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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal Pastoral Prayer: Steve O'Neal, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Over the last year, we have all had our ups and downs, our feelings of anxiety and fear, and our tense moments with neighbors. This pandemic has brought out fear in all of us, granted not all for the same reason, but it brought out fear nonetheless. Fear, for any reason, can lead us to doubt the promises of God. In the midst of these moments of fear we can often let our fear blind us to God's promises. One of the most common refrains throughout the Old Testament is found in Deut. 7:6-9 which says,

"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations..."

In moments of fear we are encouraged to remember that God is the faithful God who keeps his promises with unwavering love for his people. We have nothing to fear when we remember God is faithful and keeps his promises. Song of Preparation

Call to Worship—Psalm 89 (selected)

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Leader: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

All: Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



Mighty To Save



^{*}Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD Old Testament Reading—Numbers 11:4-6, 10-15

"Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

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 119:34-38

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 119:41

Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise;

Leader: Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, give thanks to God for His promise of Salvation!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Salvation Belongs to Our God



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 (Ensemble)

I Will Sing Leslie Jordan, Sandra McCracken

Sermon

"The God Who Keeps His Promises to the Generations" Genesis 25:1-34 Rev. Ben Tharp

*Song of Response

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Trinity Hymnal #598

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today at 11am. Children Pre-K-2nd grade meet in the Pre-K/K room. Grades 3rd-5th meet in the 3-5th classroom. Adults meet in the classrooms across from the kitchen.

Sign up for a Small Group! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or go to groups in Church Center.

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity? Join us for our new members Sunday school class, Trinity Connect, starting on Oct. 3. RSVP to the church office.

Men's Bible Study: The men will have the option of attending on Wed. evenings at 6pm or Friday mornings at 6:30am. Pastor Polski is leading a study on the Book of Acts.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options- Two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's home at 7pm to discuss the Sermon on the Mount (starting 9/28). On Wednesdays we meet at Trinity for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians either at 9am or 6pm.

Ladies Connect: THIS Monday, Sept. 27th in Mickie Schmidt's backyard at 7:30pm.

Parents of little ones (preschool and under), join us for a **play date at Trinity** on Sat., Oct. 2 from 9:30-11am.

The **Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Life Chain** will take place on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 2-3pm at the intersection of Manchester and Ballas Roads.

All Church Work Day: Sat., Oct. 23rd at 9am. We will have things to do both indoors and out. Sign up on Church Center.

Looking for a way to serve in our community? Sign your family up for **Hands on Kirkwood,** happening on Oct. 2nd. Use QR code to sign up.



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.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then <u>following the link</u>:



WELCOME LUNCH

Welcome Lunch on Sun., Oct. 31st after Sunday school in the Narthex at 12pm.

New to Trinity? We would love to welcome YOU by inviting you to lunch. Come to learn more about the church and ministry opportunities. RSVP by texting "welcome lunch" to 314-384-2444. 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.