



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 8, 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. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. Because the covenant was made with Adam not only for himself, but also for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by natural generation sinned in him and fell with him in his first transgression.

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO GO!

(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): Laurel Elzinga, Olga Martir, Cheryl Poe, Maggie McCall

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Missions exist because worship does not." — John Piper

"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God." — John Stott

"The church that does not evangelize will fossilize." — Samuel Zwemmer

"It is not so much the case that God has a mission for His church in the world, as that God has a church for His mission in the world." — Christopher Wright

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

An Excerpt from "Is Your Global Missions Glass Half Empty by Elliot Clark

Perhaps you've noticed a certain tone when we, particularly in Reformed circles, talk about global missions. At times we slip into categories of desperation or even defeat. Some approach missions with a pious resignation to failure—after all, we were promised the world would reject us. Even those with a more hopeful outlook, who would rouse us to great missionary endeavors, sometimes motivate with past failures and the disgrace of an unfinished task.

When we look at our collective world and consider the missionary mandate, we note all we're not doing, all the unengaged peoples we're not reaching. We criticize the lack of giving and subsequent lack of resources, human and otherwise. When we turn to the global church, we become cynical, bemoaning shallow theologies and rampant false teaching around the world. Thus we label the missions glass half-empty. As a result, our global Christian perspective tilts toward melancholy.

But if we consistently approach missions from the standpoint of all we're not doing, of all that's yet to be done, we miss the glory of what has already been fulfilled. If Christ's mission, as far as we're concerned, remains largely unaccomplished, then we don't have a fully formed biblical perspective, one that recognizes all that God has done and is now doing in the world.

The final verses of Acts present a powerfully subversive picture. Luke records Paul, imprisoned in Rome, freely and daily proclaiming the message of the kingdom directly under the nose of Caesar (Acts 28:30–31). The good news had, in the span of one generation, traveled from a fearful group huddled in Jerusalem to the Gentile masses in the capital of the known world. Sometimes persecuted, sometimes scattered, Christ's kingdom had spread and grown amid earthly kingdoms and raging nations.

Of course, Luke's tone in Acts could've been much different. His record could've been dire and dread-filled. But he composed the first church history text to tell the story from a perspective of victory, albeit a victory through suffering. He did so taking Jesus's life and death as the pattern, with our Lord's final words as the thesis (Acts 1:8). The disciples were to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—and in one generation, they were!

The message of Acts, then, is primarily one of mission accomplished and promise fulfilled. Luke portrays Jesus's words of commissioning not as the last gasp of a dying general hoping to hold territory, but the victorious prediction of a reigning King seated on the throne and reclaiming his realm. So, from the beginning, the church's narrative has emphasized success. The Spirit-inspired outlook of the Christian mission—flawed, yes, and suffering—is strikingly positive.

So, whenever we consider our role in that glorious missionary narrative, when we look at the state of the church globally, we should look with the eyes of the Bible. Despite all the real problems and challenges, I'm convinced a biblical perspective doesn't focus as much on our failure as it does on God's fulfillment. All over the world the gospel is advancing and bearing fruit. Jesus's words are true. The kingdom is at hand. The glass is fuller than we realize.

Song of Preparation

Speak O Lord
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

F/A G/B C2 F C

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

3 F C Am G/B

ceive the food of Your ho - ly word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

5 F/A G/B C2 F C

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

7 F C/E F G C C/E

fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
echo down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

9 G G/F C/E Gsus/F G9/F C2/E

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by

11 G G/F C/E Am Gsus G

acts of love and our deeds of faith.
jes - tic love and as You walk with us.
faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

13 F/A G/B C2 F C

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the

15 F C/E F Gsus G C

pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
 truth - pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Call to Worship—Psalm 95 (selected)

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: O Lord, grant us the ability to bow down in humble worship today. And grant us the joy to lift our hearts heavenward in thanksgiving and praise.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

