



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 24, 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 ALWAYS PROVIDES

**Liturgist:** Matt Pannkuk

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

**Scripture Reader:** Glynn Schlitt

## For Reflection

“God’s giving deserves our thanksgiving.” — Anon.

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

“Without the Spirit we can neither love God nor keep His commandments.”  
— Augustine

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. — 1 Timothy 6:17

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

A Prayer for Hearing the Voice of the Spirit: Rev. Scotty Smith- The Gospel Coalition

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Rom. 8:15-17 (ESV)

Heavenly Father, it’s an incomparable privilege to live as your adopted children, and call you “Abba, Father.” We were slaves to sin and death, selfishness and fear when you redeemed us. And now, as this Scripture attests, the Holy Spirit is constantly telling us how much you love us and delight in us. Perhaps we need hearing aids?

Indeed, Father, turn up the volume of the Spirit’s voice—all the way up to 11 or 12. Because many other voices vie for our attention. The world tells us we’re not enough and don’t have enough. Satan condemns us and lies to us in numerous ways.

There’s the voice of vain regrets, haunting us about past failures and missed opportunities. Our worries and anxieties blast us with “what ifs” and “if onlys.” And the voice of our pride is unrelenting—telling us we deserve better and more.

BUT then, there’s your blessed voice, Father. By the Spirit we hear you say, “I have loved you with an everlasting love and with cords of kindness I’ve bound you to my heart. I’ve robed you in Jesus’ righteousness, and sealed you with my Spirit.”

“Nothing will separate you from my love, take you from Jesus’ hand, or write you out of my book. Your past is forgiven; your present is my domain; and your future is beyond all you could ask or imagine. Trust me.”

Abba, Father, thank you for loving us—not as we will be, or ought to be, but as we actually are. Keep telling us it’s true because the gospel is true. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus’ glorious and grace-full name.

# Song of Preparation

# My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

G<sup>7</sup> C Am<sup>7</sup> F C/E Am<sup>7</sup> Fadd<sup>9</sup> - G<sup>7</sup>

1. My\_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain; who\_  
 2. My\_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side; who\_  
 3. My\_ heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove; whose

C G/B Am<sup>7</sup> G F C/E Gsus G<sup>7</sup> C

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain. Who\_  
 floods my weak-ness - es with strength and caus-es fears to fly. Whose  
 wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - ery thought is love. For\_

Am C/G F G Am F C/E Gsus G G<sup>7</sup>

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light and\_  
 ev - ery pro - mise is e - nough for ev - ery step I take; sus -  
 ev - ery day I have on earth is gi - ven by the King. So\_

C G/B Am<sup>7</sup> G F C/E Gsus G<sup>7</sup>

wrote His law of right - ous - ness with pow'r u - pon my  
 -tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with  
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low



1.2.  
Am G F G Am C/E Fma7 Gsus G7

heart.  
grace.

3.  
C G7 Am G F C/E Gsus G7 C

2. My\_ Him. To love and fol - low Him.  
3. My\_

### \*Call to Worship—Psalm 65-66 (selected)

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

**People: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,**

Leader: You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;

**People: You crown the year with your bounty;**

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People: Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

Leader: Say to God,

**People: "How awesome are your deeds!"**



## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### Old Testament Reading—Joel 2:23-32

*The Lord pours out his love on his people*

"Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

"The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

"You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls."

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*"The bible is not antique or modern, it is eternal!" — Martin Luther*



# WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

## **Call to Confession—2 Timothy 4:1-5**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## Song of Assurance—Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

To Him who is a - ble to keep you from fall - ing, to

Him, to Him, to - Him to Him, to Him, to -

Him. To Him, to Him, to - Him. We are

stand - ing in - His pre - sence with our gar - ments clean and white.

All glo - ry, hon - or, pow - er maj - es - ty - to Je - sus Christ.

## Passing of the Peace

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his powerful redemption!

People: Thanks be to God

## **Song of Rejoicing**

*Jesus Paid It All*  
Trinity Hymnal #308

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**

"A Helper for the Troubled"

John 14:8-31

Rev. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# Oceans

Words and Music by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salamon Ligthelm

♩ = 60

**VERSE**

Bm

A/C#

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A



1. You call me out up-on the wa - ters, the great un - known where feet may.  
 2. Your grace a-bounds in deep-est wa - ters, Your sov-reign \_\_ hand will be my\_\_

4

G

Bm

A/C#

D



\_\_ fail. And there I find You in the mys - t'ry, in o - ceans.  
 \_\_ guide. Where feet may fail and fear sur - rounds me, You've nev - er\_\_

**CHORUS 1**

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\_\_ deep, my faith\_\_ will\_\_ stand. And I will call up-on\_\_ Your.  
 \_\_ failed and You won't\_\_ start\_\_ now.

10

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G

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A



\_\_ name and keep my eyes a-bove\_\_ the\_\_ waves. When o - ceans\_\_

13

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A



rise, my soul will rest in Your\_\_ em - brace\_\_ for I am Yours and You are\_\_

**INSTRUMENTAL 1**

16

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A/C#

G<sup>6</sup>

G<sup>6</sup>/A



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29 INSTRUMENTAL 2 BRIDGE 1a

Bm G D A Bm

Spir-it lead \_ me where \_ my trust .

34 G D A

\_ is with -out bor - ders, let me walk \_ up-on \_ the wa - ters wher- ev - er You \_ would call me.

37 Bm G

Take me deep - er than \_ my feet \_ could ev - er wan - der and my faith \_

39 D

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\_ will be \_made strong - er \_ in the pres - ence of \_ my Sav - iour. - ence of \_ my Sav - iour.

## \*Benediction

*The benediction is God's good word to His children, a word that should strengthen and sustain them for the days that are to follow.*

## Adult Sunday School

### **Adult Sunday School Class**

Join Pastor Polski for a SS series on the integrity of Holy Scripture. During this series we will examine the origins of the Bible, how it came together as one grand document and why we can believe that the Bible is exactly what it says it is, God's perfect and fully trustworthy word to mankind.

## 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**

For the next two weeks, our jr high Sunday school class will kick off the advent season with a short study on Christ's birth. We often think of Christmas as this picturesque nativity scene with precious little animals and a sweet little baby in a warm comfy cradle. In reality, Jesus was born into a messy world that desperately needed a Savior. We will learn more about this mess together in class on November 24 and December 1.

#### **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: Poe, Boehne, Wilhoit, Lackey, Younger. SS: Polski, Harlow, Petty. Ushers: Schlitt, Kwong, Schaffer.
- **No Men's Bible Study or Prayer Gathering this Friday.**
- **No Women's Bible Study** this week.
- Join us for our **Thanksgiving service** THIS Wed., Nov. 27th at 5:30pm.
- Ladies, join us for a **cookie exchange on Wed., Dec. 4th** from 9-11am. Bring 3-4 dozen cookies (home-made or purchased). We will enjoy breakfast snacks, coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies! Everyone will go home with two boxes of cookies. Please RSVP to Amy Mitchell.
- 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.
- **Mom's Night:** Friday, Dec. 6th at 7:30pm at Erin Taylor's home. Please let Erin know if you are able to attend.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office if you need help setting it up.
- **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. **Deadline for artwork is Dec. 11th.**
- This year we will offer **two services on Christmas Eve: 4pm and 5:30pm**. Both services will be the same with the exception that the 4pm service will include a children's sermon.
- The session wishes to invite the congregation to our **annual meeting of the congregation/corporation on Sun., Dec. 8th** during the Sunday school hour. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2019.

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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