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August 1, 2021

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.



WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY 9:30am worship Jr. High Youth | 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY Sr. High Small Group | 7-8:30pm Men's Night | 8pm

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS WITH US THROUGH MANY DANGERS, TOILS, AND SNARES

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein **Scripture Reader:** Glynn Schlitt

Quotes and Reflections

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- Ephesians 2:8-9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Preparation for Worship:

David Berkowitz (AKA Son of Sam) was a notorious serial killer in NYC in the 1970's. His mug shot is infamous, and his crimes were horrific. But in 1987, he was converted to Christianity. He says:



"Ten years into my prison sentence and feeling despondent and without hope, another inmate came up to me one day as I was walking the prison yard on a cold winter's night. He introduced himself and began to tell me that Jesus Christ loved me and wanted to forgive me. Although I knew he meant well I mocked him because I did not think that God would ever forgive me or that He would want anything to do with me. Still this man

persisted, and we became friends. His name was Rick and we would walk the yard together. Little by little he would share with me about his life and what he believed Jesus had done for him. He kept reminding me that no matter what a person did, Christ stood ready to forgive if that individual would be willing to turn from the bad things they were doing and would put their full faith and trust in Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross by dying for our sins. He gave me a Gideon's Pocket Testament and asked me to read the Psalms. I did. Every night I would read from them. And it was at this time that the Lord was quietly melting my stone-cold heart. One night, I was reading Psalm 34. I came upon the 6th verse, which says, 'this poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his troubles.' It was at that moment, in 1987, that I began to pour out my heart to God. Everything seemed to hit me at once. The guilt from what I did... the disgust at what I had become... late that night in my cold cell, I got down on my knees and I began to cry out to Jesus Christ. I told Him that I was sick and tired of doing evil. I asked Jesus to forgive me for all my sins. I spent a good while on my knees praying to Him. When I got up it felt as if a very heavy but invisible chain that had been around me for so many years was broken. A peace flooded over me. I did not understand what was happening. But in my heart, I just knew that my life, somehow, was going to be different. Many years have gone by since I had that first talk with the Lord. So many good things have

happened in my life since. Jesus Christ has allowed me to start an outreach ministry right here in the prison where I have been given permission by prison officials to work in the Special Needs Unit where men who have various emotional and coping problems are housed. I can pray with them as we read our Bibles together. I get the chance to show them a lot of brotherly love and compassion."

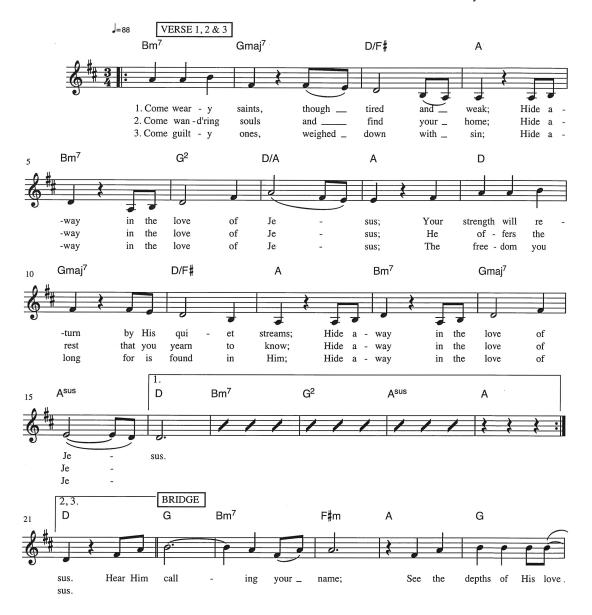


How will you remember Berkowitz...as the crazed "Son of Sam" or the born-again son of Jesus?

Song of Preparation

Hideaway In the Love of Jesus

Words and Music by Steve & Vikki Cook



Call to Worship—Psalm 99:1-3

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth

quake!

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion;

People: He is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

All: Holy is he!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy

Trinity Hymnal #100

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Pappa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. Arr. by Dan Kreider



*Prayer of Adoration with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Ephesians 4:1-16

Walking worthy within the body of believers

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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—2 Samuel 11:1-4

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps. 85:4-7

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to the Father for his

restoring 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

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Living Waters



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WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD **Pastoral Prayer**

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Sermon

"Grace Greater Than All Our Sin" Genesis 23:1-20 Rev. Chris Polski

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-Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

* Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. 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.

(Please note: Grape juice is in all the cups today)

Communion Song (Ensemble) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology Trinity Hymnal #731

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school is on Summer hiatus and will return for all ages on Sept. 12.

Please be sure to **sign the Trinity Hymnal** in the Narthex for **Louise Jones**.

The Men's & Women's Bible Studies are taking a short break for the Summer. The Women will have two studies beginning in September. Sign ups for both are now open on Church Center (events page-see QR code below)

Men's Night this Wed. at Chris Freeman's at 8pm.

Save the Date: Make plans to join us for Party on the Lawn on Sat., Sept. 25.

We are now using Church Center ONLY for our directory. You need to go to your app and allow viewing of your information to be included if you would like our Trinity family to be able to contact you. Feel free to see Amy Mitchell or your weekly email if you need assistance.

Women's Ministry Fall Kick-Off-Friday, Aug. 27th from 7-8:30pm. Dessert contest, laughter, fellowship, and more!

Sign up for upcoming events (Bible studies, Women's Ministry Kickoff, etc.) by using the QR code to the right. Check weekly for new events added.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.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 (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com), Children's Church: Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), Greeters: Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), Nursery: Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.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.



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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