



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 10, 2026

WORSHIPPING THE GOD WHO SUSTAINS US THROUGH ADVERSITY

(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, Jessica Pannkuk, Steve O'Neal, Maggie Linenbroker

Liturgist: Clark Emerson

Scripture Reader: Hannah Kwong

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Dave Alexander

Welcome and Announcements

Catechism Question of the Week

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace by which we are received into the number of the sons of God and have a right to all the privileges of them.

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

An Excerpt from "Justice for Ish-bosheth" by Ligonier (ligonier.org)

We read in 2 Samuel 4 about the end of Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul whom Abner had made king over the northern tribes of Israel (2:8–11). The first thing to notice is how weak Saul's descendants were at this point. Ish-bosheth lost his courage when he heard about the death of Abner, who was apparently the true power behind the son of Saul (4:1). The text also mentions Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan and grandson of Saul. He was crippled in his feet (v. 4). Essentially, no one was left to challenge David for the throne of Israel. All potential rivals were effectively powerless.

This made what Baanah and Rechab did to Ish-bosheth all the more cold-blooded. Saul's former captains entered the home of Ish-bosheth while he was resting and murdered him, bringing his head to David (vv. 2–3, 5–8). Clearly, they thought that they would get a reward from David for killing his enemy (v. 8). However, these foolish men did not understand that David did not see Saul's house as his enemy. Moreover, Ish-bosheth had done nothing worthy of death. So David repaid their murder with capital punishment, which is the penalty required by the Mosaic law (vv. 9–12; Gen. 9:6; Num. 35:31).

Note also that Baanah and Rechab appealed to the will of God to justify their act (2 Sam. 4:8). They used the name of the Lord to try to show the righteousness of a cause that God never gave them. It is a great sin indeed to claim divine warrant for something God has not commissioned. May we never claim the Lord's will for our actions except when it is clearly revealed in Scripture.

Call to Worship— Psalm 63 (Selected)

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

People: My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Leader: Help us now, O great God, to lean into your sustaining mercies as we offer ourselves to you in worship.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kaufflin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker

D Dsus D Dsus D Bm7

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
 What truth can calm the trou- bled soul? God is good, God is
 Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

A D A/C# Bm G D/A A

5 lone. What is our on - ly con - fi- dence? That our souls to him be-
 good. Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re- deem - er's
 lives! And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#

9 long Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from His com-
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de -

G D/A A(F#/A#) Bm G D/A A D

13 mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore the rock of Christ? —
 stroyed, and we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er more. —

Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G

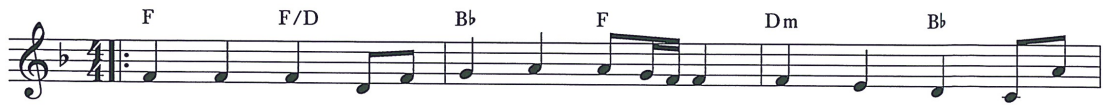
18 — O sing hal - le - lu - jah Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O — sing hal - le -

D/F# G D/F# A G Bm A D

24 lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



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



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



We will feast and weep no more.

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



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



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

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:1-9

The Lord will not forsake His saints

Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrong doers!

For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the 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— Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His redeeming grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

He Will Hold Me Fast

Intro from 'Finlandia' by Jean Sibelius. Vv. 1-2 by Ada Habershon. Alt words vv1-2, 3 Matt Merker

VERSE 1 & 2

5 G G/B C D G

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 Am' G/B C D Gmaj7 G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C² Gmaj7 G/B C² Em⁹ C

VERSE 3

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em⁹ C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 D G C D Em

CHORUS

when He comes at last! _____ He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am⁷ G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 D G **ENDING** D G

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am⁷ D^{7sus} G

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)

Psalm 116 (I Love You, Lord)

Jessica Ray Langdom

Sermon
"Out of Every Adversity"
2 Samuel 4
Sermon Series, 2 Samuel
Rev. Tim Jackson

Characters:

Ish-bosheth: The surviving son of King Saul who was propped up as a puppet king over Israel by Abner following Saul's death. He lacked real leadership, lived in constant fear after Abner was killed, and was eventually assassinated in his sleep by his own men.

