



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 30, 2021



# 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.



## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### SUNDAY

9:30am worship  
Sunday School | 11am  
No Jr. High Small Group

### WEDNESDAY

Men's Night | 8pm  
No Sr. High Small Group

### FRIDAY

No Men's Bible Study this week

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS RIGHTEOUS

**Liturgist:** Rev. Chris Polski

**Scripture Reader:** Jessica Schaffer

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

## Quotes and Reflections

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. — Romans 3:21

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. — Psalm 48:10

“The righteousness of God is the 'Godness' of God. It is what sets Him apart from everyone else—His moral perfection.” — Vaughan Roberts

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

## Luther's Discovery of the True Meaning of the Righteousness of God: R.C. Sproul

He says, "Here in *it*," in the gospel, "the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, 'the just shall live by faith.'" A verse taken from the book of Habakkuk in the Old Testament that is cited three times in the New Testament. As Luther would stop short and say, "What does this mean, that there's this righteousness that is by faith, and from faith to faith? What does it mean that the righteous shall live by faith?"

Which again as I said was the thematic verse for the whole exposition of the gospel that Paul sets forth here in the book of Romans. And so, the lights came on for Luther. And he began to understand that what Paul was speaking of here was a righteousness that God in His grace was making available to those who would receive it passively, not those who would achieve it actively, but that would receive it by faith, and by which a person could be reconciled to a holy and righteous God.

Now there was a linguistic trick that was going on here too. And it was this, that the Latin word for justification that was used at this time in church history was—and it's the word from which we get the English word *justification*—the Latin word *justificare*. And it came from the Roman judicial system. And the term *justificare* is made up of the word *justus*, which is justice or righteousness, and the verb, the infinitive *facere*, which means to make. And so, the Latin fathers understood the doctrine of justification is what happens when God, through the sacraments of the church and elsewhere, make unrighteous people righteous.

But Luther was looking now at the Greek word that was in the New Testament, not the Latin word. The word *dikaïos*, *dikaïosune*, which didn't mean to make righteous, but rather to *regard* as righteous, to *count* as righteous, to *declare* as righteous. And this was the moment of awakening for Luther. He said, "You mean, here Paul is not talking about the righteousness by which God Himself is righteous, but a righteousness that God gives freely by His grace to people who don't have righteousness of their own."

And so Luther said, "Whoa, you mean the righteousness by which I will be saved, is not mine?" It's what he called a *justitia alienum*, an alien righteousness; a righteousness that belongs properly to somebody else. It's a righteousness that is *extra nos*, outside of us. Namely, the righteousness of Christ. And Luther said, "When I discovered that, I was born again of the Holy Ghost. And the doors of paradise swung open, and I walked through."

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## Song of Preparation

*Forty*

Based on Psalm 40 | U2

I waited patiently for the Lord, He inclined and heard my cry  
He brought me up out of the pit; out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)  
*I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)*  
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)  
*I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)*

How long to sing this song? (Men)  
*How long to sing this song? (Women echo)*  
How long to sing this song? (Men)  
*How long to sing this song? (Women echo)*

How long, how long, how long? (Together)  
How long, to sing this song? (Together)

He set my feet upon the rock  
And made my footsteps firm  
Many will see  
Many will see and fear

I will sing, sing a new song (Men)  
*I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)*  
I will sing, sing a new song (Men)  
*I will sing, sing a new song (Women echo)*

How long to sing this song? (Men)  
*How long to sing this song? (Women echo)*  
How long to sing this song? (Men)  
*How long to sing this song? (Women echo)*

How long, how long, how long? (Together)  
How long, to sing this song? (Together)

## Call to Worship—Psalm 139

Leader: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

**People: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!**

Leader: If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

**People: Search me, O God, and know my heart!**

Leader: Try me and know my thoughts!

**All: Lead me in the way everlasting!**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## **Chorus**

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(Chorus)

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

*Be Thou My Vision*

Trinity Hymnal #642



## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Romans 8:12-17**

*We are children of God!*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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.

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—2 Corinthians 4:7-12**

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 4:13-15**

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for raising us up with Jesus!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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


**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Pardon

## In Christ Alone

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend


G
D
G
A
D/F#



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

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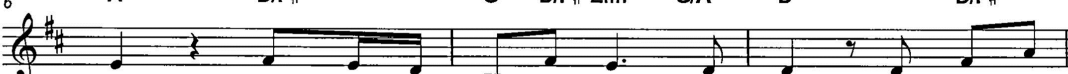
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light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6


A
D/F#
G
D/F# Em7
G/A
D
D/F#



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

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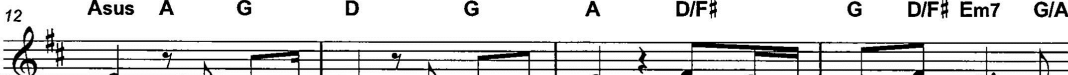
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love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

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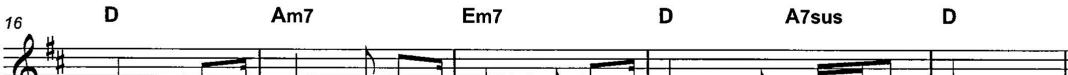
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cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I  
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I  
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of  
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16

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Am7
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stand.  
 live.  
 Christ.  
 stand!

"When we realize the great depths of sin and despair and the gift of an even greater grace of God that we have been given, what else can we do but sing with joy?" Anon.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

(There is no Children's Church on the 5th Sunday of the month)

**Offertory Song** (Ensemble)

*There Is Mercy*

Words and Music by Nate Singh

## **Sermon**

"Learning to Walk Humbly with God"

Genesis 18:16-33

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

For today's sermon outline scan here with your phone camera:



# \*Song of Response

# Nothing but the Blood

Words and Music by Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fionan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafee

D D A7 D

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 2. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 3. This is all my hope and peace, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! this I sing- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 D D A7 D

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 Naught of good that I have done, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 All my life, my cry shall be- Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

9 D D/C# Bm7 D/A Em/G Em/F# Em A7

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;—

13 D D/C# D/C Bm7 Em7 Gma7 A7 D

No oth - er fount I know, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

# \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday school for all ages meets today.

**Adults** will gather in the sanctuary, the **5th-12th gr.** will meet in the lower level youth rooms, and the elementary students will split up to allow room for social distancing. After the service, the **2nd-4th grade** will head out to the playground, and the **prek-1st grade** will head to the 3rd-5th grade classroom.

**Ladies, General Assembly is not just for the pastors and elders.** There are lots of events for you too! Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



**Men's Night this Wed.** at 8pm at Chris Freeman's home.

Please be sure to **sign the Trinity Hymnal** in the Narthex for the Taylors.

**Outdoor Worship Service next Sunday** at 5:45pm. Please register on Church Center.

1000 plus pastors and elders will be coming to St. Louis for **General Assembly** Jun. 28-Jul. 2. If you would like to **volunteer** to help serve, scan the QR code with your phone camera.



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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)).

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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.

## New Adult Sunday School This Week

### Missions: Discover What God Entrusts to His People

The Bible tells us to "declare God's glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples" (Ps. 96:3). What does this mean for Trinity Church? What does it mean for you? Join Pastor Nate and some guest speakers for a 4-week class on the Church's call to go and make disciples of every tongue, tribe, and nation. (room 111)

### Christian Mentoring

Pastor Polski will be guiding those who have expressed an interest in becoming mentors. This 4-week training will be held in room 110 (new classroom)

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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