



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 22, 2026

# 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. 105.** What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

**A.** In the fifth petition, which is “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,” we pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all our sins. We are the especially encouraged to ask for this because we are enabled by his grace to forgive others from the heart.

# WORSHIPPING THE GOD OF LIGHT

(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):** Joan Kwong, Michelle Goldstein, Steve O'Neal, Maggie Linenbroker

**Liturgist:** Mason Powell

**Scripture Reader:** Patti Meadows

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflection

2 Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

"You called, You cried, You shattered my deafness, You sparkled, You blazed, You drove away my blindness, You shed Your fragrance, and I drew in my breath, and I pant for You." — Augustine

"Christians are supposed to be conspicuously holy, not for our own reputation but for God's. We are to be the light of the world, so that when people see our good deeds they will glorify God (Matt. 5:16)." — Mark Dever

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Excerpt from Ligonier (<https://learn.ligonier.org/articles/how-is-jesus-the-light-of-the-world>)

God spoke light into existence, saying, “Let there be light,” and there was light—a substance neither pure energy nor matter, still remaining a mystery to us (Gen. 1:4). God also made light-bearers: “The greater light to rule the day, the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars” (Gen. 1:16). The greater light—the sun—is a nuclear fusion reactor of staggering dimensions and energy that bathes the earth with bewildering power. We easily forget this—busy and distracted with things of lesser glory or no glory at all—until we find ourselves groping through a dark night, or long again for the lengthening of dark winter days into springtime life and long summer glory. Light is life.

But light was also made to picture salvation. The pillar of fire was salvation for Israel, but Egypt lived in darkness (Ex. 14:20). The lampstand shone on the twelve loaves, a scene explained by the Lord’s blessing the tribes of Israel: “The Lord make His face to shine upon you” (Num. 6:24–27). The psalmist exclaimed: “The Lord is my light and my salvation” (Ps. 27:1). Conversely, this world is darkness because of human sinfulness. Disobedience means that the natural man “shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness” (Deut. 28:29). But the path of salvation is lit by Word of God, which is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps. 119:105).

Movement from darkness to light is salvation, and so when Jesus said, “I am the light of the world,” He made a powerful claim of both brilliant glory and saving power (John 8:12).



19 **A2(no3)** **A/C#** **Bsus** **E/G#**  
 one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is

21 **A2(no3)** **E/A** **Bsus**  
 one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

23 **A2(no3)** *Last time to Coda* **A/C#** **Bsus**  
 one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where, than thou - sands

25 **E5** **Bsus**  
 else - where. 2. One else - where.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 27:1, 4

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**People: Whom shall I fear?**

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**People: Of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**All: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: Now, O Lord, fill this Church with your presence and light, that we might see and know you, our God and salvation.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

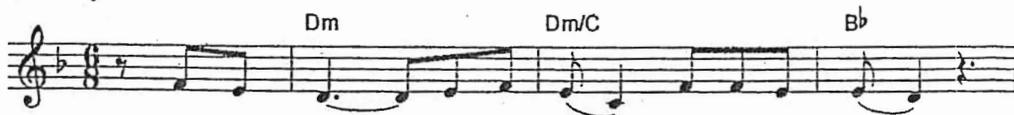
## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

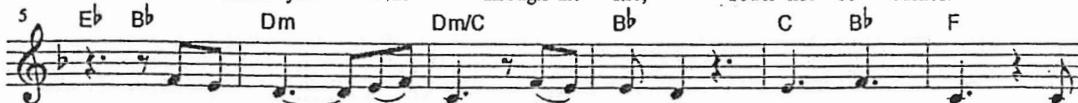
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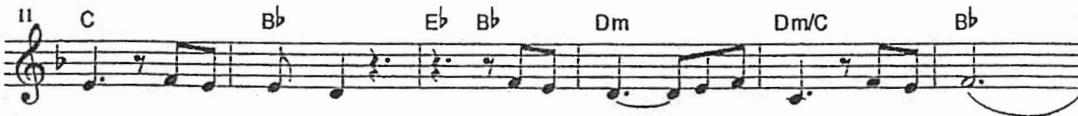
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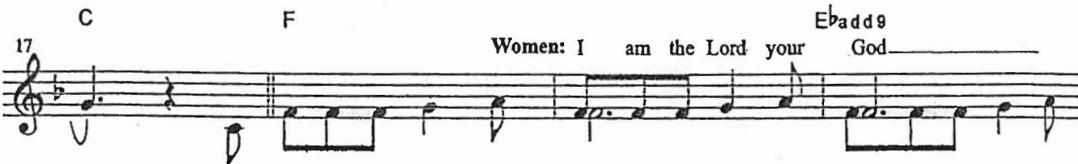
1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you  
2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.



