



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 13, 2026

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF WISDOM AND GRACE

(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): Kimberly Linenbroker, Chenoa Pysar, Alyce Bava, Josie Standerfer

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Bava

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Quotes and Reflection

"⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'" — Exodus 34:6–7

"[The Christian] does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us; just as the roof of a greenhouse does not attract the sun because it is bright, but becomes bright because the sun shines on it."

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 63

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

“The fear of the Lord provides the door to apprehend that all life is centered on the Creator, through whom individuals may gain understanding and wisdom (1:7; 9:10). Humans can only realize their purpose when they live within God's order (3:13–20; 8:22–31). The fear of the Lord is an expression of awe for God, and through this awe, personal and communal concerns become secondary to the joy of entering into God's glorious presence revealed in creation, worship, and a lifestyle of ethical obedience. The fear of the Lord brings together [religion] and culture, the sacred and the secular, the divine and the human. It is not a fear of God but a cognizance of God's incomprehensibility and a joy of walking in his presence. Through the fear of the Lord, the ‘righteous’ person relates to his Maker continuously in openness, integrity, and authenticity (23:17). In God's presence one becomes more aware of life and of the issues of life (1:29; 10:27; 19:23; 22:4), because the Lord delights in his children who walk with him in humility and wisdom (15:33; 16:6–7; 22:4). The mention of the fear of the Lord at the beginning (1:7) and end of Proverbs (31:30) ties the whole book together as both men and women are encouraged to embody the fear of the Lord. He takes the upright into his inner circle. As they embrace wisdom, they love their God and find their utmost joy in him (4:6–8).”

—Willem A. VanGemeren, “Proverbs,” in *A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*, 382

Song of Preparation

The Steadfast Love

Edith McNeil

Chord progression: D G D

1. The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; His mer-cies nev - er

4. G A Em A F#m Bm

come to an end. They are new ev' - ry morn-ing, new ev' - ry morn-ing.

7. Em A Bm A/C# D G Em A

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O Lord! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness.

1. D

1. The

Call to Worship— Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

All: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**



*Songs of Adoration

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Trinity Hymnal #302

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough

4/4 time signature, key of D major (two sharps).

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not
 bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves
 - ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death
 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
 to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
 we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -
 - bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God
 - bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God
 - tion and He called us by our names and the God
 - lers to the on - ly One who hears and the God

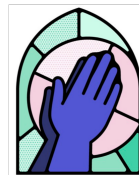
of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord
 of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
 of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
 of com - fort took a - way our fears.

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

*Prayer of Adoration



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:1-6

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

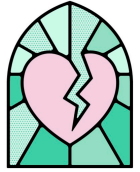
"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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 3:7

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Lam. 3:22-24

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God whose mercies are new every morning!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!



*Song of Rejoicing

Goodness of God

Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

A

D



1. I love _ You, Lord. ____
 (2. I love _ Your voice.) ____

Oh, Your mer - cy nev - er fails .
 You have led me through the fi -

3

A

E/G#

F#m7

D



____ me.
 - re.

All ____ my days ____
 In dark - est night, ____

I've been held in ____ Your hands. .
 You are close like ____ no oth -

5

E(4)

F#m7

D



____ er.

From the mo - ment that I wake up
 I've known You as a fa - ther,

un - til I lay
 I've known You as

7

A

E/G# F#m7

D

E(4)

A



my head,
 a friend.

I ____ will sing ____
 I ____ have lived ____

of the good - ness
 in the good - ness

of God. ____
 of God. ____

CHORUS

10

D2

A

D2



All my life _ You have _ been faith - ful.

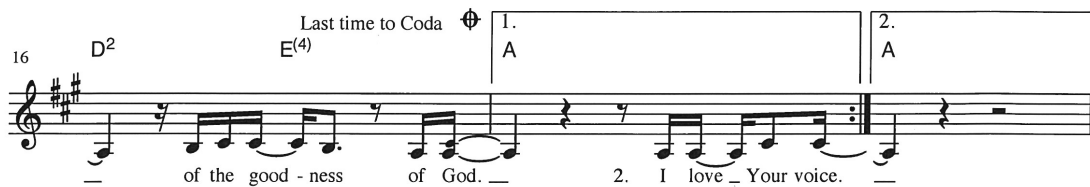
All my life _ You have _ been so, .

13 A E⁽⁴⁾ D² A E/G# F#m⁷



— so good. With ev-'ry breath _ that I _ am a - ble I _ will sing.

