

# **TRINITY CHURCH**

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# WORSHIPING THE EVER-PRESENT HOLY SPIRIT

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk Scripture Reader: Cheryl Poe Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### **Quotes and Reflections**

"God does not bestow His Spirit on his people in order to set aside the use of his Word, but rather to render it useful." — John Calvin

"If it were possible to put the Holy Spirit into a textbook of pharmacology I would put Him under the stimulants, for that is where He belongs." — D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

"He who has the Holy Spirit in His heart and the scripture in his hands has all he needs." — Alexander McLaren

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

# Preparation for Worship: An Excerpt from "...And the Holy Spirit" by Dr. Fred Sanders (TGC)

For many believers, the Holy Spirit is a sort of add on to our doctrinal understanding and, as a result, we often have a very paltry doctrine of His person and work. This issue was taken up by Dr. Fred Sanders who wrote a wonderful article on this beginning with a reflection on the inclusion of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in the Nicene Creed.

"At the end of the (Nicene) creed, having elaborately affirmed that they believe in the Son, the fathers of Nicaea added the unimpressive phrase 'and in the Holy Spirit.' Period.

But, 56 turbulent years later when this creed was retrieved and expanded at Constantinople 381, this paltry third article blossomed forth into the confession we recite in the Nicene Creed today:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who is worshiped and glorified together with the Father and the Son, who spoke through the prophets.

What shall we say happened when the creed of Nicea, with minimal explicit pneumatology, added the rich pneumatology of 381? Trinitarianism came into its own. More truth was declared. The whole statement became richer, fuller, deeper."

As we reflect on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit today, it's worth considering whether or not He is simply an appendage to our doctrine of the Trinity or something essential to it!

Song of Preparation

### \*Call to Worship—Psalm 148 (Selected)

- Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
- Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- People: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD \*Songs of Adoration Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Trinity Hymnal #53

### Lord Most High

Words and Music by Don Harris and Gary Sadler





\*Prayer of Adoration

## WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—John 13:31-35

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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—Acts 11:1-3

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

### Silent Confession and Lament

### Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Acts 15:11

But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for saving 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

O Great God

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin



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# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

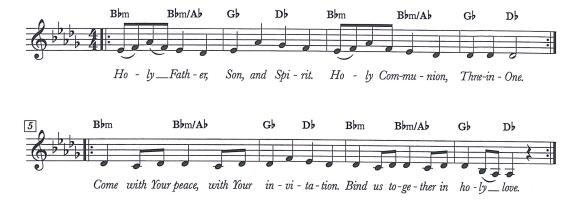
#### **Tithes and Offerings**

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

### **Offertory Song**

Trinity Song

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken



### Sermon

"The Ever-Present Holy Spirit" The fourth in a series on *The Foundations of the Christian Faith* Romans 8:9-17 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

### \*Song of Response

### Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend/Gabriel's Oboe by Ennio Morricone





\*Benediction

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.

**Nursery workers NEEDED!** Volunteering in one of our two nursery rooms is such a great way to care for your church family. Please see Sarah Oehlerking if you are interested.

Men's Bible Study: this Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study of the Book of Acts.

**Women's Bible Studies:** We offer two options: two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's at 7pm (next gathering: 5/24) to discuss the Sermon on the Mount. The Wed. studies meet weekly (9am and 6pm) with a look at Daniel.

**ACTION** ministries meet this Wed. If you would like to register for the Chipotle dinner, you must do so on Church Center by Tues. at 10am.

**Student Ministry midweek studies** meet on Wednesday nights. Jr High, meets from 6-7pm. Sr High, meets 7-8:30pm. Students are invited to join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and discussion. For more information contact Pastor Ben.

**VBS: registration is now open** for this Summer's VBS, July11-15 from 6-7:30pm for kids pre-k through 5th gr. Register on Church Center.

**Volunteers next week: Nursery**: Ridenhour, Oehlerking, Schmidt. SS: Nichols, Younger. **Ushers**: S. Thomason, Younger, Standerfer, Kocher.

**Missionaries, Hatem and Lisa Botros** will be in St. Louis with their two children Jul. 18-Aug. 31st. They are looking for a place to stay during that time. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

**Moms of littles,** Come out to Taco Night on Mon., May 16th at 6:30pm at Alyce Bava's. Reach out to Alyce for more details.

