



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

August 23, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

(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, Olga Martir, Barb Schlitt, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Mason Powell

Scripture Reader: Mary Berardi

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Shaun Thomason

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment

Quotes and Reflection

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. — Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. — John 1:1-3

"Let the man who would hear God speak read Holy Scripture." — Martin Luther

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

The Wise Words of Jesus

Consider the following examples of Jesus' speech from the Gospel of John:

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." (2:19)

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." (3:3)

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (4:13-14)

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" (5:6)

But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." (6:20)

So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." (7:28-29)

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (8:12)

Jesus always spoke truth. Sometimes he asked the questions, other times he answered them. He rebuked and corrected, taught and trained, encouraged and blessed. Whenever he spoke, his words were used to give life. And this is exactly what we would expect from the Word made flesh. How are you doing at modeling your speech after Jesus? Are you listening to his words? Are they shaping you? Do you love his words? Do you speak them to others? Are you filled with the same God-honoring, life giving speech? Wherever you are on your speech journey, take a few moments to meditate on the scriptures above, and allow them to begin to heal, soften, transform, and encourage your hearts today.

Song of Preparation (Ensemble)

Word of God Speak

Bart Millard and Pete Kipley

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
Word of God speak

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music, beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty
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Call to Worship— Psalm 50:1-5



Leader: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rise of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence.

People: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

All: Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!

Leader: Now, O God who calls, summons, and speaks, open our ears that we might hear you and help us to worship you!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



*Songs of Adoration

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge. Arr. by Joe Brownlee

J = 73 **C** **VERSE** **Em** **C** **Em**

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

[5] **C** **Em** **C**

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

[8] **Em7** **G** **CHORUS** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F**

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all his won - drous deeds?
 ris - en now to reign!

[13] **C** **G** **C** **G/B** **Am** **F** **C** **G** **1. C**

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

[19] **Em** **C** **Em** **2. F2** **Em** **F2** **G** **3. C FINE**

Him! Him!

BRIDGE **C** **F/C** **C** **F/C** **Am7**

Men: You will reign for - ev er... You will reign for - ev er... You will reign for -
Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your

F **Am7** **F**

ev - er... You will reign for - ev - er...
 glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

C **F** **Am7** **F** **DS**

You will reign for - ev - er... You will reign for - ev - er... Be
 Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill,

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-tening ears all
2. This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
3. This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that



na - ture sings, and 'round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa - ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The
This is my Fa - ther's world, the bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
Lord is King, let the heav - ens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.



***Prayer of Adoration**



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 1:1-4



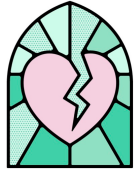
The Supremacy of God's Son

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs."

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

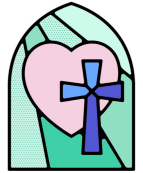


Call to Confession— James 3:6-9

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD



Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Eph. 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his forgiveness in Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

E E/G# A E

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 B C#m A B^{sus} E F#m⁷

-ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

6 E/G# A E/G# A E/B

1, 2. **TURNAROUND**
 B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E E/G#

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

11 A E B C#m A B^{sus}

3. **CHORUS**
 B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E A E

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, —
 3. What

17 C#m⁷ B^{sus} A E B^{sus} B B^{sus} A E

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

21 B C#m⁷ A E

1. B^{sus} E 2. B^{sus} E

new ev - 'ry morn. — Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Leonard Benjamin Richard Davis

Baptism Hymn

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Trinity Hymnal #189

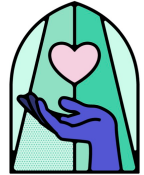
WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

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:



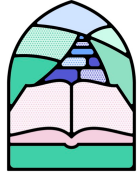
Sermon

"Words of Life & Death"

Proverbs 12:18; 15:4; 16:20-24; 18:20-21

Sermon Series on the Book of Proverbs

Mr. Clark Emerson



^{16:20} Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good,
and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.

