



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 15, 2026

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 17. What state did the fall bring for mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind to a state of sin and misery tempted.

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US!

(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, Tom Schmidt, Alyce Bava, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, J Harrison

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Evil prefers extremes. If it can't produce a structureless, chaotic, consuming culture, then it will work to bring about the opposite: a contained, constrained, orderly world of law and predictability, devoid of mystery." — Dan B. Allender

"The Eastern king who would not believe in the possibility of ice, because he lived in a hot country, and had never seen it, was not more foolish than the man who refuses to believe in Satanic possession, because he never saw a case himself, and cannot understand it." — J. C. Ryle

"If you're not dealing with Christ, you are dealing with the devil." — Tim Keller

"The place that Christians wish to be in, is not always the place which is best for their souls." — J. C. Ryle

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Chosen portions of an excerpt from a Ligonier devotional titled "Casting Out Demons":

Among the other Jewish teachers who worked in the first century, Jesus stands out for the ways in which His practices differed from those of His contemporaries. Christ spoke with an authority that was unparalleled. He possessed divine authority to reveal the true meaning of the Scriptures and the plans of His Father (John 12:49–50). Jesus also stands out in His calling of His disciples. In Mark 1:16–20, Jesus called His disciples to follow Him; they did not seek Him out. Other first-century rabbis did no such thing. Instead, men who wanted to be their disciples would seek out their rabbi of choice. In keeping with His authority, Jesus commanded men and women to follow Him; He did not wait for them to find Him.

In Mark 1:23–28, we read of yet another way in which Jesus differed from the other Jewish teachers who were popular in first-century Palestine. Mark 1:23–28 records the first of many exorcisms that Jesus performed during His earthly ministry. We must note that Jesus is not the only first-century teacher to whom exorcisms are attributed; other rabbis were known for casting out demons. What sets our Lord apart is the manner in which He exorcised evil spirits. Other exorcists relied on particular procedures to help oppressed people and by no means worked on the basis of their own inherent authority. In Mark 1:23–28, however, Jesus simply commanded unclean spirits to leave. All the demon had to hear was the sound of the Lord's voice and the order to depart, and it fled.

The exorcism demonstrates that the kingdom of God at hand in Jesus' ministry had to come first in the cosmic arena. The Lord came to break oppression, establish justice, and heal the diseased (Luke 4:16–21), but this could not happen until the forces of evil were defeated and the "strong man" was bound (Mark 3:27). Christ came to set things in creation right, and this demanded that He conquer the devil, who had enslaved the world in sin and darkness.

Song of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

Call to Worship—Psalm 66 (selected)

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

Leader: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name!

People: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

All: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard!

Leader: Now, O Great God, open our mouths to sing your praise as we declare all that you have done for us!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

F F/D Bb F Dm Bb

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

Gm C F F/D Bb F

hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther

Dm C Bb C F

We will feast and weep no more.

Verse

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've

Bb Dm Bb C Dm

burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
 night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised
 bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the

Bb Dm Bb C Dm C/E

sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up
 mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.
 gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

To God Be the Glory
 Trinity Hymnal #55

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Jonah 2:1-10

Jonah's Prayer

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying,

"I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your breakers and your waves
passed over me.
Then I said, 'I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.'
The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head.
To the roots of the mountains I went down,
to the land whose bars closed upon me forever.
Yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O Lord my God.
When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

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— Psalm 43:5a

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 43:5b

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for giving us hope through salvation!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

All Ye Weary

Words by Josiah Conder. Music by Stephen Clemmons and Caroline Lopez

Verse

3 D G

1. Wel - come, wel - come sin - ner, here! Hang not back in shame or fear;
2. Wel - come to the off - ered peace; Wel - come, pris - 'ner, to re - lease
3. Wel - come, wee - ping pen - i - tent; Grace has made thy heart re - lent;
BRIDGE (3x)
4. O the vir - tue of that price, That red - deem - ing sac - ri - fice!
5. Wel - come to the clean - sing fount, Spring - ing from the sac - rid mount;

7 D Bm A G G

Doubt not, nor dis - trust the call; Mer - cy is pro - claimed to all.
Burst thy bonds; be saved; be free; "Rise and come He call - eth thee."
Wel - come, long es - trang - ed child; God in Christ is re - con - ciled.

Come, ye bought, but not with gold; Wel - come to the sa - cred fold!
Wel - come to the feast di - vine, Bread of life and li - ving wine.

Bridge

13 D G

All ye wea - ry and dis - tressed, Wel - come to re - lief and

17 D A *Repeat 2 more times, slowly build*

rest! All is rea - dy: hear the call. There is am - ple room for

21 G G G G

all.

