



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 3, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS

(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 & Maggie McCall, Jessica Hendricks, Beth Williamson

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"2 Samuel shows us that the kingdom of God does not advance because of human integrity but often in spite of human scheming." — Dale Ralph Davis

"For men are never so much disposed to do wrong as when they have the power to do so." — John Calvin

"Power... detached from God's law and will becomes demonic." — Herman Bavinck

"If you are not amazed by your own weakness, you will be tempted to use your power for your own glory." — Paul Tripp

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

**An Excerpt from "Let Hobbits Teach You Humility" by Cassie Achermann
(thegospelcoalition.org)**

Everything in Middle-earth changes when that golden ring falls into the fires of Mount Doom. Sauron is vanquished, the power of evil is broken, and hope dawns anew. It only takes a few seconds; the journey to get there, though, was long and perilous. Frodo Baggins, a lowly hobbit, had to carry the corrupting One Ring, for it would destroy anyone else. His humility qualifies him for the task.

Frodo didn't set out to save Middle-earth. In response to Gandalf's revelation that Sauron was seeking the ring, Frodo simply does the task in front of him. He's full of valor, but motivated by resolute determination to do what's right and remove this peril from his beloved Shire. His humble love for home and hearth—and the other hobbits—sustains Frodo through terrible suffering.

Even though the ending of J. R. R. Tolkien's classic Lord of the Rings series isn't entirely happy, we rejoice that something has been made right. The humble triumph over the power-hungry, and peace extends across the land. We long for that to happen in this world, too. And so these lowly hobbits help us comprehend, deep in our hearts, the beauty of humility and the horror of self-serving power.

Song of Preparation

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Arr. by Dan Kreider

4 Bb5 Gm Eb(add2) F5 Bb Gm D
Man of sor - rows, what a name

11 Eb Bb/D F/C C Fsus Bb F/A Gm Bb/F Eb F Bb F Gm
for the Son of God who came, ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a

16 Eb Bb Bb F/A Gm Dm/F Eb Bb/D
Sa - vior! Bear - ing shame and scof - fing rude, in my place con -

22 F/C C Fsus Bb F/C Bb/D Eb Bb Eb F Bb F Gm Eb
-demned He stood; sealed my par - don with His blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sa -

27 Bb Eb(add2) Gm Eb(add2) Bb Gm D Eb Bb/D
-vior! Guil - ty, vile, and help - less we, spot - less Lamb of

34 F/C C Fsus Bb F/A Gm Gb Ab Bb F Gm Eb Bb
God was He. Full a - tone - ment, can it be: Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sa - vior!

40 Gm Eb(add2) Bb/D Eb(add2) Fsus Bb /D Eb
poco rit **D-Bridge** **a tempo**
Ha - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, ha - le -

46 F Eb Bb Eb/F Bb /D Eb F

- lu - jah, what a Sa - vior! Ha - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, what a

51 Eb/Bb Bb Eb/G /F Bb5 Gm D Eb Bb/D

rit **E-V4** **A tempo**

Sa - vior! Lif - ted up was He to die; "It is fi - nished!"

58 F/C C Fsus Bb F/C Bb/D Eb Bb Eb F Bb F Gm Eb Bb

F-Int

was His cry. Now in heav'n ex - al - ted high: Hal - le - lu - jah! What a Sa - vior!

64 Gm Gb Bb/F Cm7 Bb/D Eb Bb/F Fsus F Bb

molto rit **G-V5** **Majestic** ♩ = 72

When He comes, our

72 Gm D Eb Bb/F Csus C Fsus Bb Gm Gb Ab

glo - rious King, all His ran - somed home to bring, then a - new this song we'll sing: Ha - le -

77 Bb F Gm Eb Bb Bb Gm Gb Ab

- lu - jah! What a Sa - vior! Then a - new this song we'll sing: Ha - le -

81 Bb F Gm Eb Bb Eb Ab Bb

molto rit

- lu - jah! What a Sa - - vior!

Call to Worship— Psalm 33

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: We will Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; We will make melody to him with the harp often strings!

Leader: Sing to him a new song;

People: The word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

All: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue, arr. by Kings Kaleidoscope

D A D D^(add9 omit 3) B min G

Should noth- ing of our ef - ferts stand no leg - a - cy sur - vive Un -
(His) will be done His king - dom come on earth as is a - bove Who

D D^(add9 omit 3) G D

6 less the Lord does raise this house in vain its build - ers strive To
is Him - self our dail - y bread praise Him the Lord of love Let

D D^(add9 omit 3) B min G

10 you who boast tom - or - row's gain tell me what is your life A
liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price We'll

D D^(add9 omit 3) G D

14 mist that van - i - shes at dawn All glor - y be to Christ! All
take this cup of kind - ness yet

D E min D/F# G

B

glor - y be to Christ our King! All glor - y be to Christ! His

D D^(add9 omit 3) G

1. D G D | 2. D

22 rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glor - y be to Christ! His Christ!

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Psalm 28

A Psalm Of David

To you, O Lord, I call;
my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,
when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands
toward your most holy sanctuary.

Do not drag me off with the wicked,
with the workers of evil,
who speak peace with their neighbors
while evil is in their hearts.

Give to them according to their work
and according to the evil of their deeds;
give to them according to the work of their hands;
render them their due reward.

