



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 11, 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 SANCTIFIES US

(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 Linenbroker, Tom Schmidt, Cheryl Poe, Maggie McCall

Liturgist: Mason Powell

Scripture Reader: Megan Hawley

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word...It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes." — Psalm 119:67, 71

"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison." — 2 Cor. 4:17

"The greatness of God's majesty is exalted when you are satisfied in him more than anything, especially when you're suffering." — John Piper

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains." — C.S. Lewis

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People (Abridged): Greg Lanier (From Tabletalk)

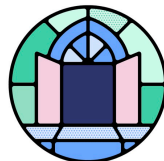
“Bone cancer in children? What’s that about? How dare You? How dare You create a world in which there is such misery that is not our fault?” With these bracing words, the comedian Stephen Fry, an outspoken atheist, voiced a crucial issue for Christians and non-Christians: If God is all-good and all-powerful, as the Scriptures claim, then why does He allow good people to suffer evil?

It is essential to distinguish, and carefully engage with, two parts of the question: the head/intellectual side and the heart/emotional side. In the moment of suffering, a head-oriented answer (“It’s God’s will”)—even if doctrinally correct—may not be balm for the anguished soul. Often, the tender response comes first. But that must be grounded in the intellectual side, so we begin there and will circle back to the emotional side. The head/intellectual issue can be rephrased like this: Does the suffering of good people disprove God? For if He allows such things to happen, doesn’t that prove that He is not good, is not all-powerful, or is nonexistent? Four responses should be made.

1. The question assumes there is such a thing as “good” and “evil” to begin with. But how does the questioner know what is the “evil” or “good” thing? The fact that anyone can protest evil at all requires a standard for good and evil outside any single individual or culture, which can only come from God and which has been revealed to all (Rom. 1:19–20; 2:12–16).
2. The question presupposes that the suffering of a “good” person has meaning. Rocks and trees do not suffer. Even “bad” things happening to creatures is proportional; few rage against God when a tsunami destroys millions of ants. The significance of human suffering, however, is intuitive to all and entails that humans have unique dignity that is being undone by the suffering.
3. The question assumes that God never has good reasons for suffering. But according to Scripture, God does have such reasons, even if we dislike or do not understand them. Indeed, the most stunning instance of a bad thing happening to a good person—the death of Jesus—accomplished the good of salvation (Acts 2:22–24; 4:8–12). But sometimes, when facing the most gratuitous and inexplicable of evils, we can but trust that God’s ways are beyond our own (Rom 11:33–36).
4. Finally, the question requires that there be such a thing as a “good” person, yet Scripture and life attest that all of us are broken and miserable (Rom 3:10–18). Indeed, another question might be why good things happen to anyone at all, given how bad we are. No other worldview can explain this except the biblical one, which reveals the sinfulness of everyone and the benevolence of God toward everyone for His own purposes (Matt. 5:45)—unto the final day of judgment, when all will be rectified.

We return, then, to the heart/emotional issue. When bad things happen, suffering and grief often confront us with the seeming absence of God in that moment. What do Christians do? The head/intellectual issue must be dealt with, perhaps when the dark clouds part. In the darkness, we comfort those who are suffering with the loving comfort we have received from God (2 Cor. 1:3–7). We grieve with them (Rom. 12:15). We sit in the ashes with them (Job 2:11–13). We bear one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2). And most of all, we lovingly point them to Jesus, the one good person who suffered the greatest of all evils to redeem us, who wipes away our tears, and who promises a day when this will all be fixed (Rev. 21:4).

Call to Worship— Psalm 33 (Selected)



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 of ten strings!

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord;

People: He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in
him, because we trust in his holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we
hope in you.

Leader: Now O God of righteousness, come and shape our hearts
by your Spirit and your word that we might worship you
with gladness.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Trinity Hymnal #296



Only A Holy God

Trinity Hymnal #296

Bm D G D Bm D G D

Bm D G D Bm D G

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1. Who else commands all the hosts of heav-en? Who else could make-ev - 'ry king bow
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - ,ands such prais - es? What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re? What oth - er pow - er can raise the
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing? Who else would of - fer His on - ly

D Bm D G D/F# G A D

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down? Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de - feat - ed/ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God)

1. Bm G D A Bm G
 2, 3, 4.

14

Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for

D A Bm G A Bm D G D

21

ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God

Bm D G D

To Verse

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*Prayer of Adoration



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:12-18

Lights of the World



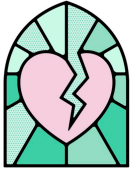
Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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— Romans 2:3-5

Confessing our stubbornness and impenitence

Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Lord, I see too much of myself in these truths. I am too quick to judge, too eager to condemn, and too often guilty of the very sins I see in others. I acknowledge my own tendency to presume upon your mercy, even as I feel my own heart growing hard. Have mercy on me, O Lord. Soften my heart, break down my pride, and grant me true repentance. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach me to see my own sin rightly and to extend mercy to those who walk alongside me on this pilgrimage of faith. (Please pray silently)

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Rom. 3:23-24

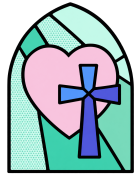
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Leader: Christians, give thanks to God for His justifying grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!



