



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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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 WHO GIVES US TRUTH

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Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. — 2 Tim. 3:14-17

"Every question is ultimately a theological question." — Hilaire Belloc

"Deep theology is the best fuel of devotion; it readily catches fire and, once kindled, it burns long." — Frederick Faber

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

As we embark on a Spring-Summer preaching series on *The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith* we are embarking upon an exploration of Christian theology. The goal of this series is not only to elucidate some of the most important doctrines of the Christian faith, but to do so in such a way as they can be seen to be helpful to the Christian person and useful in sharing the good news of the gospel in the world. To that end, I want to highlight John Frame's reflections on theology from his book on Systematic Theology. He writes...

"There really is no justification for restricting theology only to academic or technical questions...The professor of theology at a university or seminary is no more or less a theologian than the youth minister who seeks to deal with the doubts of college students, or the Sunday School teacher who tells OT stories to children, or the father who leads family devotions, or the person who does not teach in any obvious way but simply tries to obey scripture. The only term I know that is broad enough to cover all forms of biblical teaching and all the decisions that people make in their lives is the term application...So, I offer my definition of theology: theology is the application of Scripture, by persons, to every area of life." (Dr. John Frame, *Systematic Theology*. p. 8)

May the Lord use today's message and that of the next several weeks to deepen our faith and our desire to share the good news of the gospel with others!

Song of Preparation

Abide with Me
Trinity Hymnal #402 (vs. 1, 3, 5)

***Call to Worship—Psalm 118 (selected)**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say...

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let those who fear the Lord say,

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice in it and be glad!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough

D D D

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

4

G G Bm7

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not
bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves
- ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing dark - er to the death
and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

8

A sus A D

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -
- bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

11

D/F# G G

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- tion and He called us by our names and the God
- lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God

14

D/A A Bm C A D

of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord
of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
of com - fort took a - way our fears.

19

F# G D Bm D

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

24

E7 A D F#

- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

28

G D F# Bm D7 G Gm6 D

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Only A Holy God

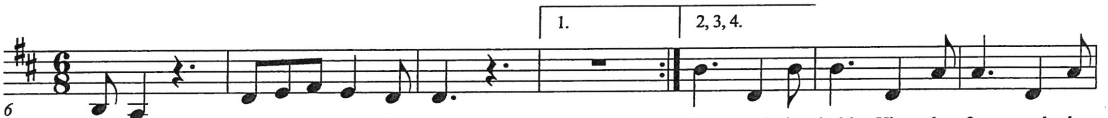
Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson



1. Who else commands _____ all the hosts of heav - en?
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - ,ands such prais - es?
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



Who else could make - ev - 'ry king bow down? Who else can whis - per and dark - ness
 What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de -
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him

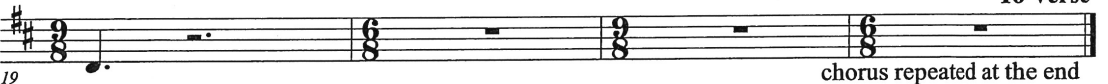


6 trem - bles On - ly a Ho - ly God. Come and be - hold Him, the One and the
 just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 feat - ed/ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God)



13 On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly

To Verse



God.

chorus repeated at the end

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Revelation 1:4-8

Greeting to the Seven Churches

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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—John 20:19-25

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for not counting our sin against us!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Faith's Review and Expectation

John Newton and Sandra McCracken

E G# A E C#m' F#'

A - MAZ - ING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE
 GRACE THATTUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR, AND GRACE MY FEARS RE-
 MAN - Y DAN - GERS TOILS AND SNARES, I HAVE AL - READ - Y
 LORD HAS PROM - SED GOOD TO ME, HIS WORD MY HOPE SE-

7 8 87 E G# A F#7/A# E

ME! I ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW AM FOUND; WAS BLIND, BUT
 LIEVED; HOW PREC - IOUS DID THAT GRACE AP - PEAR THE HOUR I
 COME; 'TIS GRACE HATH BROUGHT ME SAFE THUS FAR, AND GRACE WILL
 CURES: HE WILL MY SHIELD AND POR - TION BE. AS LONG AS

14 87 1.2. E 1.2. E E

NOW I SEE 2.T.WAS DURES. 5.YEA. WHEN THIS
 FIRST BE-LIEVED!
 LEAD ME HOME. 3.THRU
 LIFE EN 4.THE

G# A E C#m7 F#7 B 87

FLESH AND HEART SHALL FAIL, AND MOR - TAL LIFE SHALL CEASE I
 E G# A F#7 E 87 E

SHALL POS - SES WITH - IN THE VEIL, A LIFE OF JOY AND PEACE
 E G# A E C#m7

6.THE EARTH SHALL SOON DIS - SOLVE LIKE SNOW, THE SUN FOR -
 F#7 B 87 E G# A F#7

BEAR TO SHINE; BUT GOD, WHO CALLED ME HERE BE - LOW, WILL
 E 87 E E

BE FOR - EV - ER MINE; WILL BE FOR -
 87 E 87 E

EV - ER MINE; WILL BE FOR - EV - ER MINE.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

All Is Well

Music and Words by Steve & Vikki Cook

Sermon

"Solid Food"

The first in a series on The Foundations of the Christian Faith

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

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

***Benediction**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages today.

Men's Bible Study: this Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study of the Book of Acts.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options: two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's at 7pm (next gathering: 5/10-NOT 4/26) to discuss the Sermon on the Mount. The Wed. studies meet weekly (9am and 6pm) with a look at the Book of Daniel.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries meet this Wed. If you would like to register for the Chick-fil-a dinner, you must do so on Church Center by Tues. at 10am.

