

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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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 IS WITH US, WHEREVER WE GO

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski Scripture Reader: Beth Kling

Pastoral Prayer: Dunan Highmark, Ruling Elder

#### **Quotes and Reflections**

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. — I Thessalonians 5:9-11

"We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him!" — C.S. Lewis

"This is the fundamental thing, the most serious thing of all, that we are always in the presence of God." — D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

#### An Excerpt from Joyce Baldwin's Commentary on Genesis 28:

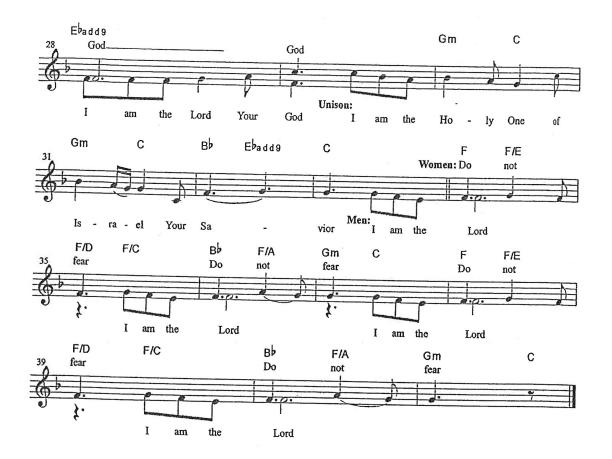
Joyce Baldwin, <u>The Message of Genesis 12-50</u>, The Bible Speaks Today. IVP. Downers Grove, IL. 1986. 120.

"An earlier generation had proposed to reach heaven by building a tower...the attempt did not succeed. In his own time the Lord would come down and reveal that he was not far away, bot close at hand, a very present help in trouble, even to an unscrupulous youth, running away from the brother he had twice robbed. The fact strikes us as shocking, even immoral, until we come to see that we are all in the same desperate plight, unworthy to approach God and unable to save ourselves. Then we begin to marvel at the significance of Jacob's experience, and join to praise 'the God of Bethel,' for the God who bothered with him is willing to also bother with us, and make us something we could never otherwise have been."

Then, with my waking thoughts, Bright with Thy praise
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise
So, by my woes to be
Neared my God to Thee, Nearer my God to Thee!

# **Song of Preparation**





# Call to Worship—Psalm 104 (selected)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are

very great!

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Leader: You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: Praise the Lord!

#### WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

# \*Songs of AdorationPraise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



#### Rejoice in All You Works (Psalm 104)

Words and Music by Wendell Kimbrough



# \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### New Testament Reading—Hebrews 5:1-10

Jesus is the Great and Sinless High Priest

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

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"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";
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as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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—Mark 10:35-37

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory... And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 3:23-25

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, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for justifying us by

His 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

#### Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Joseph Hart. Norton Hall Band





# 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)

Good, Good Father

Words and Music by Pat Barrett and Anthony Brown

#### Sermon

"Jacob's Dream"
Genesis 28:10-22
Dr. Aaron Goldstein
Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Covenant Theological Seminary

#### **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.

**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. 17. RSVP to the church office.

Mom's Taco Night: Tomorrow at 6:30pm at Alyce Bava's home. Please RSVP to Alyce. Play date: Fri., Oct. 22 at Trinity at 9:30am.

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.

Men's Night Wed. at Chris Freeman's at 7:30pm. Ladies Connect: Oct. 25 at Mickie Schmidt's.

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 (10/26). On Wednesdays we meet at Trinity for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians either at 9am or 6pm.

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

Flannel Palooza meets Trunk or Treat: Friday, Oct. 29th at 5pm. Wear your favorite flannel or costume and come out for food, games, costume contest, and trunk or treat (costumes not required).

Once a month we partner with **Robinson Elementary and help in their food pantry**. To sign up to serve, see your weekly emails or Amy Mitchell.

**Life Line Screening** will be at Trinity on Thurs., Nov. 4th. If you would like more information on these tests that identify risks of stroke or cardiovascular disease, or to register, see the flyers on the welcome table. 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.

rinity's ministries are organized around the core values in out ourpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to exa God's name, establish God's people, equip God's church ar ngage God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.	It nd