



BBLOODLINES
The Scarlet Thread of
Redemption



First Sunday of Christmas
DECEMBER 26, 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.



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WORSHIPPING JESUS, THE ONE WHO CAME TO SAVE!

Liturgist: Jerome Merritt

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

"Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion."

"Ooh," said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he-quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"

"Safe?" said Mr Beaver. "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

— C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

In the first coming of the Messiah, the punishment for sin was finished. The provision of righteousness was finished. That payment and that perfection can never be improved. If we are united to Jesus by faith in him as our Savior, and Lord, and supreme Treasure, right now, in this age, before the second coming, we cannot be any more forgiven than we are, nor any more justified than we are. His coming created a glorious perplexity.

— John Piper

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation

Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Trinity Hymnal #224

Call to Worship—Psalm 2:10-12

Leader: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

People: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Leader: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

All: Blessed are all who take refuge in him!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, and Keith Getty. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

4 D G D

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el;
2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el,
3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el.

7 A G A D G D 3rd time to Coda Φ

this, the Christ, who was long fore - told. Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
King who came with no crown or throne. Help - less, He lay, the In - vin - ci - ble.
Joy and peace for the wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads for your King has come.

CHORUS 1 & 2

11 A G D A G D

prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold. God, Most High, in a man - ger laid.
Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son. O, what wis - dom to save us all.

15 A G D G D G D

Lift your voi - ces and now pro - claim, "Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us."
Shep - herds sag - es be - fore Him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty.

TURNAROUND 1

19 G Bm A D

Join now with the hosts of heav - en.
Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore _____ Him.

22 D/G Bm⁷ A G

25 \oplus Coda
A G D

Sing, for the Light o-ver - whelms the dark.

29 **CHORUS 3**
A G D A G D

Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.

33 G D G D G Bm 1.
A D

God has made a way. He will have the praise. Tell the world His name is Je - sus.

37 2. **TURNAROUND 2**
A D

Je - sus.

41 **BRIDGE**
D G²

Glo - ri - a. -

45 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. -

49 Bm⁷ G²

Glo - ri - a. -

53 D A⁽⁴⁾

Glo - ri - a. -

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 8:11-22

Fear God, Wait for the Lord

For the Lord spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken."

Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter," should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. They will pass through the land,[h] greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

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—Col. 3:12-14

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 3:3-4

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for hiding us in his love.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

All I Have is Christ

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin

♩ = 72

☞ **VERSE**

G Am F

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-frent to the
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

4 C Dm F G C

way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
 cost, You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be -
 see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther,

9 Cmaj7

hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will, and if You
 -held God's love dis - played, You suf - fered in my place; You bore the
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way You choose, and let my

13 Am7 F

had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still. 2. But as I
 wrath re-served for me; Now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be: My on - ly boast is

18 **CHORUS**

2, 3. Gsus G C F C G Am

grace! Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -
 You.

24 F Am G

-lu - jah! Je - sus is my life! 3. Now, Lord, I life!

1. C 2. C
 D.S.

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 Unbelievable

Music and Words by Steve & Vikki Cook

Sermon

"The Scandal and the Sword"

Luke 2:22-32

Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

17 **G** **F** **C**
 won - der - ful, trag - ic, mys - te - ri - ous tree, on that

19 **G** **F** **C** **G** **E7/G#**
 beau - ti - ful, scan - dal - ous night you and me were a - toned by His blood and for - ev -

22 **Am** **F** **C/G** **G** *2nd time to Coda*
 - er washed white, on that beau - ti - ful scan - dal - ous night.

24 **C** **F** **C** **Gsus/C**
 On the hill -

27 **C** **F2** **C** **Gsus/C**
 - side you will be de - liv - ered, at the foot

29 **C** **F2** **C** **Gsus/C** **G**
 of the cross, jus - ti - fied. And your spir - it re - stored by the

32 **F2** **C** **F2** **C** *D.S. al Coda 1*
 riv - er that pours from our bless - ed Sav - ior's side. At the

Coda 1
 35 **C** **F2** **C**

***Benediction**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes will resume on Jan. 9th.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Jan. 12th and 14th.

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. The Wednesday studies will resume on Jan. 12 with a look at the Book of Daniel.

Giving Tree: We will wrap up our Giving Tree this week. If you would like to donate to one of the ministries listed on the tree, you may do so on Church Center or by leaving a check in the offering basket or at the church office. A list of descriptions of the ministries can be found on the Welcome Table.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries will resume on Jan. 12.

Join a Small Group! Sign up on Church Center.

Year End Giving: Thank you for your tithes and offerings for the General Fund and to the Capstone project these past years. We will report to you the financial results during the congregational meeting on December 12th. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2021 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is instructed or sent to the church office prior to December 31. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Duncan Highmark.

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 [following the link](#):



CALLED TO WORSHIP

Exploring Worship at Trinity Church

Have you ever wondered about why we worship the way we do or how worship gets planned or how we sort out which songs to sing and when? Join Pastor Polski and his wife Katie, Trinity's Music Director, for this eight-week exploration of worship beginning on Sun., Jan. 9. We will review the biblical parameters of worship, delve deeply into the way that worship is formed and walk through some of the controversial issues surrounding worship. (Fireplace Room).

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.

