



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

April 12, 2026

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 28. What does Christ's exaltation consist of?

A. Christ's exaltation consists of his rising again from the dead on the third day, ascending to heaven, sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and coming to judge the world on the last day.

WORSHIPING OUR FOREVER KING

(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): Deborah Moen, Tara Thomason, Mickie and Emmy Schmidt

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Tom Schmidt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. — Romans 8:28

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q 11: What are God's works of providence?

A: God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

"David is both a great king and a deeply flawed man, which shows us that we need a better King." — Tim Keller

"In 2 Samuel 1, David teaches us that grace restrains us from saying what our flesh would love to say." — Allister Begg

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

The book of 2 Samuel stands at the center of Israel's story, tracing the rise and reign of King David and revealing how God establishes His kingdom through flawed human instruments. It follows directly from 1 Samuel, where David is anointed but not yet enthroned, and records the decisive transition from a fractured tribal confederation to a unified monarchy under God's chosen king.

Historically, 2 Samuel is set around 1000 B.C., during a formative period for Israel as a nation. AS the book unfolds we see David consolidating power over all twelve tribes, capturing Jerusalem, and making it both the political and spiritual center of Israel. Most significantly, in 2 Samuel 7, God makes a covenant with David, promising that his throne will be established forever. This "Davidic Covenant" becomes a cornerstone of biblical theology, shaping Israel's expectations of a coming Messiah, a covenant that finds its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

Theologically, 2 Samuel holds together two realities that often feel difficult to reconcile: God's sovereign faithfulness and human moral failure. David is portrayed as a man after God's own heart, faithful in worship, courageous in leadership, and deeply dependent on the Lord. Yet he is also deeply flawed. His sin with Bathsheba and the subsequent unraveling of his household (2 Samuel 11–18) demonstrate that even the best of kings cannot secure God's kingdom through their own righteousness. Of particular note, the narrative refuses to sanitize David's life, instead showing that God's purposes move forward not because of human perfection, but because of divine grace.

Several key themes emerge. First, the kingship of God mediated through a human ruler: David's reign points beyond itself to the need for a greater, perfect King. Second, covenant faithfulness: God keeps His promises even when His people falter. Third, the devastating consequences of sin: personal sin, especially in leadership, carries wide communal impact. Fourth, the importance of repentance: David's response to rebuke (notably in Psalm 51) models genuine humility before God.

For the modern church, 2 Samuel offers rich application. It calls leaders to integrity, reminding pastors and elders that gifting and calling do not exempt anyone from accountability. It invites believers to take sin seriously, not only for its personal effects but for its ripple effects within families and communities. At the same time, it offers deep comfort: God's purposes are not thwarted by human weakness. His grace is greater than our failure.

Above all, 2 Samuel directs our eyes to Jesus Christ, the true Son of David. Where David's kingdom was marked by both glory and brokenness, Christ's kingdom is perfectly righteous and everlasting. The book ultimately invites the church to live in hopeful anticipation, trusting that God is still building His kingdom through imperfect people, until the perfect King returns.

Song of Preparation

Be Still, My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #689

Call to Worship—Philippians 4:4-7

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

People: Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

Leader: The Lord is at hand;

People: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

All: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and enable us to rejoice exceedingly in your abundant provisions for us!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Rejoice

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ben Shive, Skye Peterson, and Bryan Fowler

E A E B E

1. Re - joyce in the Lord, now and al - ways; sing it a - gain, we re - joyce... De -
2. Re - joyce and be an - xious for noth - ing, pray - ing for all... that you need...
3. Re - joyce in the Lord. now and al - ways; tell of the good He has done...

E A E B E

light in the love He has shown us, grate - ful - ly lift_ up your voice. His
Come with a song_ of thanks - giv - ing; lay your re - quests at His feet. His
Wor - ship the Lord. to re - mem - ber all of the joy_ yet to come. The

C#m7 A B E To CODA ♠

gen - tle - ness a - mong us will join our hearts with praise. We
peace will fall up - on us, to guard our hearts and_ minds in
hope that burns with - in us the dark can - not des - troy. With

C#m7 A B E Refrain

ga - ther in His good - ness; a fa - mi - ly of grace. } With each
Christ, who reigns e - ter - nal; the Shep - herd of our lives. }

⊕ CODA

Last Refrain

C#m7 A B E

praise that's ne - ver end - ing, we say a - gain, "Re - joice!" With each

C#m B/D# E A E B

breath He's gi - ven, — praise — the Lord! In these times we

C#m A E C#m E

live in, — we will praise — the Lord. Through-out ev - 'ry sea - son, —

A E B C#m A

I — am sure we have ev - 'ry rea - son — to praise — the

E B C#m A E

Lord. We have ev - 'ry rea - son — to praise — the Lord.