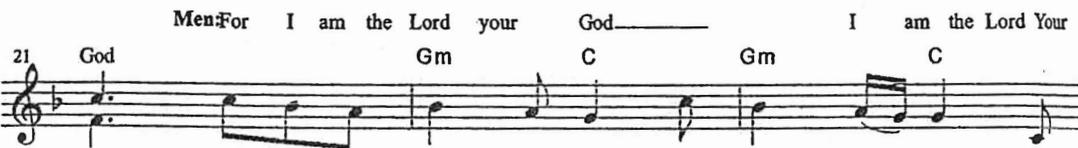
And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For  
And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear. For



I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine  
I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.



Women: I am the Lord your God\_\_\_\_\_



Men: For I am the Lord your God\_\_\_\_\_ I am the Lord Your

God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your



Women: I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. Men: For I am the Lord your God\_\_\_\_\_

28 Ebadd9 God God Gm C

I am the Lord Your God Unison: I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Gm C Bb Ebadd9 C F F/E  
Women: Do not

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior Men: I am the Lord

35 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C F F/E  
fear Do not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C  
fear Do not fear C

I am the Lord

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "I am the Lord Your God, I am the Holy One of Israel Your Savior, I am the Lord, I am the Lord, I am the Lord." The score includes various chords such as Ebadd9, Gm, C, Bb, F, F/E, F/D, F/C, and Bb. There are also performance instructions like "Unison:", "Women:", and "Men:". The measure numbers 28, 31, 35, and 39 are indicated at the start of each staff.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **Scripture Reading—Genesis 1:1-5**

*God Creates Light from Darkness*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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— Isaiah 6:9-10a**

And he said, "Go, and say to this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

# Song of Lament (Ensemble)

*Lord Have Mercy*

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Aaron Keys, James Tealy. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs & Grant Wall

For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on Your countless mercies  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
We call on Your name so holy  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes  
For scorning our very neighbor  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

*Chorus:*

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy on us  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy on us*

For what You have done, Your life of love  
You perfectly lived, we praise You  
Both tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes  
You finished the work God gave You  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves  
You bled for a world's betrayal  
You loved to the end, our merciful friend  
How pure and forever faithful  
(Chorus)

For hearts that are cold for seizing control  
For scorning our very Maker  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior  
(Chorus)

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 130:1-4**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for forgiving 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

## Heal Us Emmanuel

Words: William Cowper (alt. Twit). Music: Kevin Twit and Lucas Morton

E A

Heal us, E - mman - uel here we are.

4 E B

We long to feel Thy touch.

8 E A

Deep wound - ed souls to Thee we fly;

12 E B E

O, Sav - ior hear our cry.

16 A E

1.Our faith is fee - ble we con - fess,  
2.Re - mem - ber him who once a - pplied,  
3.She, too, who touched you in the press,  
4.Like her, with hopes and fears we come

20 A E A

We faint - ly trust Thy word; But  
With tremb - ling for re - lief; "Lord,  
And heal - ing vir - tue stole, Was  
to touch you if we may; O

25

E G# F#m E/G#

will you pi - ty us the less? Be  
 I be - lieve," with tears he cried; "O  
 an - swered, "Daught - er, go in peace; thy  
 send us not de - spair - ing home; Send

29

A/B E

that far from you, Lord!  
 help my un - be - lief!"  
 faith has made thee whole!"  
 none un - hcaled a - way.

## 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**

"When the Blind Finally See"

John 9:1-41

Sermon Series, Seeing Jesus

Mr. Clark Emerson

# \*Song of Response

# Faith's Review and Expectation

John Newton and Sandra McCracken

E G# A E C#m7 F#7  
 A - MAZ - ING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE  
 GRACE THATAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR, AND GRACE MY FEARS RE-  
 MAN - Y DAN - GERS TOILS AND SNARES. I HAVE AL - READ - Y  
 LORD HAS PROM - SED GOOD TO ME. HIS WORD MY HOPE SE-

7 8 87 E G# A F#7/A# E  
 ME! I ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW AM FOUND; WAS BLIND, BUT  
 LIEVED; HOW PREC - IOUS DID THAT GRACE AP - PEAR THE HOUR I  
 COME; 'TIS GRACE HATH BROUGHT ME SAFE THUS FAR, AND GRACE WILL  
 CURES; HE WILL MY SHIELD AND POR - TION BE. AS LONG AS

14 87 1.2. E 12. E E  
 NOW I SEE 2.TWAS DURES. 5.YEA. WHEN THIS  
 FIRST SE - LIEVED! 3.THRU  
 LEAD ME HOME. 4.THE  
 LIFE EN

G# A E C#m7 F#7 B 87  
 FLESH AND HEART SHALL FAIL, AND MOR - TAL LIFE SHALL CEASE I  
 E G# A F#7 E 87 E  
 SHALL POS - SES WITH - IN THE VEIL, A LIFE OF JOY AND PEACE