Abner: Saul's powerful military commander and cousin who essentially ruled Israel behind the scenes after Saul's death by installing Ish-bosheth as king. He later attempted to defect to David's side but was murdered by David's general, Joab, sending Ish-bosheth and all of Israel into a panic.

Rechab and Baanah: Two opportunistic captains in Ish-bosheth's army who, sensing the collapse of Saul's house, sought to secure favor with David. They treacherously murdered Ish-bosheth in his sleep and presented his head to David, falsely claiming their violence was the Lord's will.

David: The anointed King of Judah waiting for God to unite the kingdom. Instead of rewarding the assassins for eliminating his rival, David rejected their violent actions, trusted the Lord as his sole deliverer from adversity, and executed severe justice upon them for their treachery.

***Song of Response**

It Is Well with My Soul
Trinity Hymnal #691

***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.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Joint 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 Wojcik (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?***

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 will resume next Sunday.

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: Kwong, Pannkuk, O'Neal, Linenbroker. CC: Waldrons, Wagberg, Schmidt. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Sweet, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Moen, Carcamo, Schmidts. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Doiron, Williamson.

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. We are also **looking for a few volunteers to put out the snacks** and clean up after the fellowship time. Please see Amy Mitchell.

Men's Bible Study is on a short hiatus.

While the Women's Bible study has ended, the **morning and evening studies are coming together this Wed. at 6pm** for a time to celebrate the many blessings found while studying the Book of Revelation. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Sr. & Jr. High Youth Ministry: NO youth activities tonight. Mark your calendar for our End of Semester Party (George Night) on May 17. Ask the Pastor will take place on May 24.

Ladies, on May 20th a group of ladies are having lunch at the art museum followed by a walk thru of the latest exhibit. Meet for lunch at 11am at the museum restaurant. *Please let Donna Giordano know if you plan to attend.* Mark your calendars for a **brunch on July 11th!**

Community Sunday potluck lunches will take place on 6/7, 7/5, and 8/2.

Mark you calendar: Worship in the Round on July 8th at 6pm.

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:

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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

May 13 Women's Bible Study Dinner 6pm

May 14 Robinson Food Pantry

May 16 Young Adults @ Cards Game

May 17 Youth End of Semester Party

May 31 Promotion Sunday

May 31 Kingdom Kids/Youth Event

June 7 Community Sunday Potluck Lunch

June 7-13 Sr. High RYM Retreat

June 24 Youth Group moves to Wed. (for the summer)

July 8 Worship in the Round 6pm

July 11 Women's Ministry Brunch

Global Mission News
Featuring Coby & Pamela McGinty
MTW

The McGintys have served at the University of Cape Town in South Africa since 2007, through various reformed campus ministries. In October 2025 they officially launched an RUF, realizing a dream they have prayed many years for.

UCT is ranked #1 on the African continent, with 30,000 students from over 100 nations. The McGintys are building RUF-UCT through evangelism, Bible studies, discipling, counseling, extending hospitality, and developing leaders, all from a home the Lord has provided them on campus. They attract non-Christian and unchurched students by teaching practical Life Skills seminars through a biblical perspective and have been welcomed onto the campus as a student society.

Pamela has co-founded Biblical Counseling Africa, a partnership with the Christian Counseling Educational Foundation (CCEF), and serves as BCA Vice-Chair. BCA is providing online biblical counseling training across the continent of Africa and now an African curriculum training program being piloted in South Africa.

Coby and Pamela became burdened for the students of UCT while serving with short-term mission teams sent from Twin Oaks. Prior to God's call to Cape Town, Coby taught Evangelism Explosion and Crown Financial Ministry, served on the Twin Oaks World Missions Committee, and owned a very successful business in St. Louis. Pamela enjoyed working for TOPC under Chris Polski.

They now serve a new and growing church plant on the UCT campus, Sikhona Covenant Presbyterian Church (Sikhona translates from Xhosa, "We are here.")

Their three children are currently living in the States. Their son Lake is completing an MDiv at Covenant and leading student ministry at TOPC. His wife Ellie teaches art at TOCS and they are expecting a daughter in July. Both Calla and Liam are working in Nashville, TN.

The McGintys will host a TOPC short-term missions team on the campus of UCT again in July 2026 and will be in St Louis this fall. We hope to arrange a time to update Trinity in person then.

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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