



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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# WORSHIPING THE LORD WHO CALLS US!

**Liturgist:** Rev. Nate Taylor

**Scripture Reader:** Elisa Tharp and Peg Nichols

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, J Harrison

## Quotes and Reflections

By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. — Hebrews 11:7

"Noah...was trusting and counting on God having a plan for restoration. He trusted that as high as the waters got, as dangerous as they seemed, as angry as God was about the sin that provoked him to such subsuming wrath, that in the end, God planned to bring him and his family out unscathed, ready to resume the mandate given to his children to be fruitful and multiply." — Jared Wilson

"By keeping in view the terrible destruction of the world, Noah might be more and more excited to fear and faithfulness." — John Calvin

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

The Better Version of Noah's Ark by Brandon D. Smith (Abridged)

The famous (or infamous, depending whom you ask) story of Noah and the flood fills Sunday school classes, kids' books, and Christian art. The depictions are always the same—a bunch of cute zoo animals on a boat captained by a jolly old man, sun shining overhead, clouds puffier than cotton candy. If you had no backstory, you might think Noah loaded up some exotic animals to tour the Atlantic Ocean.

Others think the flood is an ancient recounting of an angry God who arbitrarily hates people. Non-Christians are especially susceptible to this idea, though many Christians also assume “the God of the Old Testament” is like a petulant child with a magnifying glass, scorching us like ants out of sheer maniacal pleasure.

Both postures are wrong.

Noah's flood isn't simply a Sunday school story about sunny skies and rainbows. Real people died; real sin was punished in a real flood. At the same time, Noah's life isn't just a grim story about fury and death. Even though God did execute judgment because people refused to forsake sin, he still showed grace to those who trusted him.

The problem, though, is that Noah's ability to build an ark and survive the flood didn't include any power to escape the corruption in his own heart. There needed to be another Noah story that didn't end in sin or curses—one that would conclude with consistent obedience, salvation, and a guarantee that water judgment would never be needed again.

Jesus brings us this better story. Here are four ways he fulfills and retells Noah's story:

1. Jesus's return reflects Noah's flood
2. Jesus brings salvation like the Ark of Noah
3. Jesus succeeds where Noah (and Adam) failed
4. Jesus ensures the end of judgment



## Song of Preparation

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Trinity Hymnal #498 (vs.1, 4)

### **\*Call to Worship—Psalm 111**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

**All: The Lord is gracious and merciful.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834. Music: American folk melody

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to His feet your  
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers  
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish— blows the wind, and  
5. An - gels in the heights, a - dore Him— ye be - hold Him

trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,  
frame He knows. In His hands He gen - tly bears us,  
it is gone. But while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
face to face. Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him,

ev - er - more His prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
God en - dures un - chang - ing on! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
gath - ered in from eve - ry race. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Praise the ev - er - last - ing King! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Praise the High E - ter - nal One! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Praise with us the God of grace! Al - le - lu - ia,

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# Agnus Dei

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith

G G2sus G C/G G G2sus G C/G D/G

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

4 C/G D/G C/G G C/G G G2sus G

ia, for our Lord God Al - might - y reigns.

6 G2sus G C/G G G2sus G C/G D/G

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -

9 C/G D/G C/G D/G C/G G C/G G G2sus G

ia, for our Lord God Al - might - y reigns.

11 G2sus G C/G D/G C/G D

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho -

13 G D/G G C/G G Em D Am G/B

ly, Ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the

17 C Am G/B C G D/G

Lamb; Wor - thy is the Lamb. You are Ho - ly. Ho -

20 G C/G G Em D Am G/B

ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the

23 C Am G/B C D G

Lamb; Wor - thy is the Lamb. You are Ho - Lamb. A - men.

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Mark 1:21-28**

*Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit*

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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—1 Corinthians 8:4-13**

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His redeeming mercies!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**



# Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (8:45am service) Jack Levi Moen

WSC #94 *What is baptism? Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.*

## Baptismal Song (8:45am service) *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* Trinity Hymnal #189

### WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

### Pastoral Prayer

### Tithes and Offerings

*Children may be dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)*

## Offertory Song *My Worth Is Not In What I Own* Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick

(Congregation to join in the chorus when directed)

**CHORUS**

15 F<sup>2</sup> G Am F C/E G<sup>2</sup>  
I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well-spring of my soul.

19 F<sup>2</sup> G Am C/E F G  
I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a -

22 C<sup>2</sup> F/C C<sup>2</sup> F/C D.S. al Coda  
7  
-lone.

## **Sermon**

"God's Covenant with Noah"

Genesis 6:9-22

Rev. Chris Polski



# \*Song of Response

Isaiah 43

Composer Unknown

Real Key

Dm Dm/C Bb

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you  
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

5 Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb C Bb F

And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For  
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear For

11 C Bb Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb

I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine  
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

17 C F Eb add 9

Women: I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_

Men: For I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Lord Your

21 God Gm C Gm C

Unison: God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

24 Bb Eb add 9 C F

Women: I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. Men: For I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_



28 Ebadd9 God God Gm C

I am the Lord Your God Unison: I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Gm C Bb Ebadd9 C F F/E  
Women: Do not

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior Men: I am the Lord

35 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C F F/E  
fear Do not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C  
fear Do not fear

I am the Lord

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a song in G minor. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff (measures 28-30) has the lyrics 'I am the Lord Your God' and 'I am the Ho - ly One of'. The second staff (measures 31-34) has the lyrics 'Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior' and 'I am the Lord'. The third staff (measures 35-38) has the lyrics 'fear Do not fear Do not' and 'I am the Lord I am the Lord'. The fourth staff (measures 39-42) has the lyrics 'fear Do not fear' and 'I am the Lord'. Chords are indicated above the notes: Ebadd9, Gm, C, Bb, F, F/E, F/D, F/C, and Bb. There are also performance directions: 'Unison:', 'Women:', and 'Men:'.

**\*Benediction**

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

- 314/821-7311 • [www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org](http://www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org) • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

**Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.**

- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **The next Tuesday Women's Study will meet Feb. 9** at 7pm, either in-person at Trinity or via Zoom. We will look at chapter 7 of Generous Justice by Tim Keller.
- **The Wed. Women's Bible studies meet weekly.** We are studying 2 Samuel this semester. We will meet in a hybrid format at 9am or via Zoom only at 7pm.
- **Ladies**, are you missing time together? Join us Mon., Feb. 8th at 7pm for a fun **Zoom gathering!** Keep an eye out for the link in your weekly email.
- **Men's Night this Wed.** at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- **Men's Bible Study** this Fri. at 6:30am either in person or via Zoom. This semester the men are studying the Book of Acts.
- Interested in becoming a member of Trinity? Join us for our next **new member's class** (Trinity Connect) on Feb. 12 from 6:30-8:30pm and Feb. 13 from 9-11am. If you are not comfortable meeting in person, we will have more classes coming in future months. **Please RSVP** to the church office if you plan 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 for assistance.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators if you would like to get involved: **Ushers:** Paul Schaffer ([PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp ([elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow ([nursery@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:nursery@trinitystlouis.org)), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell ([amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org)).
- We are moving our on-line directory to the Church Center app. **Each member or regular attender needs to log in to Church Center and go to the directory link and click "share now"** to chose what contact information you would like to be included.

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.