



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 18, 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 OF PATIENT 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): Michelle and Shira Goldstein, Olga Martir, Alyce Bava

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."

— 2 Samuel 12:10 (ESV)

"David appears as a weakened, irresolute shadow of his former self, manipulated by others and unable to exercise royal authority. Clearly his kingdom is failing to portray the messianic ideal." —John L. Mackay,

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Like Father, Like Son (ligonier.org/devotionals)

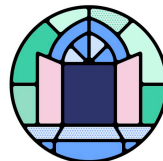
Ancient Near Eastern kings were accustomed to taking what they wanted whenever they wanted it, including the wives of other men and the lives of their subjects. The king of Israel, however, was not supposed to live according to the ethics of the pagans. But that is exactly what David did when he committed adultery with Bathsheba and orchestrated Uriah's death. God forgave him, but the lasting consequences for his sin formed a lesson for the Israelite kings. They were not "gods" who were above the laws that the rest of the nation followed, but they were to obey the commandments of the Lord just like everyone else (2 Sam. 11–12).

When Israelite kings acted like the neighboring pagan rulers, disaster ensued. Today's passage reveals how David's transgression caused great trouble for his family. We read about Amnon, David's son, who was so consumed with lust for his sister Tamar that he despaired of being able to do anything "to her" (13:1–2). Note that description—Amnon viewed Tamar as a mere object to satisfy his own wickedness, something to be possessed for his own gratification.

Amnon was so distraught over his desire to lie with Tamar and his apparent inability to do so that his friend and cousin Jonadab noticed (vv. 3–4). David, however, was apparently oblivious to the goings-on in his own house. He did not notice the strange behavior of Amnon and even sent Tamar to him at his request, with the result that Tamar was sexually assaulted (vv. 5–14). We should not think that David's failure here was disconnected from his sin with Bathsheba. When people fall into grievous sin, their moral senses are inevitably affected, and their ability to detect evil can be deadened. To play with sin is to play with fire, as God hands people over to moral confusion and transgression the more they indulge in it (Ps. 81:11–12; Rom. 1:24–25).

David's negligence resulted in Amnon's assaulting Tamar. Though Tamar resisted and even reminded her brother that incest was forbidden in Israel by the law of God, Amnon raped her (2 Sam. 13:7–14; see Lev. 18:9). The son repeated the sin of his father, though Tamar's clear lack of consent and the incestuous nature of the act made Amnon's act even worse than David's adultery. Moreover, Amnon used Tamar and then threw her away. Hearing of this, David became very angry, yet he did nothing to bring Amnon to justice, further revealing the dulling of his moral senses (2 Sam. 13:15–22). His failure to act would ultimately endanger the entire kingdom.

Call to Worship— Psalm 97:1-2, 10-12



Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Leader: O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

People: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

All: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Leader: Now, O Lord, open our eyes to your justice and your mercy, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Trinity Hymnal #295



All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue

D **A** D D (add9 omit3) B min G

Should noth-ing of our ef-forts stand no leg-a-cy sur-ive Un-
(His) will be done His king-dom come on earth as is a-bove Who

D D (add9 omit3) G D

6 less the Lord does raise this house in vain its build-ers strive To
is Him-self our dail-y bread praise Him the Lord of love Let

D D (add9 omit3) B min G

10 you who boast tom-or-row's gain tell me what is your life A
liv-ing wa-ter sat-is-fy the thirst-y with-out price We'll

D D (add9 omit3) G D

14 mist that van-i-shes at dawn All glor-y be to Christ! All
take this cup of kind-ness yet

D E min D/F# G

B

glor-y be to Christ our King! All glor-y be to Christ! His

D D (add9 omit3) G 1. D G D 2. D

22 rule and reign we'll ev-er sing, all glor-y be to Christ! His Christ!

C E E E^(add9 omit3) C[#]min A

29

When on the day the great I AM the faith - ful and the true the

E E^(add9 omit3) A E

33

Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new Be -

E E^(add9 omit3) C[#]min A

37

hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light And

E E^(add9 omit3) A E

41

we shall ere his peo - ple be All glor - y be to Christ! All

E F[#]min E/G[#] A

D

glor - y be to Christ our King! All glor - y be to Christ! His

E E^(add9 omit3) A

49

rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glor - y be to Christ All Christ!