Because they do not regard the works of the Lord
or the work of his hands,
he will tear them down and build them up no more.

Blessed be the Lord!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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— James 1:26

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

Song of Confession (vv. 1-2)

From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

8 G A A# Bm A G

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam - en - ta -
2. To wash a-way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail -

12 G Bm A G

tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca -
eth; Our works, a-las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail -

16 G G A Bm

tion; If thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -
eth; No man can glo - ry in thy sight, All must a - like con - fess

20 G Bm A Women: G A

Men: -

deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore thee? O who
thy might, And live a - lone by mer - cy And live
O who shall stand be - fore
And live a - lone by mer -

25 Bm A G A Bm

shall stand be - fore thee?
a - lone by mer - cy

thee?
cy

Who shall stand be - fore thee?
Live a - lone by mer - cy

30 Bm Bm Bm A D A

There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not

35 Bm G D A

in mine own mer - it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word up - holds

39 Bm G G A

my faint - ing spir - it; His prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, My com -

43 Bm G D A G

fort and my sweet sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience. Wait for

48 A D A G A

it with wait for it with pa - tience. Wait for it with pa -

53 D D D D

tience.

4. What though I wait
 the live-long night,
 And till the dawn appeareth,
 My heart still trusteth in his might;
 It doubteth not nor feareth;
 Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
 Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
 And wait till God appeareth. (echo)
 And wait till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins
 and sore our woes
 His grace much more aboundeth;
 His helping love no limit knows,
 Our upmost need it soundeth.
 Our Shepherd good and true is He,
 Who will at last His Israel free
 From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
 From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
 From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the forgiveness of 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 (vv. 3-5) *From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)*

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

"The Peril of Power When Used for Self"

2 Samuel 3

Sermon Series, 2 Samuel

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell

♩ = 77

VERSE

B \flat B \flat /A Gm F/A

1. Christ the — sure and stead - y an - chor in the fu - ry of the
 (2. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor while the temp - est rag - es
 (3. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor through the floods of un - be -
 (4. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor as we face the wave of

B \flat F/A Gm F

storm, when the — winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been
 on, when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has
 - lief. Hope - less, — some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va -
 death, when these — trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal

CHORUS

F7 B \flat /D E \flat ² B \flat /D E \flat ² F

torn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
 won. Deep - er still, then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
 - ry. This my bal - last of as - sur - ance— see His love for - ev - er
 breath. We will cross that great hor - i - zon, clouds be - hind, and life se -
 (D.S.) shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er

Gm E \flat ² F/A Gm E \flat maj⁷ F^{sus} B \flat

few, I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cused. I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 proved. All my — hope is in the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cured. And the — calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
 true. We will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

B \flat /A Gm⁷ E \flat ² E \flat ² B \flat /D D.S. E \flat ² B \flat

2.3.4. Christ the — Christ the

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)

Come To Me

Wendell Kimbrough

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Wendell Kimbrough and Ludwig van Beethoven

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.

In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;

Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, One.

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

*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): Ruth Harlow (please report to the toddler nursery directly following 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 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?***

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 meets 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: McCalls, Hendricks, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC: Standerfer, Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Kwong, Pannkuk, O'Neal, Linenbroker. CC: Waldrons, Wagberb, Schmidt.

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.

Men's Bible Study is on a short hiatus.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

The **Women's Bible studies** meet Wed. at 9am or 6:15pm. While this is our last week of this study, please join us on May 13 (both morning and evening groups) at 6:30pm for our Blessed Celebration.

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

Sr. & Jr. High Youth Ministry: Sundays from 6-8pm. Mark your calendar for our End of Semester Party (George Night) on May 17. Ask the Pastor will take place on May 24.

Ladies, we have a few fun events coming up! On May 13th the morning and evening bible studies will combine for a "Blessed Gathering" at 6:30pm. On May 20th a group of ladies are having lunch at the art museum followed by a walk thru of the latest exhibit. Mark your calendars for a brunch on July 11th!

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

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

- May 9 Men's Breakfast
- May 13 Women's Bible Study Dinner
- 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.
- July 11 Women's Ministry Brunch
- Sep. 19 Party on the Lawn

Local Mission News
Featuring Reach Reproductive Health
Care With Connection
Levi Hart, CEO

Who We Are:

At Reach Reproductive Healthcare, we're here to provide free, safe, and confidential pre-abortion care when you need it most. We're dedicated to supporting women and their partners with the information, resources, and support they need to make confident decisions about their futures.

Our holistic, non-judgmental approach ensures that every woman feels seen, heard, and cared for—not just in this moment, but as the whole person you are.

Why We Exist:

At Reach Reproductive Health, we understand that an unexpected pregnancy can bring a mix of emotions, questions, and uncertainties. That's why we exist—to walk alongside you and provide the support you need to make the best decision for yourself, without pressure or judgment.

We believe that every woman deserves clarity, confidence, and compassionate care when making choices that impact her body and her life ahead. Our services are designed to provide real support, not just generic answers, in a warm and welcoming environment.

Reach is more than a clinic; we are partners in care who recognize that pregnancy decisions impact every part of your life—your relationships, goals, and well-being. Our goal is to help you navigate this decision with knowledge, resources, and support so that you can make the most empowered decision possible.

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace by which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, received by faith alone.

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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