All Creatures of Our God and King
 Trinity Hymnal #115

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing Lord and won - der,
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
3. Let us sing the though fierce temp - ta - tion



Let us praise the Sa - - vior's name,
Pit - ied us when the en - - e - - mies
Threat - ens hard to bear - e us down



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
Called us by his grace and taught us
For the Lord our strong and sal - va - tion



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has
Gave us ears view and the gave us eyes
Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown He has
He has He who



washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He who



washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He has
washed us with His blood, He who

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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— Acts 8:1-4

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by Rend Collective Experiment

F C F C



1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our ___ hearts a - gain. In -

5 F C G⁽⁴⁾



-crease in us, we pray. Un - veil ___ why we're made. Come

9 F C F C



set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our ver - sours;

13 F C G⁽⁴⁾ F C



Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in-vade us now. _ We are Your

18 G⁽⁴⁾ F C G⁽⁴⁾ C F²



church; We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
(3. Un) -

VERSE 2 & 3

23 F C F C



seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst; Re -
leash Your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and far. No

27 F C G^{SUS}



-fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
force of hell can stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing hearts. You

31 F C F C

see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
made us for much more than this; A - wake the king - dom seed in us.

35 F C G^{SUS} F C

We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause. _ We are Your
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. _ We are Your

40 G⁽⁴⁾ F C G⁽⁴⁾ C F²

church; church; We pray, re - vive this earth.
You are the hope on earth.

45 C F² G Am⁷ F²

☞ CHORUS

Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness

50 C G Am⁷ F² G C

fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our streets and land... Set Your

55 G Am⁷ F² C G

church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos -

60 Am⁷ F² G

Last time to Coda ☞

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1

-phere. Build Your king - dom here, _ we pray!

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:



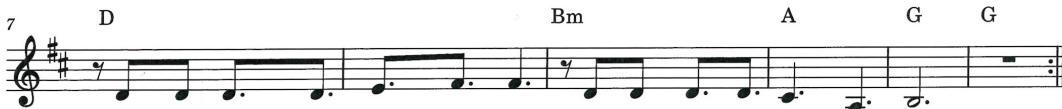
Offertory Song (please join when directed)

All Ye Weary

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



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;
- BRIDGE (3x)



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



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



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

Sermon

"The Testimony of Scars: Suffering for Christ's Mission"

Luke 24:36-49

Dr. Richard

Associate Professor of World Missions
at Covenant Theological Seminary

*Song of Response

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Hear the call of the king - dom, lift your eyes to the King; Let His
 (2. Hear the) call of the king - dom, to be chil - dren of light with the
 (3. Hear the) call of the king - dom to reach out to the lost with the



song rise with - in you as a fra - grant of - fer - ing of how
 mer - cy of heav - en the hu - mil - i - ty of Christ; Walk - ing
 Fa - ther's com - pas - sion in the won - der of the cross, bring - ing



God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re - deem all who trust in His un - fail - ing
 just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through
 peace and for - give - ness, and a hope yet to come: Let the na - tions put their trust in



grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav - en, we will an - swer the call. We will
 Him.



fol - low, bring - ing hope to the world, filled with pas - sion, filled with



pow - er to pro - claim sal - va - tion in Je - sus' name. 3. Hear the

*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): Chenoa Pysar (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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Elzinga, Martir, Poe, McCall SS: Pysar. CC: Waldrons, Williamson, Linenbroker. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Linenbroker, Ridenhour, Bava, Williamson. SS: Steele. CC: Thomason, Ridenhour.

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.

Join us TODAY at 3pm for a beautiful afternoon of classical music by the **Ariel Concert Series**. No registration required. Bring friends!

Kingdom Kids meets TODAY from 4:45-6:15pm.

NO Men's Bible study this week.

Women's Bible study: Wed.- 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.

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.

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

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. 8 Ariel Concert Series 3pm
- Mar. 8 Kingdom Kids
- Mar. 12 Robinson Food Pantry
- 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. 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 Evening of Worship

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.

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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