1. E 2.

*Prayer of Adoration



WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD



Scripture Reading—Romans 12:14-21

Marks of the true Christian

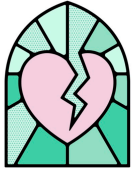
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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— Psalm 51:1-5



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE
AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace— Psalm 51:7-10

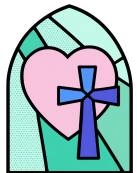
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Christians, give thanks to God for His amazing 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

I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation

Wendell Kimbrough



1. I will
2. I will



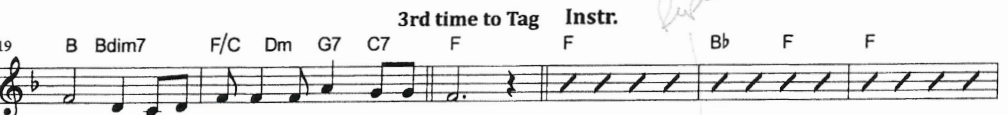
lift up the cup of sal - va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord, He has
walk with the Lord in His vic - tory, I will no more de - spair in the dark. He has



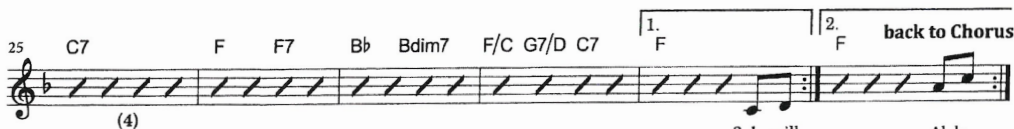
heard my cry, He has saved my life— I will en - ter His court with praise. Al - le - lu - ia to the
calmed my fears with His love so near— I am safe in His faith - ful arms.



ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia, death will reign no more! I will lift up the cup of sal -



- va - tion, I will call on the name of the Lord.



2. I will Al - le -



Lord. I will call on the name of the Lord.

Reception of New Members

Bill Meeks, Rick & Rebekah Matt, Hart & Ally Smith, Tony Weirich

Song of Gratitude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(vs. 1, 3) Trinity Hymnal #32

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

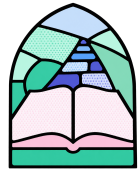


If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Sermon

"A Harvest of Silence"
2 Samuel 13:23-39
Mr. Mitchell Dixon



*Song of Response

How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #94

*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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Brown. Nursery: Goldsteins, Martir, Bava. SS: Pannkuk. CC: Standerfer, Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Thomason, Schlitt, Roberts. Nursery: McCall, Highmark, Manwaring, Hendricks. SS: Broughton. CC: Mitchell, Hendricks.

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.

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.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

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.

It is almost that time of year! We will open **volunteer sign ups for our annual Christmas Craft Party** NEXT SUN. This event takes MANY hands!

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! No sign up needed.

Are you **interested in becoming a member of Trinity** or want to learn more about our ministries and the PCA? Sign up for our next class using the QR code to the right.

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. 19 Ladies Connect
Oct. 25 Kingdom Kids
Nov. 5 20th Anniversary Dinner
Nov. 8 Mark Akin Concert 2pm
Nov. 12 Ladies Connect
Nov. 14 Men's Breakfast
Nov. 15 Baby Shower for Mychal Powell
Nov. 20 & 21 New Member's Class
Nov. 23 Robinson Food Pantry
Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 5 Christmas Craft Party
Dec. 9 Women's Wreath Event
Dec. 19 & 20 Christmas Concert

Local Mission News
Featuring RUF International
WashU
Kirk Norris, Campus Minister

At the start of the semester, we always have a few fun social gatherings to get to know new students, build community, and introduce everyone to RUF. After meeting students through picking them up from the airport and at their school resources fairs, it's nice to get to spend fun time altogether before classes start in earnest.

Game Night: We had 60+ students join us for trivia, get-to-know you games, and Musical Chairs (led by our kids!).

Picnic in Forest Park: Fun outdoors and introducing students to at least one of St Louis's sites - the free art museum and Forest Park.

Hike: This year we took a 3 mile loop through Castlewood State Park, about 30 minutes away from WashU, where most of our students study.

Each Thursday we gather for dinner and then a Bible discussion and teaching. Two weeks ago, we filled our room with students and volunteers. And then more came! So, we added tables and chairs. And then more came! Sadly, some didn't even get any dinner, and many were left out of the room, and so weren't even part of the Bible discussion.

Despite this "problem", we've been excited to meet so many new students, and to read Jesus' parables with them, praying each week that many will come to know Him or settle deeper into their relationship with Him. And we trust that if God is going to bring the students, He will also provide ways for us to care for and lead them.

We've got an intern with us! Canon has been an amazing addition to our team. Already we're all amazed at the time he gets with students, and how well they're responding to him. Our reach has grown through Canon's presence, and we thank God for him! He'll be here for 2-3 years, so we're excited to see what God does through him during that time.

Canon comes to us from Peachtree City, Georgia, as a recent grad of Georgia Tech. He also spent a summer with our former missions' team in Lviv, Ukraine!



CATECHISM QUESTION
OF THE WEEK

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech and behavior.

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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