



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 15, 2019

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND

Liturgist: Rev. Ben Tharp

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Scripture Reader: Cindy Alexander

Quotes and Reflections

In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.
— Isaiah 29:18–19

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
'til trav'ling days are done.
— Horatius Bonar, *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
— Isaiah 35:3–7

“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.”
— Isaiah 42:6–7

Song of Preparation

Before The Throne of God Above

Words by Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook. Music by Vikki Cook

vv. 1, 4

VERSE



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di - vine, God's per - fect



Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
- change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -
Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's eyes. This riv - er's



grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His heart; I know that
sin - less Sav - iour died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the
- self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His blood; My life is
depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its flood; The Lord Most



while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on
hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my
High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glo - rious love, and poured on



bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me.
Sav - iour and my God.
me His glo - rious love.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 139 (selected)**

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

People: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Song of Adoration**

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
Trinity Hymnal #164

*Song of Adoration

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Words and Music by Matthew Papa and Mathew Boswell

♩=77

VERSE

B \flat B \flat /A Gm F/A

1. Christ the — sure and stead - y an - chor in the fu - ry of the
 (2. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor while the temp - est rag - es
 (3. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor through the floods of un - be -
 (4. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor as we face the wave of

4 B \flat F/A Gm F

storm, when the — winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been
 on, when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has
 -lief. Hope - less, — some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va -
 death, when these — trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal

CHORUS

8 F⁷ B \flat /D E \flat ² B \flat /D E \flat ² F

torn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
 won. Deep - er still, then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
 -ry. This my bal - last of as - sur - ance— see His love for - ev - er
 breath. We will cross that great hor - i - zon, clouds be - hind, and life se -
 (D.S.) shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er

12 Gm E \flat ² F/A Gm E \flat maj⁷ F^{sus} B \flat

few, I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cused. I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 proved. All my — hope is in the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cured. And the — calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
 true. We will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

17 B \flat /A Gm⁷ E \flat ² E \flat ² B \flat /D D.S. E \flat ² B \flat

2.3.4. Christ the — Christ the

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came to save sinners

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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—John 2:10-11

Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson and Michael Farren



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



Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,
Pit - ied us when en - mies
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 and the gave us eyes, He has
Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown He who



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

15 F Bb

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

Ministry Moment—World Missions

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Offertory Song (Choral Ensemble) *May the Peoples Praise You*

You have called us out of the darkest night into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life

May the peoples praise You; Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes that we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within; Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us; For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

This our holy privilege to declare; Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

Sermon

"I Saw the Light"

John 9:1-41

Rev. Nate Taylor

***Song of Response**

Amazing Grace!

Trinity Hymnal #460 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

***Benediction**

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class — Hot Topics (Sanctuary)

Join us on September 8 and 15 as we wrap up our Sunday school series on Biblical Sexuality with two panels that will be available to our congregation to respond to our questions. On September 8 we will have Aaron Goldstein (Instructor in Biblical Languages at Covenant Seminary) and Dr. Robbie Griggs (Professor of Systematic Theology at Covenant) to help us work through biblical textual and theological issues that touch on same sex attraction. Then on September 15 we will have Sean Maney and Kyle Keating to help us process a number of the most important pastoral issues. Sean directs FirstLight Ministries which offers guidance and counsel to individuals struggling with sexual brokenness. Kyle is a Ruling Elder at South City Church (PCA) and a person who has dealt with same sex attraction in his own life, but who is now married with children.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes

Teachers

Pre K & K

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen, Melissa Kocher

1st & 2nd grade

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy Mitchell

Jr. & Sr. High

Ben & Elisa Tharp

Jr. High Foundations

The Foundations class is designed for students to study the major framework of scripture, foundational books of the Bible, and key reformed theological principles. Join us this Fall as we study the framework of God's Word (creation, fall, redemption, and restoration) and how it relates to the world we live in today.

Sr. High Formations

The Formations class is designed for the spiritual formation of students as they become more like Christ. They will primarily study books of the Old & New Testament that focus on the Christian Life, as well as key theological doctrines and figures. Join us this Fall for our class going through the book of Acts as we learn about the importance of God's Church.

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

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Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school for all ages meets today.** The adults will meet in the sanctuary.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Van Duren, Sippel, Lackey, Elzinga, Sinclair. SS: Thomason, Van Duren, Behnke. Ushers: Schlitt, Kwong, Schaffer.
- **Small Groups** are kicking off this month. This is a great way to get plugged in and fellowship with others. **Sign-up lists are in the hallway.** Contact Pastor Nate with questions.
- **Men's Night** this Wed. at Chris Freeman's at 8pm.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am.** Pastor Polski is leading the men in a study of the Book of Revelation on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday of each month.
- **Prayer Gathering** this Friday at 7:30am.
- **Playdate** for moms and little one's (5yrs and under) this Fri. from 9:30-11am at Trinity.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Tues. evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (next gathering is Sept. 24th) at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The morning group will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am at Trinity. Childcare is available for Wed. mornings.
- **Trinity Students, Jr. & Sr.** High small groups meet this Wed. from 7-8:30pm. **If you would like to participate in the Bake Sale** for Party on the Lawn to help offset the cost of Fall retreats, please see Mrs. Bailey.
- **Men's Discipleship Groups** are starting back up soon. Currently we have three groups, but would love to expand. If you're interested in being part of a small group of men who meet twice/month for the purpose of study, prayer, and sharing of life's struggles, then email Pastor Chris or Pastor Nate.
- **Parents:** We would greatly appreciate it if you would help us care for our instruments and sound equipment by **not allowing your children on the stage or to play with the instruments.**
- The churches in St. Louis have a **special opportunity to participate in a joint choir** for the Getty Christmas Concert on December 20th. For details about rehearsals and other information, please contact Katie Polski.
- Mark your Calendars for Trinity's annual **Party on the Lawn, Sat., September 28th** at 5pm. Bring your friends and family for a free food, live entertainment, games, and more!
- **Scripture readers needed** for the months of October through December. Sign up in the hallway.

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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