**OASIS Coffee:** Oasis has partnered with Cherry Street Roasters in Illinois to provide a smooth, Fairtrade Sumatra bean coffee. Bags of coffee are available to purchase directly from our new coffee area through the QR code. ALL of the proceeds go directly to support Oasis' work with newly-arriving refugees right here in St. Louis.

Mark your calendar for **Pablo's Service of Ordination** and Installation on Sunday, May 29th during the morning worship service. 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>:



# PROMOTION SUNDAY

On May 22 we will celebrate an end to the Sunday school year for our children's ministry. We also like to recognize our graduates. Please let Amy Mitchell know if you have someone graduating from kindergarten, 5th gr, high school, college, or grad school.

Officer nominations for elder or

**deacon** can be filled out here through May 29, 2022:



### YOUTH & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Jr High Sunday Schoo**l, grades 6th-8th, meet downstairs in room LL4. This spring the Jr. High are going through a study on Prayer.

**Sr. High Sunday School**, (9th-12th), meet downstairs in room LL1. The Sr. High are going through a study of the book of Daniel.

#### The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski Classroom Two

Continuing through the summer, we will be embarking on a new preaching series entitled, The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith. Alongside of this preaching series we will be hosting a Sunday school that continues on with the theological themes covered in each week's sermon.

Why take the time to do a preaching series on theology?

Because basic theological understanding is eroding in modern Christianity and with it, an ability to clearly articulate the reasons why the gospel is so compelling. Theology, as John Frame says, is "applying scripture to life!" To that end we not only want you to better understand the various doctrines of the Christian faith, but to realize their significance for Christian living and their value in evangelism.

So please join us as we dialogue about the application of the doctrine covered in each week's sermon.

#### The Gospel of Matthew

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe

Classroom One

This eleven-week class (which may continue into the Spring Semester) seeks to provide an in-depth study of the book of Matthew by addressing the text and various key doctrines that emerge from its study toward the goal of helping church members develop a deeper and firmer understanding of the fundamentals of the faith while also providing encouragement and instruction for those who may be interested in leading their own bible studies in the future. The ultimate goal is that all who take part will come away with a renewed appreciation for the King of Kings!

## MISSION UPDATE

#### This Saturday!! - BBQ with Oasis International

Thank you to all who have registered to volunteer for this event. It will be a fun filled day of activities and fellowship with immigrants and refugees that are connected to Oasis International.

Oasis is a ministry that comes alongside new arrivals to this country to help them acclimate to a new land, people, and cultures. They provide resources and material goods to families in order to reflect the love that God has for all his image bearers. They are constantly looking to deepen relationships with refugees and immigrants in order to find open doors for sharing what we all need, the reconciliation of our broken relationship with God.

This BBQ serves to strengthen the relationship that Oasis has with this community. At the same time, it is a unique opportunity for us to create and develop relationships with people who appear different from us, all while enjoying a bounce house, arts and crafts, grilled burgers and hot dogs, and music from our very own Tim Moffitt.

Please bring the whole family for this event. Non-volunteers can arrive around 11am.

Location:	Oasis International 5035 Gravois Ave St. Louis, MO 63116
Schedule:	9:30 – Volunteers Arrive for Setup 11-1 – Fellowship Festival 1 – Tear down

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### **TODAY - Trinity Gifts Survey**

Every one of us has a gift (or many). Are you an artist? A coach? Do you teach/ tutor math, science, English, or bible? Can you paint? Rewire a home? Are a plumber? A landscaper? A singer or musician, etc., etc.? Where are you gifted?

We would love to know what your gifts are. We want to pray for you and encourage you in using the unique gifts that God has blessed you with. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Eph 2:10)

We have made a "Trinity Gifts Survey" available for every member to fill out. Please take 5 minutes...just 5 minutes, to fill it out. Our goal is to create a gifts inventory, sort of like the way Joseph stored up the grain. When/If needs arise within the church or in the local community, we will know who is gifted in the areas of need so we can better serve one another and be a blessing to the world. (We completely understand that when a need arises you may not be available and that is completely okay).

The instructions are very simple.

- (1) Scan the QR code below or click on link in the upcoming email.
- (2) Find your area of gifting and click/fill in the boxes that apply.

\*If you do not see your area of gifting listed, please fill in your gift near the bottom of the survey.

- (3) Submit survey
- (4) Pray with us that the Lord would guide Trinity Church in walking in the works that he would have for us.



Please contact Pablo with any questions, comments, or problems accessing the survey.

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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