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 (Ensemble)

Send Out Your Light (Psalm 43)

Sandra McCracken

Sermon

"Unexpected Upheaval"

Mark 5:1-20

Sermon Series, Seeing Jesus

Mr. Mason Powell

*Song of Response

Is He Worthy

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't
stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?
(Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): *It is*

(Chorus: All)
*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?
(Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(Congregation): *He does*

(Chorus: All)
*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?*

*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): Kathe Steele (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.

Living Faithfully in a Divided Age – Rick Wojick (Room 111)

We live in a time of division. It shows up not just between churches, ethnic groups and political parties ... but also inside of them. We are surprised by how our fellow believers reacted to COVID, the recent elections, cancel culture, and racial tensions. We are conflicted about how to respond both publicly and privately. This is not the first time in history God's people faced living in a divided age. Some 3000 years ago in Israel, sins by national leaders, a corrupt and corrosive government, a contested national election, and growing tribalism split the kingdom apart into two nations under God. How did this change happen so rapidly? What were the root causes of this national tragedy? What lessons can we learn from this Game of Thrones and apply to our current situation and our own lives? We will examine the fall of King Solomon and the reign of King Jeroboam based on their accounts found in 1 Kings 11-14. We will attempt to answer the question: ***How can we live faithfully in a divided age?***

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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Linenbroker, Schmidt, Bava, Williamson. SS: Steele. CC: Thomason, Ridenhour. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: McCall, Schlitt, Ridenhour, Goldstein. SS: Broughton. CC: Standerfer, Manwarings.

The next **Ladies Connect** is Mon., Mar. 23 at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

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 on the 2nd & 4th Sundays (3/22) from 4:45-6:15pm.

NO Men's or Women's Bible study this week.

After the 9:30am Easter Service we will have an **egg hunt** on the front lawn for our elementary children. We are looking for folks to **donate eggs** (filled with nut free candy, sticker, or treat). Go to Church Center or use the QR code.

All-Church Work Day: Sat., Mar. 21 at 9:15am. Come help us with a little spring cleaning and landscaping. See today's insert for more info.

An All Church Breakfast will be provided before the work day on Mar. 21st. Let us know you are coming by registering on Church Center or with the QR code.

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

Save the date for our first "Worship in the Round" on Sat., Apr. 25th. This is a unique and intimate way to experience praise and connection. Instead of facing the stage, we will sit in a circle, facing each other, creating a sense of unity and shared participation in worshipping our Savior. We will also partake in the Lord's Supper. Join us as we express our gratitude to God and reflect anew on the great things He has done.

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

Mar. 15 No Evening Youth Group
Mar. 18 No Women's Bible Study
Mar. 20 YA Ministry Movie Night
Mar. 21 All Church Breakfast & Workday
Mar. 23 Ladies Connect
Mar. 25 & 27 Men's Bible Study
Mar. 27 Youth Skate
Mar. 29 Palm Sunday (Children's choir)
Apr. 3 Good Friday Service 7pm
Apr. 5 Sunrise Service 7am
Apr. 18 Children's Ministry Spring Fling
Apr. 25 Worship in the Round

Global Mission News

Wave Network is dedicated to starting new churches in regions of India where few biblical congregations exist. One of our greatest challenges is identifying qualified leaders who can effectively teach, preach, and shepherd God's people. To address this, we partner with the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in northern India, which has been equipping ministry leaders with solid biblical training for over 50 years.

Dale's Reflections:

"When I was in India I saw firsthand how developing ministry skills requires time and repetition. During a visit to a midweek staff gathering of one of our churches, I observed a simple yet profound weekly ritual—a couple of pastors were spending the morning with their Wave interns, reviewing the previous week's care and ministry, and planning the next week's events.

On the surface, the conversation was remarkably ordinary—typical church staff topics like improving congregational communication, evaluating recent events, organizing an upcoming outreach (in this case, their first sports day).

But beneath that simplicity lay something striking: essential soft skills being quietly reinforced - the very lessons we work on each week via zoom with the students.

Lessons like these:

- We are a team that works together.
- We all improve and grow together.
- We are building a community that truly cares for others.
- Leaders talk *and* listen to one another.

What I saw was that providing regular opportunities to participate in a leadership team is less efficient than a pastor simply deciding everything or delegating tasks unilaterally. Yet, in the end, it accomplishes far more. It develops leaders who not only have greater capacity themselves but who also understand—and can replicate—the process of developing others."

Pray for the growth and multiplication of more church leaders like this in India and beyond.

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

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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