

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

March 22, 2026

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US OUT OF DARKNESS AND INTO 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):** Kim McCall, Barb Schlitt, Emily Ridenhour, Shirah Goldstein

**Liturgist:** Matthew Pannkuk

**Scripture Reader:** Alyce Bava

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Aaron Goldstein

## Welcome and Announcements

### Catechism Question of the Week:

**Q. 24.** How does Christ carry out the office of a prophet?

**A.** Christ carries out the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

If our faith for “fishing” is small, this story has at least three encouragements:

## 1. Jesus calls us in our weakness.

Jesus determined that the best time to call Peter as an evangelist was when he was at his weakest. Having done his human best at the thing he was best at, Peter’s nets were empty. Plus, he was exhausted, having worked all night. Why was this the best time? Peter needed his pride, unbelief, and weakness exposed. He needed to see himself as someone who, apart from Jesus, could do nothing (John 15:5). He needed to know who rules the fish and who fills the nets. Then he would be able to fish in faith.

## 2. It really doesn’t take great faith to drop the nets.

Even though Peter was skeptical that anything was going to come from the Master’s fishing trip, he still responded, “at your word I will let down the nets” (Luke 5:5). Peter was willing to it for Jesus’s sake. He trusted Jesus’s word more than his perceptions. It wasn’t a bold faith, it wasn’t a lot of faith, it even appears a reluctant faith, but nonetheless it was faith willing enough to obey. Peter did what Jesus said and Jesus honored it.

## 3. Jesus provides the fish.

When Peter and his partners dropped the nets, Jesus filled them. It was a powerful, ministry-shaping moment. Jesus rules fish and will fill nets with many or few according to his choosing. Our job as evangelists is to listen to Jesus and prayerfully, faithfully drop the nets — whatever nets the Lord has provided us — and let him fill them.

When Jesus tells us to “fish,” we must not place our faith in our expertise (or lack thereof), experience, or the current level of our faith. At his word let’s just faithfully go out and let down our nets. Let’s trust him to fill them (or not). The fish are his. We may just find that he will give us more than we can handle.

Lord, fill our nets!

By: Jon Bloom (Desiring God)

# Song of Preparation

## Jesus, I Come

Words by William Sleeper. Music by Greg Thompson

1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night,  
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss,  
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride,  
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,

5 Am G Fmaj7  
 Je - sus I come; Je - sus, I come  
 Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
 Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.  
 Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I come.

9 C G Fmaj7  
 In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light  
 In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross,  
 In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide,  
 In - to the joy and light of Thy home,

13 Am G/B Fmaj7 F G  
 Je - sus, I come to Thee,  
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.

17 Am G Fmaj7  
 Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health,  
 Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm,  
 Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love,  
 Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,

21 Am G Fmaj7  
 Out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth,  
 Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm,  
 Out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove,  
 In - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold,

25 Am G Fmaj7  
 Out of my sin and in - to Thy - self.  
 Out of dis - tress in - to jub - i - lant psalm  
 Up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove  
 Ev - er Thy glo - rious face to be - hold

29 Am G

Je - sus, I come to Thee  
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.  
 Je - sus, I come to Thee.

33 Am G Fmaj7

## Call to Worship—Psalm 89 (selected)

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**People: For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?**

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you?

**People: The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; you have founded them; the world and all that is in it.**

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**All: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face.**

Leader: Now, O King of righteousness and justice, help us to praise your wonders and declare your faithfulness in this holy assembly!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson

Bm D G D Bm D G D

Bm D G D Bm D G

1. Who else commands all the hosts of heav-en? Who else could make-ev-ry king bow  
 2. What oth-er beau-ty de-,ands such prais-es? What oth-er splendour out-shines the  
 3. What oth-er glo-ry con-sumes like fi-re? What oth-er pow-er can raise the  
 4. Who else could res-cue me from my fail-ing? Who else would of-fer His on-ly

D Bm D G D/F# G A D

down? Who else can whis-per and dark-ness trem-bles On-ly a Ho-ly God.  
 sun? What oth-er maj-es-ty rules with just-ice? On-ly a Ho-ly God.  
 dead? What oth-er name re-,ains un-de-feat-ed/ On-ly a Ho-ly God.  
 Son? Who else in-vites me to call Him Fa-ther? On-ly a Ho-ly God.  
 5. (On-ly my Ho-ly God)

1. 2, 3, 4.

Come and be-hold Him, the One and the On-ly. Cry out, sing Ho-ly, for

D A Bm G A Bm D G D

ev-er a Ho-ly God. Come and wor-ship the Ho-ly God

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
 Trinity Hymnal #100

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Scripture Reading—Luke 14:25-33

### *The Cost of Discipleship*

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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 6:1-5**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 5:6-9**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for sending His son to die for us!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## 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** **Asus A D**

ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly is the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of lords.

