



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

September 11, 2022

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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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE AND PEACE

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Scripture Reader: Katherine Hickman

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood. May grace and peace be multiplied to you. — I Peter 1:1-2

"The more grace thrives in the soul, the more sin dies in the soul."

— Thomas Brooks

"Peace is a free gift and flows from the pure mercy of God." — John Calvin

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Today we begin a series on Paul's letter to the Ephesians which will stretch into 2023. We will have much more to say in today's sermon about the context for the book of Ephesians, so I just wanted to take a moment to say a few words, instead, about the benefits of preaching through and listening to consecutive sermons on a single book of scripture, a practice referred to in church history as *lectio continua*.

Lectio continua is Latin for continuous reading or the systematic exposition of God's Word, "line upon line, precept upon precept." *Lectio continua* is the consecutive expository method of preaching the Bible which has deep roots in the Reformed tradition.

The greatest benefit of preaching in this manner are that those who regularly sit under this style of preaching are exposed, over several years, to the whole counsel of God. Interestingly, for those worried about missing out on a certain topic of concern, most practical topics manage to make their ways to the surface in application when a whole book of scripture is covered.

A second great benefit of this kind of preaching is that it frees (or perhaps blocks) the preacher from camping too often on his favorite topics or parts of scripture and thus, allows the word of God to speak clearly and on its own terms.

A final great benefit is that when a parishioner has sat under the preaching of a whole book of scripture over a series of weeks or months, they are able to develop a far more specific and contextualized understanding of what informed the various issues discussed in the text which protects the modern believer from slipping into a proof texting approach to scripture.

There are, also, some dangers in this style of preaching (which we hope to avoid), one of which is belaboring the text to the extent that the series goes on for years! There may be a place for this in certain settings but more often than not, a congregation can best benefit from moving at a fairly decent clip through the book, something we hope to be able to do in this series on Ephesians, with our aim being to finish up around Easter of 2023.

Missions Update

Song of Preparation (Ensemble)

Be Thou My Vision

***Call to Worship—Psalm 145**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,

People: And bless your name forever and ever.

Leader: Every day I will bless you

People: And praise your name forever and ever.

All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Words by Henry Van Dyke. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven and Edward Hodges

♩=106

E E/B B E/G# B/F# E E/B B



1. Joy ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays.
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

5 E A E/B B E



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.

9 B E/B B E/B B G#/B# C#m F# B



Melt the clouds of sin and _ sad - ness; Drive the _ dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and _ moun - tain, flow - ery _ mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our _ Broth - er— all who _ live in love are Thine.
Ev - er sing - ing, march we _ on - ward, vic - tors _ in the midst of strife.

13 E A E/B B E



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee!
Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine!
Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephan Altrogge

♩ = 73

C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all his won - drous deeds?
 ris - en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G 1. C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

19 Em C Em 2. F2 Em F2 G 3. C **FINE**

Him!

Him!

BRIDGE C F/C C F/C Am7

Men: You will reign for - ev er. You will reign for - ev er. You will reign for -
 Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your

F Am7 F

ev - er. You will reign for - ev er.
 glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

C F Am7 F **DS**

You will reign for - ev - er. You will reign for - ev - er. Be
 Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill,

*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—Psalm 51:4-5

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps. 51:7-10

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: People of God, give thanks be to God for cleansing us from our sin.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

***Song of Rejoicing**

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
Trinity Hymnal #455

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays for ages 4yrs.-2nd grade)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Grace

Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

(Chorus)

By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The Prince of life, without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

(Chorus)

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

(Chorus)

Sermon

"Grace and Peace for the Saints of God"

Ephesians 1:1-2

A Series on the Epistle of Ephesians

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music by Jordan Kauffin

3/4

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 1. G^{sus} G C

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 2, 3. G^{sus} G C F C G Am

CHORUS

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

24 F Am G 1. C 2. C D.S.

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

* Benediction

Adult Sunday School

The Gospel of Matthew

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe
Classroom one

This class 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!

Reading the Psalms with Jesus

Dr. Aaron Goldstein
Classroom two

The book of Psalms is the one of the most beloved books of the Bible, featuring oft-memorized and cherished passages. In the Gospels, Jesus quotes or alludes to the Psalms on a number of occasions. In this class, we will explore the Psalms, and as a part of our process, we will learn from the way that Jesus himself takes up the Psalms in his ministry.