E G# A E C#m7  
 6.THE EARTH SHALL SOON DIS - SOLVE LIKE SNOW, THE SUN FOR-  
 F#7 B 87 E G# A F#7  
 BEAR TO SHINE: BUT GOD, WHO CALLED ME HERE SE - LOW, WILL

## \*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)

## 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.

### **Psalms-Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)**

The Psalms are one of the most unique books in the Old Testament. They are poetic outpourings of the heart to God, and they show that He is, and always has been, a personal God who hears and responds to the deepest yearnings of His people. Come join us for a brief overview of the book itself, and then stay with us as we work through some of the most cherished psalms in this most cherished part of the Word of God. You will come away with a better understanding of our great Father and how we can relate to Him.

### **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.

### **Trinity Choir (Fireplace room)**

Meets during the Sunday school hour beginning Feb. 1 through Mar. 29 We'll learn pieces that we will sing for our Good Friday service as well as our Sunday morning Easter service. 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: Kwong, Goldstein, O'Neal, Linenbroker. SS: Harlow. CC: Oehlerking, Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Deborah Moen, Hendricks, Schmidts. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Doiron, Schmidts.

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

**Kingdom Kids** meets TODAY at 4:45-6:15pm. Kids, come have fun singing, playing games, and learning about God's Word!

**Men's Bible Study:** The **Friday** (no Wed. this week) study will meet this week at 6:30am.

**Women's Bible study:** Wed.- 9am or 6:15pm.

The **Children's Ministry could use your help** in two ways: 1. A volunteer (or two) is needed to coordinate the Easter egg hunt. 2. Nursery volunteers needed for the 9:30am Easter service. See Erin Wagberg.

**Sign up today for the Trivia Night-** Fri., March 6. See insert for more details

**Women's Retreat:** Feb. 27-28. **LAST CHANCE-register today** on Church Center or see Amy Mitchell. Friends welcome!

**Holy Week:** Good Friday service: Apr. 3 at 7pm. Easter Sunrise service: Apr. 5 at 7am (outdoor if weather permits). Easter Worship: 9:30am.

The **Harrison/Alexander shepherd group lunch** is TODAY following Sunday School. Visitors welcome!

Join on Sun., Mar. 8th at 3pm for a beautiful afternoon of classical music by the **Ariel Concert Series**. No registration required. Bring friends!

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: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:](#)



## RUF INTERNATIONAL

RUF-I is a student organization at Washington University for international students and scholars led by Pastor Kirk Norris. Typically, 25 students are in attendance.

We are invited to join them for one of their weekly meetings on Tuesday, March 3rd at Memorial Presbyterian Church. We will provide a meal for the students and interact with them before their formal discussion time. You can help by praying, attending, or donating. See Jane Caldwell or the QR code for details.

**Global Mission News**  
**Featuring J & H B**  
**Missionaries to the Middle East**

Several years ago, God impressed on our hearts a desire to use J's work as an engineer to move to an unreached area of the Middle East. Our ultimate hope is that He would be glorified by the people of this nation worshipping Him!

After our initial years of language learning and a period of job searching, our family moved to a nearby country in the region this fall specifically for J's work. After a chaotic first two months of settling in and an intense work project for J (involving 24 total days away from our new home), we have had a few weeks of "normal life", and it has really refreshed our hearts to be together as a family and start to meet friends here, both Arab and expat.

One of the greatest sources of stress since moving has been J's job. One aspect of his work that we didn't anticipate when we moved here was how the high value of "keeping appearances" and honor/shame would affect his work. Instead of the project managers telling the customer that they don't have the manpower or capabilities to do something, they boldly tell the client they can do what they want.

**Ways we need prayer:** - For us all but especially J to have peace that surpasses all understanding in Jesus as he navigates stressful work situations in a different culture. We feel overwhelmed sometimes when we think about all of J's potential work travel that wasn't expected when he took the job. Pray for the Lord's grace to trust him and not be anxious.

For H's pregnancy and our new baby girl due April 1. H was recently diagnosed with gestational diabetes (thankfully controllable through diet), so we'd appreciate prayers for both H and Baby's continued health. We are also still considering which OB to deliver with in-country and desire to have a low-intervention birth.

Please pray for our kids, L (3) and D (1.5), in all these transitions and for us to have wisdom in our parenting.

For wisdom as we consider how to be sustainable here as a family. We are looking to hire a woman to help H around the house to help lift some physical burdens from our shoulders, especially with Baby #3 coming.

For us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding.

Please pray for God's glory to be known among this nation. Would God give opportunities for us to both encourage local believers we may meet and for open doors to proclaim the gospel boldly to those who haven't heard.

**Please save these bulletin inserts and use them to pray for our missionaries.**

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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