



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 6, 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.



WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US TO FAITHFUL VOCATION

(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): Tara Thomason, Debbie Highmark, Cheryl Poe, Stella Hendricks

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Aaron Goldstein

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

Romans 16:27 — to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Ephesians 1:7-9 — In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

God's wisdom is seen in Christ himself, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col 2:3) — John Stott

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Devotional from Ligonier Ministries.

Lady Wisdom's call in Proverbs 8 for all who are listening to heed her instruction has inspired generations of Christians to reflect on the wise sayings of the book of Proverbs and apply them diligently to their lives. The text has also been at the center of some of the most important theological debates in church history. First Corinthians 1:30 tells us that Christ Jesus is our "wisdom from God," so we are not surprised that many people in church history have seen the personification of wisdom in Proverbs 8 as prefiguring the Messiah.

During the Arian crisis of the fourth century, when Arius and his followers were asserting that Jesus was not God but merely the most exalted creature, the Arians often used Proverbs 8 to defend their position. In particular, they would appeal to vv. 22–31, which name wisdom as the first of God's acts, indicating that Lady Wisdom had a beginning. If indeed the passage is a prophecy of Christ, this would seem to indicate that Jesus was simply another of the Lord's creatures. The great Athanasius of Alexandria fought against the Arians in defense of the deity of Christ, and he likewise appealed to this text. Athanasius said that the verses in question did not refer to the beginning of the Son's existence; rather, they were about His incarnation. God the Son is coequal to the Father in essence; in fact, He shares the same essence and according to His deity has no beginning or end. But the humanity of the Savior did not exist until that point in time when the Holy Spirit came upon the Virgin Mary and she conceived her firstborn son. According to His human nature, Christ had a beginning, but according to His divine nature and personhood, He does not.

Athanasius won the day, and we are grateful for his stalwart defense of the incarnation of the Son. Yet his interpretation of Proverbs 8 is not any more compelling than Arian's. That does not mean, however, that Proverbs 8 does not prefigure our Savior and His work. Read in light of the entire canon, Lady Wisdom is indeed a type of Christ, and she points to Him as we compare her limitations to the sufficiency of Christ.

Unlike the Word made flesh, Lady Wisdom does not share God's eternal nature (John 1:1–14; see Prov. 8:22–31). Earthly rulers reign in justice as they heed the instruction of Lady Wisdom, but the Son of God is Himself the King of kings and Lord of lords (Prov. 8:15–16; 1 Tim. 6:13–16). Those who find Lady Wisdom and heed her will find abundant life today, but those who trust in Jesus alone find eternal life (Prov. 8:35–36; John 3:16).

Even many non-Christians respect the teaching of Jesus and believe that He offers wisdom to live by. Of course, as believers in Christ, we would agree, but we would say that such a view does not go far enough. Divine wisdom is not mere words spoken by great teachers; rather, God's wisdom is a person. It is the right relationship with this person that secures our entry to heaven, not mere obedience to His ethical pronouncements without looking to His cross for our salvation.

Song of Preparation

Give Me Jesus

Arr. by Fernando Ortega

$\text{♩} = 80$ C Am F²

1. In the morn - ing when I ____ rise, ____ in the morn - ing ____ when I ____ rise, _

4 C Am F Fmaj⁷ F⁶

____ in the morn - ing when I ____ rise ____ give me ____ Je ____

7 Dm G C

sus. Give me Je -

10 % Em Am F C

- sus, ____ give me Je - sus. ____ You ____ can _

14 F/A Last time to Coda Φ C/G F² C

have all ____ this world, ____ but give ____ me ____ Je ____ sus.

18 C^{sus} C Am F

2. And when I ____ am ____ a-lone, ____ oh, and when I ____ am a-lone, _
3. And when I ____ come ____ to die, ____ oh, and when I ____ come to die, _

22 C² C F² C/E

and when I am a - lone, give me Je -
 and when I come to die, give me Je -

25 Dm⁷ G^{sus} C 1. 2. D.S. al Coda

- sus. Give me Je Give me Je
 - sus.

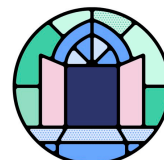
29 Coda C/G Cmaj⁷/G F² C/E

you can have all this world, you can

34 Dm⁷ C/E F² C

have all this world, but give me Je - sus.

