



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 8, 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 INCOMPARABLE CHRIST

Liturgist: Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"With the exception of being sinful, everything that can be said about man, can be said about Christ." — James Montgomery Boice

"It is an infallible proof of our Lord's divinity that he may be addressed in prayer." — C.H. Spurgeon

"If Socrates would enter the room, we should rise and do him honor. But if Jesus Christ came into the room, we should fall down on our knees and worship him."
— Napoleon

"There is not a thumb's breadth of this universe about which Jesus Christ does not say, 'mine!'" — Abraham Kuyper

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

As we look today at the second person of the Trinity, it might be helpful to review some of the things said about Christ in the Larger Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Q. 36. Who is the mediator of the covenant of grace?

A. The only mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 38. Why was it requisite that the mediator should be God?

A. It was requisite that the mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the mediator should be man?

A. It was requisite that the mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

Q. 40. Why was it requisite that the mediator should be God and man in one person?

A. It was requisite that the mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.

Song of Preparation

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
Trinity Hymnal #599

***Call to Worship—Revelation 15 (Selected)**

Leader: And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God,
and the song of the Lamb, saying,

**People: "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God
the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King
of the nations!**

Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

**People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and
worship you, for your righteous acts have been
revealed."**

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal #296

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

Words by William Gadsby. Music by Sandra McCracken

1. The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His
3. Love has re - deemed His sheep with blood; And love will
own bring e - ter - nal - ly; Nor earth, nor
bring them safe to God; Love calls them
hell, all can from it death re - move; Long as He
all from death to life; And love will
lives, fin - ish own all He'll their love. strife.
2. His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be Their ev - er -
4. He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, Nor aught from
last Him - ing can Sur - e - ty; 'Twas love that
Zi - on wean; Not all that
took wan - their derings cause of in her hand, And Can love main -
wan - derings of in her heart, Can make His
tains love it for to her the de - end. part. Love

19 G^b A^b D^b
 can - not from its post with - draw; Nor

21 G^b A^b D^b
 death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, Can

23 G^b A^b D^b
 turn the Sur - cty's heart a - way; He'll

25 G^b A^b $1 A^b$
 love His own to end - less day. 3. Love has re -

28 $2 A^b$ D^b G^b D^b
 5. At death, be - yond the grave, He'll love; In end - less

31 G^b A^b D^b
 bliss, His own shall prove The blaz - ing

33 D^b G^b D^b
 glo - ry of that love Which ne - ver

35 G^b A^b D^b
 could from them re - move. Which ne - ver

37 G^b A^b D^b
 could from them re - move.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Revelation 7:9-12

Salvation Belongs to the Lord!

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God 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 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 10:27-29

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for never forsaking 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

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Words and Music by Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell

B \flat B \flat /A Gm F/A

1. Christ the — sure and stead - y an - chor in the fu - ry of the
 (2. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor while the temp - est rag - es
 (3. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor through the floods of un - be -
 (4. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor as we face the wave of

4 B \flat F/A Gm F

storm, when the — winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been
 on, when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has
 -lief. Hope - less, — some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va -
 death, when these — trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal

CHORUS

8 F 7 B \flat /D E \flat^2 B \flat /D E \flat^2 F

corn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
 won. Deep - er still, then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
 -ry. This my bal - last of as - sur - ance— see His love for - ev - er
 breath. We will cross that great hor - i - zon, clouds be - hind, and life se -
 (D.S.) shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er

12 Gm E \flat^2 F/A Gm E \flat maj 7 F $^{\text{sus}}$ B \flat

few, I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cused. I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 proved. All my — hope is in the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cured. And the — calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
 true. We will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

17 B \flat /A Gm 7 E \flat^2 E \flat^2 B \flat /D D.S. E \flat^2 B \flat

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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)

This Is The Christ

Words by Martin Luther. Music by Sandra McCracken

Good news from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing:

"To us this day a child is giv'n, to crown us with the joy of heav'n."

This is the Christ, our God and Lord, who in all need shall aid afford;

He will himself our Savior be, and from our sins will set us free.

All hail, thou noble guest this morn, whose love did not the sinner scorn.

In my distress thou come'st to me, what thanks shall I return to thee?

Were earth a thousand times as fair, be set with gold and jewels rare.

She yet were far too poor to be, a narrow cradle, Lord, for thee.

Praise God upon his heavenly throne, who gave to us his only Son,

For this his hosts on joyful wing, a blessed New Year of mercy sing.

Sermon

"The Incomparable Christ"

The third in a series on *The Foundations of the Christian Faith*

Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - cous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
I, but through Christ in me.
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*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Sunday school this week.

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) to discuss the Sermon on the Mount. The Wed. studies meet weekly (9am and 6pm) with a look at Daniel.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries meet this Wed. If you would like to register for the Dalie's 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.

VBS: registration is now open for this Summer's VBS, July 11-15 from 6-7:30pm for kids pre-k through 5th gr. Register on Church Center.

Volunteers next week: Nursery: Poe, Williamson, Elzinga, Highmark SS: Harlow, Oehlerking. **Ushers:** Schaeffer, Schlitt, T. Thomason.

Missionaries, Hatem and Lisa Botros will be in St. Louis with their two children Jul. 18-Aug. 31st. They are looking for a place to stay during that time. Please contact the church office if you are able to help.

Promotion Sunday: On May 22 we will celebrate an end to the Sunday school year for your children's ministry.

OASIS Coffee: Oasis has partnered with Cherry Street Roasters in Illinois to provide a smooth, Fairtrade Sumatra bean coffee. Bags of coffee 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.

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:](#)



MOMS

Moms of littles, getting a little stir crazy with the spring rain? Bring the kids and join us for fun on **Thurs., May 12 at Myseum on Clayton Rd. at 10am**. Or maybe you could use a night out and encouragement from other moms who have faced the joys and struggles of parenting. Come out to **Taco Night on Mon., May 16th** at 6:30pm at Alyce Bava's. **Reach out to Alyce** for more details about either of these events.

MISSION UPDATE

Thrive – Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Praise the Lord! We were able to raise \$1286.53 through the Baby Bottle Drive for Thrive STL. Thrive is a ministry that has strategically placed itself between life and death. Their mission is to end all abortions in every state. It seems that the pending decision from SCOTUS will bring this dream closer to reality. However, this decision also will mean that ministries like Thrive will need more help than ever before. They have made a commitment to help women keep their children and to walk alongside them through the journey of motherhood. Their ministry does not end at “they made a decision not to abort.” It is more long-term than that. And our mission at Trinity should be to continue to support Thrive as they empower young mothers and men (a new ministry from Thrive).

To learn more about Thrive STL and how to get involved, please email Pablo at pablotrosales@gmail.com

BBQ at Oasis International

Registration is still open! Please join us as we host a BBQ for refugees and immigrants at Oasis International on May 21. This is an opportunity for us as a Church Family to welcome, serve, and bless, a growing population in St. Louis. Trinity will be providing burgers and hot dogs, as well as fun activities for the family. The Bouncy House is ordered! Please let us know what ideas you have and your willingness to participate in them today following the service (a brief 10 minute meeting). I know...Happy Mother’s Day. It will be quick.

Even if you are not volunteering, please come and spend the day together. The goal of this BBQ is to meet and fellowship with new people. Our prayer is that deep relationships begin to take shape and doors begin to open for the faithful holistic witness to our Lord and Savior.

Register here:



And our Grill Master is.....

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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