preaching as well as provide some updates concerning how we make adjustments to our missions and outreach ministry following the departure of Pablo Rosales.

Starting Next Sunday (January 11)

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

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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