Trinity Connect-Exploring Membership at Trinity Church

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski
Fireplace room

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity Church or want to learn more about our ministries or the PCA? This class is the first step in becoming a member of Trinity. While it does not commit you to membership, it is a pre-requisite.

Adult Choir

Katie Polski, Director of Music Ministries
Sanctuary

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for 8-9 weeks as we prepare songs for upcoming worship services. No experience necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.

Wed. night dinner: Register today for dinner at 5:30 on Wed. This week we will have BBQ from Dalie's. Adult-\$8, Children-\$4. **Deadline to register is Tue. at 10am.** Go to events in Church Center or email Amy Mitchell.

Jr. Students: meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm. Sr. High meets on Sundays from 6-7:30pm in the lower level youth area.

Men's Bible study meets Wed. at 6pm (they will not meet on Fri. mornings), continuing with a look at the Book of Acts. **Women,** on Tuesdays at 7pm twice a month we will meet to discuss Ecclesiastes at Melissa Jorgensen's home (9/13) or we meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6pm to study 1, 2, 3 John.

Children and Adult Choirs: The children will meet on Wed. nights during ACTION and the adult choir will meet during Sunday school starting Sept. 11. See Katie Polski if you are interested.

Volunteers today: Ushers: S. Thompson, Younger, Standerfer, Kocher. Nursery: Younger, Linenbroker, Hendricks, Williamson, SS: Moen, Highmark. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton. Nursery: Jorgensen, Tharp, B. Cheatham, O'Neal. SS: Harlow, Bava.

Moms, join us on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm as get together and discuss *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. The next gathering is Sept. 19th at 6:30pm at Alyce Bava's.

ACTION meets Wednesdays starting with dinner at 5:30pm followed by ministries for ALL ages. We have nursery, children's activities, singing, men's and women's bible study, and Jr. High.

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), **Greeters:** James Broughton (jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava (jimnalyce@yahoo.com). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)

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:](#)



PARTY ON THE LAWN

Meet us on the front lawn on Sat., Sept. 24th from 4:30-7pm. We will have live music, a pig roast, games, bounce house, petting zoo, and more. All free! We will provide the main course and beverages. Bring a side to share (salad, fruit, chips, etc.). New this year is the Best Cookie Contest. Bring two dozen cookies and the best home-made batch wins a prize! See today's insert for more details and to sign up.

MISSION UPDATE

Coffee on Glenwood – This Friday, September 16th

Coffee of Glenwood began to show our neighbors, as they pass by our church on Friday mornings, that we are here. We understand that the weeks have been long and there are pressures at school and work. Maybe a smile, a cup of coffee, a croissant, and prayer, will encourage them before the weekend. We want them to know that Trinity Church exists to serve them and not ourselves.

There are 2 volunteers needed every month. Please sign-up on the Events page of our Church Center app.

Praying for MO Missionaries – September 17, 2022

REGISTRATION CLOSSES TOMORROW (September 12)

The Concert of Prayer will be hosted by the MTW Committee of the Missouri Presbytery and the MTW Midwest Hub. We will be highlighting some of our missionaries that will be sent out from the MO Presbytery. This will be a time of praying for the regions the missionaries will be serving in, for unreached people, and for our cross-cultural workers. This is a free family friendly event that we hope many families from your churches will consider attending. This event will be held at The Commons (Chesterfield PCA's East campus) at 5:00 PM on September 17, 2022. Registration for this event closes on September 12th. We hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Pastor Pablo. Register here:



Party of the Lawn, September 24th, 4:30pm

We will be gathering in the evening of Sept. 24th for some fun on our beautiful property. Mark your calendar and invite your neighbors. Here are some things that are happening that you will not want to miss: Bounce house, face Painting, pig roast, dunk tank, petting zoo, pony rides (I know what you're thinking...No, grown-ups...not for you!)

We need volunteers and sign-ups are on our Events page in Church Center app

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families. During COVID, when public schools were forced to close, Trinity Church hosted the pantry at our location. Since returning to the school, we have the privilege and opportunity to come alongside Robinson Elementary and serve our community.

We have enough volunteers for this month's pantry, but there is still space for other months. Please visit our Events page in the Church Center app to sign-up.

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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