Call to Worship— Psalm 111:1-2, 10



Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD
 with my whole heart,

People: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who
 delight in them.

**People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all
 those who practice it have a good understanding.**

All: His praise endures forever!

Leader: Now, only wise God, help us to worship your name and
 thank your works. Teach us to fear you, that your praise
 would endure forever!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



*Songs of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Trinity Hymnal #53

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash
Em7

G

1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

C2

4 — Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

G **Em7**

7 — Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

C2

10 — and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

G **Em7**

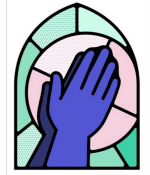
13 — is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

Cmaj7 **D** **G2**

16 — And all will see how great, how great is our God! 1 2. And

***Prayer of Adoration**



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Romans 11:33-36



The Wisdom and Glory of God

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

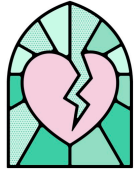
“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. 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— 1 Corinthians 1:20-23

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles...

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— 1 Cor. 1:24-25

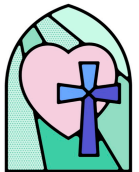
...But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the wisdom of the cross!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!



*Song of Rejoicing

Is He Worthy

Words and Music by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive

(Ensemble): Do you feel the world is broken? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): Do you feel the shadows deepen? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): But do you know that all the dark won't
stop the light from getting through? (Congregation): *We do*
(Ensemble): Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(Congregation): *We do*

(Ensemble): Is all creation groaning? (Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is a new creation coming? (Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?
(Congregation): *It is*
(Ensemble): Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (Congregation): *It is*

(Chorus: All)
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

(Ensemble): Does the Father truly love us? (Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): Does the Spirit move among us? (Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves?
(Congregation): *He does*
(Ensemble): Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(Congregation): *He does*

(Chorus: All)
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

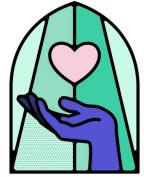
WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

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:



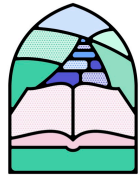
Sermon

"Christ, the Wisdom of God"

Proverbs 8:22-36

Sermon Series on the Book of Proverbs

Rev. Thurman Williams



*Song of Response

The Lord Is My Salvation

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockles, and Jonas Myrin

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

1. The grace of God has reached _ me, And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.
 3. My hope is hid - den in the _ Lord, He flow'rs each pro-mise of His Word.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of _ need, When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va -

8 2.4. D/A E/A A E Refrain D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the _ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

Refrain

E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

D A/C# E/G# F#m D A/C# E

be to God, the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God, the Son, Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus ^{1.} A^{sus} A

be to God, the Spi - rit; The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

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)

Like a Child with Its Mother

Caroline Cobb Smith

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.*

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

God in Action - Ruling Elders, Jim Talent & Fielding Poe (Room 110)

We will be studying our favorite episodes or chapters of the Bible, including the Lord's encounters with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman (from John 3 and 4), Paul's wonderful letter to Philemon, God's rebuke of Sennacherib (from 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Isaiah), and much more. Come and see God in action; and learn about His character from His great saving works. We love these parts of the Bible, and you will too!

How does God save sinners? The person and work of Jesus Christ- Clark Emerson (Room 111)

Jesus Christ is the center of the Christian faith, yet many of the doctrines surrounding His person and work are often misunderstood or overlooked. Who is He, and what did He accomplish? Throughout history the church has wrestled with these questions because they are essential to understanding the gospel itself. In this class we will explore what Scripture teaches about the person and work of Christ—from His incarnation and atoning work to the salvation He accomplished for His people. Along the way, we will examine the biblical foundations and historical development of these doctrines, seeking to understand not only what the church has confessed throughout the centuries, but why. Whether you are new to theology or have studied it for years, our aim is to deepen your understanding of Christ so that you trust, worship, and love Him more.

Trinity Choir - Abby Roberts & Katie Polski (Fireplace room)

The Trinity Choir begins meeting during the Sunday school hour on Sept. 6th. Together we'll learn music that helps lead our church in worship throughout the semester. Whether you're a seasoned singer or have never sung in a choir before, you're welcome. All you need 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