Great Are You Lord

Words and Music by Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

$\text{♩} = 144$ **INTRO**

A C#m7 B^{sus} 1. 2.

You give

VERSE

6 A C#m7 B^{sus} A

life. You are love. You bring light to the dark - ness. You give hope. You re -

11 C#m7 B^{sus} A C#m7

-store ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken. And great are You, -

CHORUS

16 B^{sus} A C#m7

Lord. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

Last time to Coda ⦿

20 B^{sus} A C#m7

pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we

INSTRUMENTAL 1

24 B^{sus} A C#m7 B^{sus}

pour out our praise to You on - ly.

29

You give pour out our praise to You on - ly. It's Your pour out our praise to You

INSTRUMENTAL 2

33

on - ly.

BRIDGE

40

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these

45

bones will sing, — "Great are You, —

48

Lord!" — And Lord!" — It's Your

Coda

ENDING

52

pour out our praise to You on - ly.

56

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Revelation 1:4-6

Greeting to the Seven Churches

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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— Proverbs 24:17-18

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the Lord see it and be displeased, and turn away his anger from him.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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

I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation

Wendell Kimbrough

Southern gospel ♩ = 113

F Bb/F F7 F Bb/F F7 F Bb/F F7 F Bb/F F7

1. I will
2. I will

Verse

5 F Bb F F C

lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord, He has
walk with the Lord in His vic - tory, I will no more de - spair in the dark. He has

Chorus

9 F F7 Bb Bdim7 F/C C C7 F C

heard my cry, He has saved my life— I will en - ter His court with praise. Al - le - lu - ia to the
calmed my fears with His love so near— I am safe in His faith - ful arms.

14 Bb F C Bb C F F7

ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia, death will reign no more! I will lift up the cup of sal -

3rd time to Tag Instr.

19 B Bdim7 F/C Dm G7 C7 F F Bb F F

- va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord.

25 C7 F F7 Bb Bdim7 F/C G7/D C7

(4)

2. I will

Al-le -

Tag

31 F /C Dm G7 C7 F F Bb/F F F Bb/F F

Lord. I will call on the name of the Lord.

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

"Responding to God's Providence"

2 Samuel 1

Sermon Series, 2 Samuel

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G
— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G
- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G
- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 A D D
- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D
praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D
maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Beautiful Scandalous Night

Derald Daughtery and Steve Hindalong

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*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

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: Moen, Thomason, Schmidts. SS: Broughton. CC: Steele, Kwong, Linenbroker **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Elzinga, Ridenhour, Poe, Hendricks. SS: Mitchell. CC: Mitchell, Polski, Hawley.

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 4:45-6:15. Kids come enjoy games, Bible lessons, and music!

NO Men's Bible study this week. **Men's Night Wed.** at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

The **Women's Bible studies** meet Wed. at 9am or 6:15pm.

Ladies Connect meets Thur., Apr. 23 at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.

The next **Men's Breakfast is Sat., May 9** from 8-9:30am.

Sr. & Jr. High Youth Ministry: Sundays from 6-8pm.

Sign up today for our first "Worship in the Round" on Sat., Apr. 25th. Worship in the round 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 have the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper in this intimate setting. The theme is "Let All That is In Me Adore Him." We hope you'll join us for this special evening!

Spring Fling Carnival: Apr. 18 from 11am-2pm. Inflatables, games, treats, and more! Each guest will receive a welcome gift with Trinity info for visitors. This is a great event to invite extended family and friends to!

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

Apr. 12 Kingdom Kids

Apr. 16 Robinson Food Pantry

Apr. 17 Young Adult Game Night

Apr. 18 Children's Ministry Spring Fling

Apr. 23 Ladies Connect

Apr. 25 Worship in the Round

May 5 Community Sunday Potluck Lunch

May 9 Men's Breakfast

May 16 Young Adults @ Cards Game

May 17 Youth End of Semester Party

May 31 Promotion Sunday

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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