



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 27, 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 IS GLORIOUS

Liturgist: Rev. Aaron Goldstein

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Scripture Reader: Shaun Thomason

For Reflection

“The Bible’s focus on the kingdom of God is so overwhelming that it may appear at first to draw all attention toward God and away from us. To be sure, the honor of God is our highest goal, but Christians often miss a crucial aspect of God’s plan for the arrival of his kingdom at earth. One of the most remarkable things taught in the Bible is that God has determined to bring about his kingdom on earth in a particular way. He has chosen to work out the plan for his ultimate glory through a special instrument. What is that instrument? What is that created means by which the kingdom of God will come on earth as it is in heaven? The answer of the Bible is straightforward. The instrument is the human race. That’s right. God ordained humanity to be the primary instrument by which his kingship will be realized on earth.” — Richard Pratt, *Designed for Dignity*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

“The church is not meant to call men and women out of the world into a safe religious enclave but to call them out in order to send them back as agents of God's kingship.” — Lesslie Newbigin, *Foolishness to the Greeks*

“The root of our problem is not ignorance. Beneath ignorance is hardness of heart against God and His ways... against the good I know.” — John Piper, *Why I Love the Apostle Paul*

“The Christian faith is the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man — and the dogma is the drama... This is the dogma we find so dull — this terrifying drama of which God is the victim and the hero. If this is dull, then what, in Heaven's name, is worthy to be called exciting? The people who hanged Christ never, to do them justice, accused Him of being a bore — on the contrary; they thought Him too dynamic to be safe. It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround Him with an atmosphere of tedium. We have very efficiently pared the claws of the Lion of Judah, certifying Him "meek and mild," and recommended Him as a fitting household pet for pale curates and pious ladies. To those who knew him, however, he in no way suggested a milk-and-water person; they objected to him as a dangerous firebrand. — Dorothy Sayers, *Christian Letters to a Post-Christian World*

Song of Preparation (Ensemble)

Like A River Glorious

Words by Frances Havergal. Music by James Mountain. Arr. by Bob Kauflin

***Call to Worship—Psalm 65 (selected)**

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

All: You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and John Moore

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther

We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've

burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the

sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

*Song of Adoration

All Creature of Our God and King

Trinity Hymnal #115

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 84:1-7

The Psalmist longs to be in the presence of the LORD

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

New Testament Reading—2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul encourages Timothy by recounting God's faithfulness

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing...At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the 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—Luke 18:9-13

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’”

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 18:14**

“I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His glorious 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**

Blessed Assurance
Trinity Hymnal#693

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.)

Sermon

"Believing in the Sent One"

John 12:37-50

Rev. Nate Taylor

*Song of Response

Mighty To Save

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

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1. Ev-'ry - one needs com - pas - sion, love that's nev - er fail -
 2. So take _ me as You find _ me, all my fears and fail -

3

Dm

C

B♭



- ing. _ Let mer - cy fall on _ me. _ Ev - 'ry-one needs for - give
 - ures. _ Fill my life a - gain. _ I give _ my life to fol -

6

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Dm

C



- ness, _ the kind - ness of a Sav - iour. _ The hope of na - tions. _
 - low, _ ev - 'ry-thing I be - lieve _ in. _ Now I sur - ren - der. _

§ **CHORUS**

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_ Sav - iour, He can move the _ moun - tains. My God is
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13

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F



might - y to save. _ He is might - y to save. _ For - ev - er, Au - thor of sal -

16

C

B♭

F

Dm

C



-va - tion. He rose and con - quered the grave. _ Je - sus con - quered the grave. _

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class — World Missions

Join us for an update on the missionaries we support and come hear information about our next church mission trip to the UK in 2020.

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 take a look at how God relates to His people. For the rest of the semester, we will take a look at God's covenant faithfulness in the past, and how that gives us hope that He will be faithful today and tomorrow.

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: Moen, Hendricks, Elzinga, Shelton, Goldstein, Schmidt. SS: Polski, Harlow, Petty. Ushers: A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne.
- **Small Groups** are kicking off this month. This is a great way to get plugged in and fellowship with others. Contact Pastor Nate with questions.
- **Need help setting up Church Center?** Have questions on how it works? Come to the church office after SS today for help and to get answers to your questions.
- **Ladies Connect:** THIS Mon., Oct. 28th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home.
- **NO Men's Bible Study this Friday.** The next study will be on Fri., Nov. 8th.
- **Prayer Gathering** this Fri. at 7:45am in the fireplace room.
- **Moms, come out for a night just for you!** This Fri. at 7:30pm at Erin Taylors. RSVP to Erin.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Tues. evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (next gathering is Nov. 5) 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.
- **NO Men's Night** this Wednesday. The next one will take place on Nov. 5th.
- Hallie Van Duren is looking to **train someone** to come along side her to **help coordinate the nursery.** We are also in **need of more volunteers in the nursery rooms** on Sundays. Please see Hallie if you are interested.
- If you are **interested in becoming a member at Trinity**, or just want to learn more about our church and the PCA, join us for our Trinity Connect Class on the evening of Fri., Nov. 22 (6-8:30pm) and the morning of Sat., Nov. 23 (8am-noon). **Please RSVP to the church office** so we can make arrangements. While this class is a prerequisite to becoming a member, it does not commit you to membership. Open to teens through adults.
- **Save the Date:** Our annual **Christmas Concert** will take place on Sun., Dec. 15th at 6:30pm, "From Darkness to Light." **Artists**, if you would like to submit a piece to be displayed at the concert, we are looking for pieces that will fit one of the four categories of the gospel story that will be highlighted during the concert. The categories are: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Consummation. Please see Amy Mitchell if you are interested.
- 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 please contact Katie Polski.
- **Scripture readers needed** for the months of October thru December. Sign up in the hall.
- **New to Trinity?** Join us for our **Welcome Lunch on Nov. 17th.** See one of our welcome team members or a pastor for more 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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