



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

November 14, 2021

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO WATCHES OVER HIS PEOPLE

**Liturgist:** Jerome Merritt

**Scripture Reader:** Amy Mitchell

**Pastoral Prayer:** Jim Talent, Ruling Elder

## Quotes and Reflections

"God has no problems, only plans." — Corrie Ten Boom

"God's cause is never in danger; what he has begun in the soul or in the world he will complete unto the end." — B.B. Warfield

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

As each of us face difficulties and obstacles in our lives, it can be quite helpful to lean in to the witness of scripture in the lives of those people who the Lord inspired to write His perfect words to us, one of which was the Apostle Paul. His ministry was riddled with opposition and it seems that at every turn there was some major obstacle in his way. And yet, in God's good providence he was able to see, even in the midst of opposition and difficult, the abiding hand of God's presence.

Reflect on this remarkable little passage in 2 Corinthians 6:2-10 as you consider the difficulties in your own lives.

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

## Song of Preparation

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*  
Trinity Hymnal #500 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

### Call to Worship—1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

**People: (We will) make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**People: (We will) tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

**All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

Words by Henry Van Dyke. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven and Edward Hodges

E E/B B E/G# B/F# E E/B B



1. Joy ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays.  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

5 E A E/B B E



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.

9 B E/B B E/B B G#/B# C#m F# B



Melt the clouds of sin and \_ sad - ness; Drive the \_ dark of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and \_ moun - tain, flow - ery \_ mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our \_ Broth - er— all who \_ live in love are Thine.  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we \_ on - ward, vic - tors \_ in the midst of strife.

13 E A E/B B E



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee!  
Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine!  
Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
2. Let us love the Lord fierce who bought us,  
3. Let us sing through the fierce temp - ta - tion



Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
Pit - ied us when e - nies down,  
Threat - en hard to bear us down



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
Called us by his grace and taught us,  
For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
Gave us ears view and the gave us eyes crown, He has  
Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown He who



washed us with His blood, washed us with His blood,  
washed us with His blood, He has He has He who

11 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He has pre -

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God  
 sends our souls to God  
 bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
 Join and point to mercy's store  
 When through grace in Christ our trust is  
 Justice smiles and asks no more  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
 Of the saints enthroned on high  
 Here they trusted Him before us  
 Now their praises fill the sky  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—1 Samuel 2:1-10

### *Hannah's Prayer*

And Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the Lord;  
my horn is exalted in the Lord.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.

“There is none holy like the Lord:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your  
mouth;

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.  
Those who were full have hired  
themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have  
ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is  
forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises  
up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in  
darkness,  
for not by might shall a man prevail.  
The adversaries of the Lord shall be  
broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.  
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

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—Hebrews 10:11**

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Heb. 10:12-14**

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His sanctifying 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

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words and Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio

D G/D D



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved  
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace

3 A/D D D/F#



a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now  
my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that grace

6 G D A/D D



1  
I'm found, was blind but now I see. 2. 'Twas  
ap - pear, the hour

9 A/D D D/F#



2  
I first be - lieved. My chains are

11 G D/F# G/B



gone. I've been set free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed

14 D/A D/F# G



me. And like a flood His mer - cy

16 **D/F#** **Em7 A7** **D**

reigns, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. 3 The Lord

19 **D** **G/D** **D**

has prom - ised good to me, His word

21 **A/D** **D** **D/F#**

my hope se - cures. He will my shield and por -

24 **G** **D** **A/D** **D** **D/F#**

tion be, as long as life en - dures. My chains are

27 **G** **D/F#** **G/B**

gone. I've been set free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed

30 **D/A** **D/F#** **G** **D/F#**

me. And like a flood His mer - cy reigns, un - end - ing love,

33 **Em7 A7** **D** **D/F#** **D** **G/D**

a - maz - ing grace. My chains are 4 The earth

# 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)

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Tom Douglas. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

## Sermon

"How Dare You? How Dare YOU!?"

Genesis 30:25-31:55

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

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



# \*Song of Response

## Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Words and Music by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

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**VERSE**

C F/C C Dm/C C C/E



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -  
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we  
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly

6 F C/E Dm G<sup>sus</sup> G E/G# Am Am/G F



-deem - er and — Friend; — Who would have thought that a Lamb  
 long to em - brace; — You of - fer hope when our hearts  
 lov - ing Your — own; — Here in our weak - ness You find

12 C/G G<sup>7sus</sup> E/G# Am F F/A C/G



could res - cue the souls of men? Oh, — You res - cue the  
 have hope - less - ly lost the way. Oh, — we hope - less - ly  
 us fall - ing be - fore Your throne. Oh, — were fall - ing be -

**CHORUS**

18 Fmaj<sup>7</sup>/G G<sup>7</sup> F/C G/C C G/B Am Am/G F



souls of men. — You are the One that we praise, —  
 lost the way. —  
 -fore Your throne. —

24 G E/G# Am Am/G F G E/G# Am



— You are the One we a - dore. — You give the

30 C/G F C/G G<sup>7sus</sup> E/G<sup>#</sup> Am F F/A

heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, our

37 C/G Fmaj<sup>7</sup>/G G<sup>7</sup> 1. 2. C C<sup>2sus</sup> C F/C

hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

41 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C C C<sup>2sus</sup> 3. C C<sup>2sus</sup> C F/C G/C C<sup>2</sup>

for.

**\*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.

**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, in the fireplace room.

**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 (11/9). On Wednesdays we meet at Trinity for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians either at 9am or 6pm.

**Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Craft Party!** There are many ways you can help (you do NOT need to be crafty). Sign up sheets for volunteer opportunities are on the round table in the narthex. See Jason Van Deraa or Amy Mitchell with any questions.

Save the Date: Our **Service of Thanksgiving** will be on Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 5:30pm. Join us to **decorate for Advent and Christmas Sat., Nov. 27th** at 9am. Trinity's annual **Christmas Concert** will be on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 6:30pm. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Dec. 24 at 5pm.

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.

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You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link](#):



## CHRISTMAS CRAFT PARTY

Our Christmas Craft Party will take place on Sat., Dec. 4th from 9am to 12:15pm. Children ages 4yrs thru 5th grade will make gifts, sing Christmas Carols, hear a story by Pastor Polski, and enjoy lunch. Registration is limited and will close once full. **Sign up will TODAY.** Scan the QR code above.

# 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.



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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