²¹ The wise of heart is called discerning,
and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.

²² Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it,
but the instruction of fools is folly.

²³ The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious
and adds persuasiveness to his lips.

²⁴ Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

^{12:18} There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

^{15:4} A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

^{18:20} From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied;
he is satisfied by the yield of his lips.

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal #642

*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.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school will resume on Sept. 6. See today's insert for info on the upcoming classes.

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, Brown. Nursery: Kwong, Martir, Schlitt, Hendricks. CC: Mitchell, Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Thomason, Schlitt, Roberts. Nursery: Kwong, Williamson, Schmidts.

Women's Bible Study will meet weekly on Wednesdays beginning Aug. 26th at 9am or 6:15pm. Childcare is available for the morning study. We will be looking at the Book of Ecclesiastes this fall.

Missionary Breakfast: Aug. 29 at 9am for coffee and a time to hear from H&L, two of our missionaries serving in an undisclosed area. Their ministry helps train locals in utilizing video and social media to reach otherwise closed regions with the Gospel. See Tom Schmidt or sign up on Church Center.

Men's Bible Study will begin on Wed., Sept. 30 at 6:15pm. The men will meet on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. of the month. Pastor Polski will lead a study of the Psalms.

Jr & Sr. High Youth will meet on Sundays from 6-8pm beginning Aug. 30th. There will be a **Parents Meeting** on Sept. 6th at noon.

Check your email this week for details about **Small Groups** starting up soon. This is a wonderful way to get connected.

Volunteers Needed: Interested in helping in the nursery, putting out Sunday snacks, or bringing Sunday snacks? All are an easy and great way to serve our church family. See Amy Mitchell for more info.

The **next Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Sep. 12th from 8-9:30am.

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

Aug. 26 Women's Bible Studies begin
Aug. 28 Young Adult Small Group
Aug. 29 Missionary Breakfast
Aug. 30 Sun. PM Youth Group resumes
Sept. 6 Sunday School Resumes
Sept. 12 Men's Breakfast 8-9:30am
Sept. 13 Kingdom Kids Resumes
Sept. 19 Party on the Lawn
Oct. 3 Church Workday 9am
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event
Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Global Mission News
Featuring Rebecca Diboll
Serving with Serge in Missionary Care

Serge (/sərj/) – joining together rough edges to form a smooth seam

We see God weaving together our own weakness and the frayed edges of our tattered world with His goodness, creating something beautiful. It's here we see His **Grace at the Fray** — in our life and in our work.

For over 40 years

Serge has been helping individuals and churches **engage in global mission**. Yet even as their missionaries first stepped out to fulfill this calling, they faced their own failings. Their clay feet, lack of faith, and broken relationships alienated the very people they came to reach.

They quickly came to realize that becoming a missionary didn't exempt you from the trials and failings of being a sinful, broken person. So early in their history, through the work of their founder Dr. Jack Miller and others, they developed a singular focus on the need for the gospel in their own lives, even as they reached out to take the message of God's grace to others.

As they seek to make the gospel known to others, they want this same grace to continually renew their lives.

Today, their work consists of sending and caring for missionaries, mentoring & equipping ministry leaders around the world, and developing resources for on-going spiritual renewal.

Serge's Values

Centrality of the Gospel
Ministry from weakness

Kingdom-Centered Prayer
Love for People

Rebecca and her team recently came back from a week serving in London. The team was from Red Mountain Church. They joined 75 other Americans for LEAP week. Each morning, they began with training from Serge Missionaries as well as intentional kingdom prayer before they were sent out to support four different church plants across London. They saw fruit from this work; Serge church leaders have shared testimonies of new connections and increased church attendance. Praise the Lord!

She is home now in Birmingham, Alabama and has a strong desire to send teams back to London in the coming years. For the time being they will conduct prayer walks in the neighborhoods and church. Their prayer is that God will give them the lenses to see their own city the way He does.

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 42. What is the summary of the Ten Commandments?

A. The summary of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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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