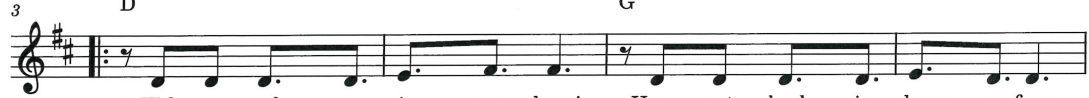
***Song of Rejoicing**

All Ye Weary

Words by Josiah Conder. Music by Stephen Clemmons and Caroline Lopez

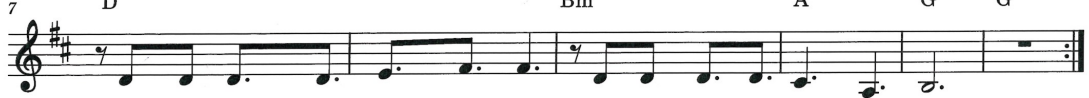
Verse

3 D G



1. Wel-come, wel - come sin - ner, here! Hang not back in shame or fear;
2. Wel-come to the off - ered peace; Wel - come, pris - 'ner, to re-lease
3. Wel-come, wee - ping pen - i - tent; Grace has made thy heart re-lent;
BRIDGE (3x)

7 D Bm A G G



4. O the vir - tue of that price, That red - deem - ing sac - ri-fice!
5. Wel-come to the clean - sing fount, Spring-ing from the sac - rid mount;
BRIDGE (3x)

Doubt not, nor dis - trust the call; Mer - cy is pro-claimed to all.
Burst thy bonds; be saved; be free; "Rise and come He call - eth thee."
Wel - come, long es - trang - ed child; God in Christ is re - con - ciled.

Come, ye bought, but not with gold; Wel-come to the sa - cred fold!
Wel - come to the feast di - vine, Bread of life and li - ving wine.

Bridge

13 D G



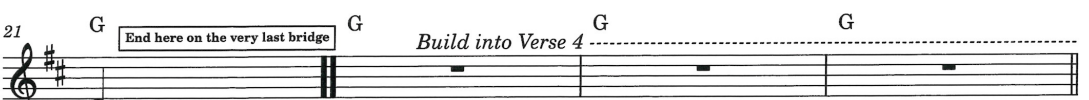
All ye wea - ry and dis - tressed, Wel - come to re - lief and

17 D A *Repeat 2 more times, slowly build*



rest! All is rea - dy: hear the call. There is am - ple room for

21 G **End here on the very last bridge** G *Build into Verse 4* G G



all.

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Elowyn Opal Garner

Baptism Song

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:

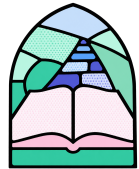


Sermon

"How Suffering Changes Us"

2 Samuel 12:15-31

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski



*Song of Response

His Glory and My Good

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Ben Fielding

5 Asus2 E B C#m7

seen my Fa - ther's glo - ry re - vealed in Je - sus Christ. And the
hope in ev - 'ry tri - al for I can trust the Lord. He will

7 Asus2 E B C#m7

more that I be - hold Him, the more He sat - is - fies. When I
turn my heart to - wards Him and help me bare the thorn. So in

9 Asus2 E B C#m7

gaze u - pon His beau - ty, when I see Him as I should then my
faith I fol - low Je - sus on the road not un - der - stood. For I

11 Asus2 E/G# B

eyes are lift - ed up - ward for His glo - ry and my
know that He is work - ing for His glo - ry and my

13 1. Asus2 E B C#m7

good. There is

15 2. E5 Esus

good. To our

17 CHORUS E A E C#m7

God be the glo - ry, to our God be praise. He a - lone, the name a - bove all

20 B E/G# A C#m7 To Coda

names. I will boast ev - er on - ly in the Lord my God, for I

15 2. E5 Esus
good. To our

17 CHORUS E A E C#m7
God be the glo - ry, to our God be praise. He a - lone, the name a - bove all

20 B E/G# A C#m7 To Coda 
names. I will boast ev - er on - ly in the Lord my God, for I

23 A B Asus2 E
know His glo - ry is my good.

25 VERSE 3 B C#m7 Asus2 E
See the o - pen arms of Je - sus u -

27 B C#m7 Asus2 E
pon the cross that day. What they un - der - stood as weak - ness de -

29 B C#m7 Asus2 E
serves my ev - 'ry praise. For the charge that was a - gainst me, it was

31 B C#m7 Asus2 E/G#
nailed in - to the wood. Yes, I know that He has saved me for His

33 B E D.S. al Coda
glo - ry and my good. To our

CODA

35 A B A E/G#
 know His glo - ry is my good.
sing 1st time only

37 C#m7 B A E/G#

39 1. C#m7 B 2. B
 Would I

VERSE 4

41 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#
 glad - ly be - made noth - ing that Christ would be - made more... Would I