Student Ministry midweek studies meet on Wednesday nights. Jr High, meets from 6-7pm. Sr High, meets 7-8:30pm. Students are invited to join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and discussion. For more information contact Pastor Ben.

Volunteers next week: Nursery: Bava, McCall, Jorgensen, Schmidt. SS: Oehlerking. **Ushers:** Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton.

Missionaries, Hatem and Lisa Botros will be in St. Louis with their two children Jun. 17-Aug. 31st. They are looking for a place to stay during that time. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

BBQ: Mark your calendars! On Sat., May 21st we will be heading down to Oasis to grill and enjoy time with several refugee and immigrant families. We are hoping to rent a bouncy house, provide music, kid's crafts, and neighborly fellowship. We already have a face painter! It is a day of fun and fellowship for the whole family...yes, children too! For this to work, we will need a minimum of 30 adult/teen volunteers. Please begin to pray about this. **Register to volunteer using the QR code in today's insert or on Church Center.**

Officer **nominations for elder or deacon** can be filled out here through May 29, 2022:



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), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org).

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](#):



OASIS COFFEE

Oasis has partnered with Cherry Street Roasters in Illinois to provide a smooth, Fairtrade Sumatra bean coffee. We have 15 bags of ground coffee and 5 bags of whole bean coffee. These are available to purchase directly from our new coffee area through the QR code. ALL of the proceeds go directly to support Oasis' work with newly-arriving refugees right here in St. Louis.



YOUTH & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jr High Sunday School, grades 6th-8th, meet downstairs in room LL4. This spring the Jr. High are going through a study on Prayer.

Sr. High Sunday School, (9th-12th), meet downstairs in room LL1. The Sr. High are going through a study of the book of Daniel.

The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Classroom Two

Beginning this Sunday and continuing through the summer, we will be embarking on a new preaching series entitled, The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith. Alongside of this preaching series we will be hosting a Sunday school that continues on with the theological themes covered in each week's sermon.

Why take the time to do a preaching series on theology?

Because basic theological understanding is eroding in modern Christianity and with it, an ability to clearly articulate the reasons why the gospel is so compelling. Theology, as John Frame says, is "applying scripture to life!" To that end we not only want you to better understand the various doctrines of the Christian faith, but to realize their significance for Christian living and their value in evangelism.

So please join us as we dialogue about the application of the doctrine covered in each week's sermon.

The Gospel of Matthew

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe

Classroom One

This eleven-week class (which may continue into the Spring Semester) 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!

WORLD MISSION UPDATE

Your generosity is making that work among the Quechua in Peru possible. Larry and Sandy Rockwell have been serving among the Quechua people in the Andes Mountains of Peru since 2004. They are located in the city of Huaraz at an altitude of almost 10,000 feet. The Rockwell's primary ministry focus is evangelism, discipleship, and church planting among the unchurched Quechua people in the high isolated mountain villages of the Andes. Although the work remains difficult, the Rockwells have continued to build relationships through Larry's proficiency in the Quechua language. Since the Quechua are subsistence farmers Larry uses conservation farming techniques as well as storying to reach this main oral-learning culture with the good news of the Gospel. Doing evangelism and discipleship in this culture often means meeting people where they are. Many times, that means coming alongside them as they are working in their fields, giving them rides into or out of their villages or sitting and talking with them in the plaza of their village. All of this being done in their heart language of Quechua. Another aspect of their ministry is maintaining and managing MTW's Huaraz Center where they host short-term teams, seminars for local pastors and church leaders, along with implementing conservation farming techniques for demonstration purposes.

Evangelism amongst this culture must be creative. An "aspect of the culture that is very important to note is that Peru is considered a Catholic country even though there is freedom of religion. It is significant to know that the Catholicism here is mixed with animism and pantheism which means that everything has a spirit, the mountains are considered gods and Mother Earth is worshipped. Superstition and witchcraft are very prevalent as well."

When I asked them, in an email exchange, "Why Peru?" Sandy replied, "When we began sensing God's call to missions, we looked at various fields and missions boards. Ironically, Larry desired to go somewhere where he wouldn't have to learn another language like Scotland. However, God had other plans. At that time, MTW had an urgent need for someone to commit long-term to follow-up on the Bible translation that was just finishing in the Quechua language. We came on a vision trip and after walking into a village that had no church of any kind knew that this is where God wanted us. As you probably know, when God calls you to something, He equips you. Not only has Larry learned Spanish but also 2 dialects of Quechua.

They know God is with them in this work and they are so thankful that you are as well. If you would like more information, please visit: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/details/larry-and-sandy-rockwell> or scan the QR code here:



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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