



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 27, 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 EXECUTES PERFECT JUSTICE

(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, Erin Wagberg, Tom Schmidt, Maggie McCall

Liturgist: Mason Powell

Scripture Reader: Hannah Kwong

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.
— Psalm 7:11-13

"God's justice is inflexible. Justice may be defined as rendering to everyone according to one's due. Justice means we get exactly what we deserve – nothing more, nothing less. In our human system of justice a tension often exists between justice and mercy. Sometimes one prevails at the expense of the other. But there is no tension with God. Justice always prevails. God's justice must be satisfied; otherwise His moral government would be undermined." – Jerry Bridges

"The penalty for sin is determined by the magnitude of the one who is sinned against. If you sin against a log, you are not very guilty. On the other hand, if you sin against a man or a woman, then you are absolutely guilty. And ultimately, if you sin against a holy and eternal God, you are definitely guilty and worthy of eternal punishment." — David Platt

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Westminster Confession of Faith - Chapter VI

(Modern English translated by David Snoke)

Of the Fall of Mankind, of Sin, and of the Punishment of it:

1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit this sin of theirs, having planned to use it to his own glory.
2. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and abilities of soul and body.
3. Because they were the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation; and the same death in sin and the same corrupted nature was conveyed to their posterity.
4. All of our actual transgressions proceed from this original corruption, by which we are utterly unwilling, disabled, made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil.
5. This corruption of nature remains in those who are regenerated during this life. Although it is pardoned and mortified through Christ, yet this nature itself and all the actions coming from it are truly and properly sin.
6. Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God and contrary to it, by its nature brings guilt on the sinner, by which the sinner is bound over to the wrath of God and the curse of the law, and so made subject to death, with all manner of spiritual, temporal, and eternal miseries.

Song of Preparation

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 **VERSE 3** Em⁹ C

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 **CHORUS** D G C D Em

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

52 D/F# G Am7 G/B C

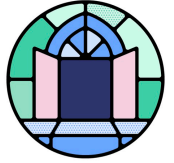
He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 1. D G 2. D G **ENDING**

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

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am7 D^{7sus} G

Call to Worship— Psalm 9:7-10



Leader: The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice,

People: And he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you.

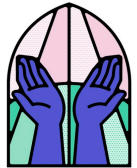
All: For you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: Now, O God of perfect justice, do not forsake us, your people, but rather help us to seek you!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

O Worship the King
Trinity Hymnal #2



WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

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

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



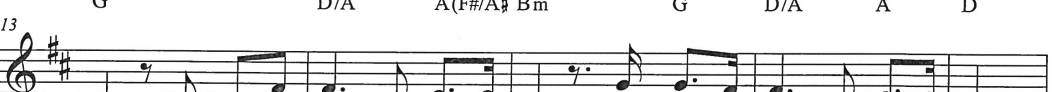
lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to him be-
good. Where is his grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's
lives! And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

9 D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#



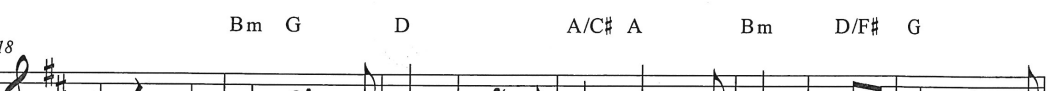
long Who holds our days with - in his hand? What comes a - part from His com-
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de -

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



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. ____

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



— 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

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

*Prayer of Adoration



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD



Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:21-30

Anger

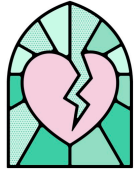
"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment. 'But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery. 'But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.'"

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— Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— 2 Timothy 4:8

Hence forth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His judgement of righteousness!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!



*Song of Rejoicing

Justice Will Roll Down

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken

Verse

1. Oh my love, you have grown so cold to the world out-side,
 2. child, I will be your light in your se-cret pain,

6 to the house next door. She who has been loved much,
 in the dark of night. No en-e-my, no con-quer-er

10 has so much to give, mer-cy is the fra-grance
 will steal your life from me, I am your sal-va-tion,

14 Chorus
 of the brok-en Jus-tice will roll down oh
 and your vic-tory.

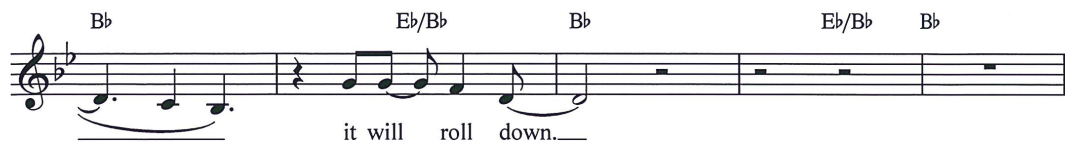
19 jus-tice will roll down, from high up-on those moun-tains with a might

23 1. Bb
 - y riv-er sound, it will roll down, it will roll down.

28 Verse 3
 2. Oh my 3. Soon, oh



Chorus



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)

Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Words by Sandra McCracken. Music by Kevin Twit

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long
From this labor and this heartache, I have come
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same
Rock of Ages, I praise your name

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears
To make this stone heart come alive again
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

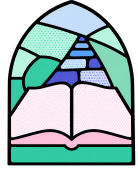
*Rock of ages. Rock of ages.
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.
Rock of ages your will be done*

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.
Who am I that you would die to make me free?
To give me glory, (you) took the death and pain.
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

Sermon

"The Cautionary Tale of One King's Sin"
2 Samuel 11:1-27
Mr. Clark Emerson



*Song of Response

Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the
out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first
Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall
cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis -

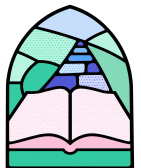
6 — to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast
its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
— to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
- per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

11 2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals
3. Thy
4. Great

17 mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.

*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: Schaffer, Thomason, Schlitt, Roberts. Nursery: Kwong, Wagberg, Schmidt, McCall. SS: Mitchell. CC: Ridenhour, Hawley. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Heintz, Standerfer, Smith. Nursery: Bailey, Thomason, Schmidts. SS: Harlow. CC: Steele, Schmidts.

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.

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

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

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Oct. 10th from 8-9:30am. Sign up on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

20th Anniversary Celebration: Join us as we celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness to Trinity Church. On Thur., **Nov. 5th** from **6-7:30pm**, we will enjoy a catered dinner, testimonies, a special video of Trinity memories, and more! Sign up today.

Trinity partners with Robinson Elementary by sending volunteers once a month to help with their food pantry. **The next food pantry is Oct. 15th.** Sign up to volunteer using the QR code to the right or go to Church Center.

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. 27 Hope Church Launch
Sep. 27 Kingdom Kids 4:30-6pm
Oct. 3 Church Workday 9am
Oct. 10 Men's Breakfast
Oct. 10 Youth Bonfire
Oct. 14 Joint Youth Group @ Covent.
Oct. 15 Robinson Food Pantry
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. 60. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy rest all that day from worldly employments and recreations that are lawful on other days, spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except what is taken up by works of necessity and mercy.

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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