16 D² E⁽⁴⁾ Last time to Coda 1. A 2. A



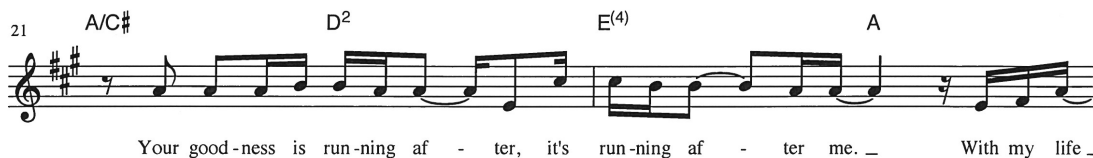
— of the good - ness of God. _ 2. I love _ Your voice. _

19 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A BRIDGE



Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _

21 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ A



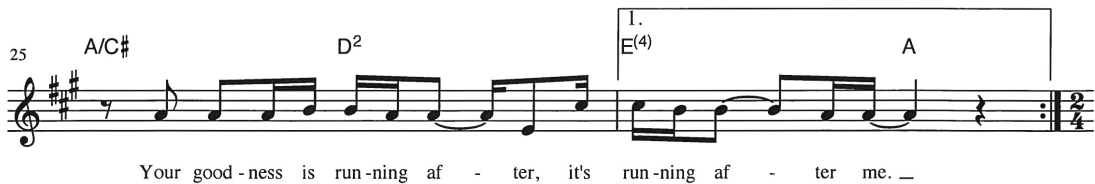
Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _ With my life _

23 A/C# D² E⁽⁴⁾ F#m⁷



_ laid down, _ I'm sur - ren - dered now; _ I give _ You ev - 'ry - thing. _

25 A/C# D² 1. E⁽⁴⁾ A



Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. _

27 2. E⁽⁴⁾ A D.S. al Coda



run - ning af - ter me. _

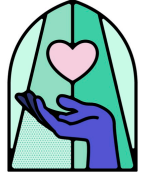
WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

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 (please join in singing on vs. 3)

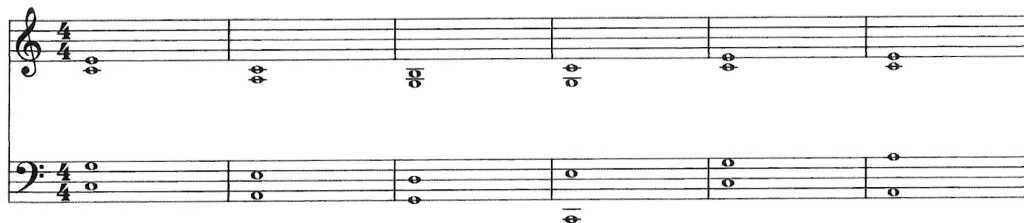
Grace

Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

♩=96

INTRO

C Am G C Am



VERSE

7 G C C C/E F

1. Your grace that leads the sin - ner home, from
 (2. Your) grace that reach - es far and wide, to
 (3. Your) grace that I can - not ex - plain, not
 (4. Let) praise rise up and o - ver - flow; my

12 C Am G^{sus} G C C/E

death to life for - ev - er. And sings the song of right - eous -
 ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion, has called my heart to en - ter
 by my earth - ly wis - dom. The prince of life, with - out a
 song re-sound for - ev - er. For grace will see me wel-come

17 F C G C Am

1. TURNAROUND

-ness by blood and not by mer - it.
in the was
stain, to
home

22 G C C G^{sus} G⁷ C

2, 3, 4.

2. Your joy of Your sal - va - tion. By
trad - ed for this sin - er.
walk be - side my Sav - iour.

27 C C/E F C G^{sus} G

CHORUS 1a

grace I am re - deemed. By grace I am re - stored. And

31 C C/E F C G⁷ G

3rd time to Coda

TURNAROUND

now I free - ly walk in - to the arms of Christ, my Lord.

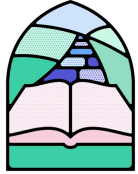
Sermon

"Wisdom and Grace"

Proverbs 3:3-4

Sermon Series on the Book of Proverbs

Dr. Aaron Goldstein



*Song of Response

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson

♩ = 72 B $\flat$ B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$ B $\flat$ F Lyrics on repeat

8 Guitar melody Mine are

Verse

5 B $\flat$ B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$ Gm F B $\flat$

8 days that God has num-bered I was made to walk with Him Yet I
tears in times of sor - row dark-ness not yet un - der stood Through the
days here as a stran - ger pil - grim on a nar - row way One with

9 B $\flat$ B $\flat$ (sus4) B $\flat$ Gm F B $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D

8 look for worl-dly treas - ure and for - sake the King of kings But mine is
val - ley I must tra - vel Where I see no earth - ly good But mine is
Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and hat - red for His name But mine is