# 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)

*Continuously*

Sandra McCracken

## **Sermon**

"Jesus Sees Fishers of Men"

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Series, Seeing Jesus

Rev. Tim Jackson

# \*Song of Response

# O Great God

Bob Kauflin

$\text{♩} = 72$

**INTRO**

B $\flat$  F Gm<sup>7</sup> F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F



1. O great

**VERSE 1 & 2**

6 B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /F B $\flat$  Cm B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /F



God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart. Own it all and reign su -  
 (2.) blind - cd by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love with-

11 B $\flat$  Cm F<sup>sus</sup> F B $\flat$  F Gm F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F



-preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r. Let no vice or sin re - main that re -  
 -in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened

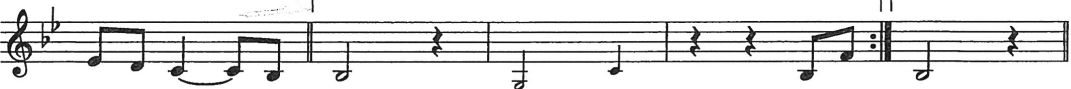
16 Gm<sup>7</sup> E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>/G F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D



-sists Your ho - ly war. You have loved and pur - chased me, make me  
 up Your word to me through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me

**1. INSTRUMENTAL 1**

20 E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F B $\flat$  F Gm<sup>7</sup> Cm F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$ /F

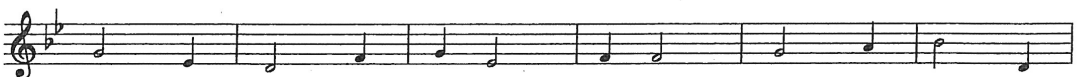


Yours for - ev - er more.  
 end - less hope — and

2. I was peace.

**INSTRUMENTAL 2**

25 Gm<sup>7</sup> F/E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D F Gm<sup>7</sup> E $\flat$  F<sup>sus</sup> F E $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>/G F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D



32 A Em A A 2:D  
 God Lord, be to our great

**Instrumental**

37 A Em A Em A Em  
 God

**Verse 3**

43 A A A Em Em7  
 3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing

48 A A Em Em7  
 bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry field, and val - ley of the

52 A F#m D2  
 earth, let all the moons and all the stars in

55 F#m D2 A  
 all the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the

**Chorus 2**

58 Em Em7 A A  
 liv - ing God, who rules them by His Word. Ha - le - lu -

62 Em D 1. A 2. A  
 jah! glo - ry be to our great God! Ha - le - 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):** Karen Broughton (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: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: McCall, Schlitt, Ridenhour, Goldstein. SS: Broughton. CC: Standerfer, Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Kwong, Hendricks, O'Neal, Polski. SS: Harlow.

**Ladies Connect:** 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 today from 4:45-6:15pm.

**Men's Bible study** this Wed. at 6:15pm or Fri. at 6:30am. The **Women's Bible study** meets Wed. at 9am or 6:15pm.

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.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a brief congregational meeting for Sunday, March 29, immediately following worship, to finalize the dissolution of the Pastoral relationship between Pablo Rosales and Trinity Church. This formality in Presbyterian polity will release Pablo to pursue another pastoral call.

**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](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:James.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:](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 22 Kingdom Kids  
Mar. 23 Ladies Connect  
Mar. 25 & 27 Men's Bible Study  
Mar. 27 Youth Skate  
Mar. 29 No Children's Church (5th Sun.)  
Mar. 29 Congregational Meeting  
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

**Local Mission News**  
**Featuring Oasis International**  
**Travis Pierce, Executive Director**

Our Mission is to love and care for those seeking refuge from a war-torn country with the heart of Jesus.

Our Joy is welcoming refugees from many nations to the United States who have experienced war in their home country. Since most of them have been in refugee camps, sometimes for 10+ years, they arrive with few personal items. Oasis International helps them settle in St. Louis with furniture, household items, laptops, diapers, and clothes or financial support. English and citizenship classes are also made available to them; but most importantly they need our friendship.

### **From Lab Work in Afghanistan to New Opportunities in St. Louis**

When Shir Ali walked into Oasis this February, he came with a simple but meaningful request: he was hoping to find a laptop. Shir Ali and his wife arrived in St. Louis just over a year ago from Afghanistan with their eight children—five boys and three girls ranging in age from 6 to 21. Like many newly arrived families, their first months were filled with the challenges of starting over in a completely new country.

In Afghanistan, Shir Ali worked in advanced medical laboratory research, performing highly technical cellular-level work that supported medical testing. Today, he is faithfully working at Bausch + Lomb and is eager to continue growing. The laptop he requested wasn't for entertainment; it was so he could study for additional certifications and pursue a promotion to better provide for his family. When Oasis was able to place a donated laptop into his hands, his gratitude was immediate and heartfelt. He shared that he would never forget all that Oasis had done for his family when they first arrived.

Volunteers are needed:



**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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