43 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4/F# E/G#
 seek the on - ly king - dom that far out - weighs them all... I will

45 Aadd2 E Badd4 C#m7
 stand be - fore my Fa - ther where the faith - ful saints have stood and with

47 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4 C#m7 Bsus
 joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my good. And with

49 Aadd2 E/G# Badd4
 joy my heart shall praise Him for His glo - ry and my

51 E
 good. To our

*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, Schmidt, Poe, McCall. SS: Steele. CC: Steele, Thomason, Wagberg. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Brown. Nursery: Goldsteins, Martir, Bava. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Standerfer, Manwarings.

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 meet on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Wed. of the month at 6:15pm (There is no Fri. study this semester). Pastor Polski will lead a study of the Psalms.

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 TODAY from 4:30-6pm.

The next **Ladies Connect** is **Mon., Oct. 19th** at 6:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Let her know you will join us for a relaxed evening with friends.

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! **Registration is required** for this event.

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. **See items needed on the last page of the bulletin.**

Join us for a **special concert by W Mark Akin** at Trinity on November 8th at 2pm. While you may see him playing guitar for worship, you may not know that Mark is an award-winning classical guitarist. You won't want to miss this special event! Feel free to invite family and friends. No sign up needed.

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

Oct. 11 Kingdom Kids
Oct. 14 Joint Youth Group @ Covent.
Oct. 15 Robinson Food Pantry
Oct. 19 Ladies Connect
Oct. 25 Kingdom Kids
Nov. 5 20th Anniversary Dinner
Nov. 8 Mark Akin Concert 2pm
Nov. 14 Men's Breakfast
Nov. 15 Baby Shower for Mychal Powell
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event
Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Global Mission News
Featuring Meghan Rintoul,
Campus Outreach
Serving in Birmingham, UK

Meghan Rintoul is a Kirkwood native that has been serving with Campus Outreach in Birmingham, UK since August 2023. The ministry desires to see college student reached with the good news of the Gospel. Campus Outreach seeks to glorify God by building laborers, on campus, for the lost world.

Meghan currently serves as the Operations Director to the Executive Director of the ministry. She helps to build systems and structures to advance the ministry there in the UK and Europe. Alongside this she spends time at the University of Birmingham where she and the staff team seek to build relationships with students through participating in workout classes, societies, and other university events.

Please Pray!

Hiya! I know I just sent an update but wanted you to be praying more specifically for our staff and the first few weeks on campus! Our Hope Team has started on Astons campus and already met so many new students. One of our staff recorded that in just a few days she met students from Sudan, Iran, Turkey, India, Myanmar, China, South Korea, Vietnam, France, Canada, Poland, Oman, Denmark, Sweden, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Eritrea! Look at the nations that are there! Please pray for a bonfire to be hosted Thursday evening and that many freshers will come.

Our City team at the University of Birmingham begins this week! Tomorrow they are hosting volleyball games outside the freshers housing and next week starting a "Supper Club" with Christian students from church as a way to invite non-Christian friends to a space with food and discussion that prayerfully leads to spiritual conversation!

Starting now our staff will be on campus daily! Please pray for God to be doing a mighty work in our midst here on the campuses in Birmingham! Would our team be reminded of the words from Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful efforts to preserve our own life and others.

**INTERESTED IN
SERVING AT THE
FOOD PANTRY:**



ITEMS NEEDED:

Laundry Detergent
Dishwasher Gel
Dish Soap
Liquid Hand Soap
Antibacterial Hand Wipes
All Purpose
Cleaner/Disinfectant Spray
Shampoo/Conditioner
Liquid Body Wash
Body Lotion
Deodorant (Men and Women)
Toothpaste
Vegetable Oil
Bleach
Trash Bags
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper



PANTRY DRIVE

Help restock the pantry at
ROBINSON ELEMENTARY

We are quickly approaching
our next pantry night on Thur.,
Oct. 15. The pantry was well
utilized last month and served
a large number of families, so
it is running low in some areas



**DROP OFF AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE
BY WED., OCT. 14**

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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