Refrain

13 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D

8 hope in my Re-deem - er though I fall His love is sure For Christ has
peace that flows from hea - ven And the strength in times of need I know my
ar - mour for this batt - le Strong e - nough to last the war And He has

17 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ F 1. 2. B $\flat$ 3. B $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D

8 paid for ev'-ry fail-ing I am His for - ev - er more shore And mine are
pain will not be was - ted Christ completes His work in me
said He will de - liv - er Safe - ly to the gol - den

Refrain

8 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ F

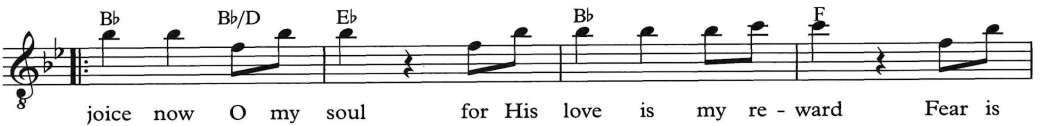
8 keys to Zi - on Ci - ty Where be - side the King I



Turnaround



Bridge



Fine



*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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school class for all ages meet today. See previous page 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: Moen, Oehlerking, Barker, Hays. Nursery: Linenbroker, Pysar, Bava, Standerfer. SS: Steele. CC: Emersons, Kwong. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Brown. Nursery: McCalls, Hendricks, Davis. SS: Broughton. CC: Waldrons, Goldstein.

Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6:15pm. Childcare is available for the morning study. We are studying the Book of Ecclesiastes this fall.

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 meets on Sundays from 6-8pm.

Small Groups are a wonderful way to get connected. You can sign up on Church Center, on the table in the narthex, or contact the church office.

Party on the Lawn: Sat., Sept. 19 from 4:30-7pm. Live music, games, petting zoo, bounce house, and more! We will provide the pig roast, you bring a potluck side to share. When you register you will have the opportunity to enter our dessert contest, or sign up to volunteer for 30 mins.

Kingdom Kids (3yrs-5th gr.) will meet TODAY (2nd & 4th Sun.) from 4:30-6pm starting Sept. 13.

Church Work Day: Sat., Oct. 3 at 9am. Come help us care for our church building and grounds.

You are invited to the **Mission Gate annual benefit dinner** this Fri. at 6pm. To get more details about sitting at the Trinity table, contact Chuck Barker.

Interested in being a part of this year's Christmas concert? We would love to have you join us for a (brief) informational meeting immediately following SS next Sun., Sept. 20th in the fireplace room.

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

Sep. 13 Kingdom Kids Resumes
Sep. 17 Robinson Food Pantry
Sep. 18 Mission Gate Benefit Dinner
Sep. 19 Party on the Lawn
Sep. 27 Hope Church Launch
Oct. 3 Church Workday 9am
Oct. 10 Men's Breakfast
Oct. 19 Ladies Connect
Nov. 8 Mark Akin Concert 2pm
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event
Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Global Mission News
Featuring Larry and Sandy Rockwell
Serving in Peru
MTW.org

Larry and Sandy Rockwell first recognized their need for a Savior in their twenties. While preparing for ministry at Columbia International University, God began to plant a seed in their hearts for missions. God continued to work in their hearts the reality of the gospel as Larry worked in the marketplace and Sandy served in the home.

Providentially, God took them through various trials and opportunities which, instead of making them feel strengthened and more adequate to serve, helped them understand how His grace operated in their weakness. As a result of these experiences, they felt constrained to go and share the love of God with those who had never heard the gospel.

After pursuing short-term missions' trips to Ecuador and Peru, God called them to serve with Mission to the World among the indigenous people group called the Quechua in the Andes Mountains of Peru. In the mountain city of Huaraz, Larry trains and mentors the Quechua as God raises up men from among them to faithfully teach their own people in the isolated mountain villages of the Huaylas and Conchucos regions. Larry and Sandy have served since 2003.

As we contemplate the many years that we have been in Peru sharing the good news of salvation with the Quechua through trusting Jesus and desiring that they would know the true God of the Bible, we have been confronted with the reality of what non-biblical faith and false hope look like. We see it every day as they parade through the streets with a statue of whatever the patron saint is for their neighborhood, dancing before it and praying to it to answer their requests. We also see it as we ride in taxis past a Catholic church and they cross themselves in homage. They get crosses blessed by the priest and set them up in their fields for protection and so they will have a good crop. This doesn't even take into account the witchcraft and shamans that the people still put their faith in to do away with an enemy, cure them of their illnesses and find them a mate.

Larry and Sandy write: Our role is to be faithful in presenting the truth of who God is and His desire to see people set free from sin through faith in His Son's death, burial and resurrection. This is a sure thing in which to place their faith and to give them hope for their future that is certain.

CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 54. What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word and works.

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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