

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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# 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.



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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO ESTABLISHED THE CHURCH

**Liturgist:** Rev. Chris Polski

**Scripture Reader:** Beth Kling

**Pastoral Prayer:** Duncan Highmark, Ruling Elder

## Quotes and Reflections

Eph. 1:22 And he put all things under his (Christ's) feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

"The church has many critics, but no rivals." — Anon.

"The highest expression of the will of God in this age is the church which he purchased with his own blood." — A.W. Tozer

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Today in our first sermon in our covenant renewal series, we want to spend some time thinking about the church's mission. It may surprise you, but to even use the terminology of mission can be controversial today.

But in the book, *The Community of Jesus: A Theology of the Church* (edited by Easley and Morgan), Bruce Ashford tries to clear up the confusion about what some folks think it means to be a missional church. In it, he suggests that the missional church is not merely an outwardly focused body (there would indeed be grave danger if that were the case). Instead, he notes that every church should simultaneously embrace five directional aspects of their mission in the world. He writes:

"As the church worships God instead of idols (**upward**), she declares to the nations that God alone is worthy of worship.

"As the church proclaims and promotes the gospel through her inner life (**inward**), she provokes the nations to jealousy so that they also will embrace the Savior.

"As the church lives every aspect of her social and cultural life in accordance with God's creational design (**backward**), she shows the nations the nature of God's shalom.

"As the church proclaims and promotes the gospel as a sign of the kingdom (**forward**), she gives the nations a foretaste of the future banquet and a preview of the new heavens and earth.

"As the church takes God's gospel to the ends of the earth (**outward**), she does so by drawing on the upward, inward, backward, and forward dimensions of her life before God."

**Call to Worship—Psalm 111 (selected)**

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

**People: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.**


**All: Holy and awesome is his name!**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD


## \*Songs of Adoration

## *Lift High the Name of Jesus*


Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Fionan de Barra, and Ed Cash



1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make  
2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His  
3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No



known the pow - er of His grace, The beau - ty of His peace. Re -  
pow'r in us is grea - ter than, is grea - ter than this world. To  
oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He




mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He  
share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that  
o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We



lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin.  
all whose Him shine through us might bring the Fath - er praise. } Oh  
la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home. }



sing my soul and tell all He's done till the earth and hea - vens are



filled with His glo - ry.

# Lord Most High

Words and Music by Don Harris and Gary Sadler

♩ = 145

**E Esus E**

Women *From the ends of the earth,\_\_\_*

Men *From the ends of the earth,\_\_\_ from the*

**B2sus B C#m**

*from the depths of the sea,\_\_\_ from the*

*depths of the sea,\_\_\_ from the heights of the heav - ens*

**A E/A A E Esus**

*heights of the heav - ens Your name be praised; From the*

*Your name be praised; From the hearts of the weak,\_\_\_*

**E B2sus B**

*hearts of the weak,\_\_\_ from the shouts of the strong,\_\_\_*

*from the shouts of the strong,\_\_\_ from the*



13 **C#m** **A E/A A B**

from the lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.

lips of all peo - ple this song we raise, Lord.

17 **E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G# A E/B B7sus**

All Through - out the end - less ag - es You will be crowned with prais - es,

21 **C#m A Bsus B E E/G# A E/BB7sus E E/G#**

Lord Most High; Ex - alt - ed in ev - 'ry na - tion, Sov - 'reign of

26 **A E/B B7sus C#m A Bsus B E/G#** **A E/A**

all cre - a - tion, Lord Most High, be mag - ni - fied.

30 **A** **A E/A A Bsus B E**

fied.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**



# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **New Testament Reading—Matthew 16:13-20**

*The foundation of the Church*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Testimony**

Mr. Philip Waldron

# WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

## **Call to Confession—Matthew 5:21-24**

“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.”

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Gal. 1:3-5**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to the Father for His grace and peace!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Keith Getty, Jordan Kauglin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker

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

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

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 -

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. —

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



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

# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer

## Tithes and Offerings

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

## Offertory Song (please join when directed)

*King of Kings*

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

## Sermon

"The Mission of the Church"

The First in a Six Part Series on Covenant Renewal

Acts 1:8-11

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski


For today's sermon outline scan here with your phone camera:



# \*Song of Response

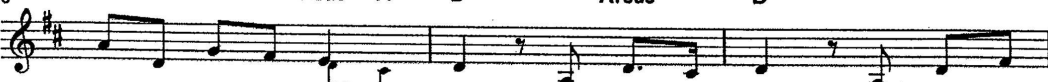
## O Church, Arise Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

A7sus D G/B A/C#




1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the  
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give\_

3 D/F# G Asus A D A7sus D




call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to

6 G/B A/C# D/F# G Asus A D D/F#




they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - our. When faced with  
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the  
 win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of

9 G D/F# A D/F# G D/F# Bm




faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -  
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the  
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

12 A A7sus D G/B A/C#



lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing  
 cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -  
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry  
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with

15 D/F# G Asus A D Dsus D



out to those in dark - ness.  
 her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 eye and heart shall see Him.  
 Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

# \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Called Congregation Meeting** TODAY at 11am.

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

**Children's Church is in need of four additional volunteers** who could serve once a month, rotating teaching duties with the second volunteer in the classroom. All lessons and materials are prepared and in the classroom prior to your assigned Sunday. Children's Church meets year-round. See Melissa Kocher or Pastor Ben if you are interested.

**The Children's Sunday school ministry is looking for more teachers.** See Carrie Harrison or Sue Freeman for more info.

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

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

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 to the right)

**Party on the Lawn** on Sat., Sept. 25 from 4:30-7pm. Sign up today using the QR code to the right.

**Ladies Connect** will meet at Laumeier Park on Mon., Aug. 23rd at 6:30pm. No need to sign up, just come and enjoy!

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).

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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](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp ([elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow ([nursery@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:nursery@trinitystlouis.org)).

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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.

### Upcoming Events

**Sign up for upcoming events** (Bible studies, Women's Ministry Kickoff, Party on the Lawn, etc.) by using the QR code below. Check weekly for new events added.



# ACTION

## ALL CHURCH THINGS IN ONE NIGHT

Trinity Church's Wednesday night intergenerational dinner and ministry will run from September thru November and January thru May each year. ACTION ministry is scheduled to begin on Wednesday night, September 1st from 5:30-7pm. This ministry will include:

★ Dinner from 5:30-6pm (meals will be pre-ordered from Panera)

★ Ministry Options from 6-7pm

- Nursery
- Children's Ministry
- Junior High Ministry
- Women's Bible Study (I and 2 Thessalonians)
- Men's Bible Study (Acts)
- Prayer Meeting

**REGISTER TODAY HERE:**



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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