



THE  
*Grace & Truth*  
OF  
CHRIST

Second Sunday of Christmas  
January 5, 2020

## Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE AND TRUTH

**Liturgist:** Rev. Chris Polski

**Scripture Reader:** Peg Nichols

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quotes and Reflections

"We need to be grace people and truth people. Not half grace and half truth. Not all grace on Mondays and all truth on Tuesdays. All grace and all truth all the time...Jesus was all grace. He welcomed sinners and tax collectors and ate with them. He had compassion on the crowds when they were hungry and far from home. He welcomed the little children to come and sit on his lap—gentler and kinder than any department store Santa. He healed the lepers, the lame, and the blind. He saved the criminal on the cross, who, in his dying breath, confessed that the dying man next to him was truly the Son of God.

And Jesus was all truth. He condemned many of the religious leaders of his day for being liars and hypocrites. He talked about hell more than he talked about heaven. He called all his those who would be his disciples to take up their cross daily and follow him. He prophesied judgment on Jerusalem for their unrepentant hearts. He obeyed the law, set standards, and demanded everything from his followers, even their very lives.

Jesus came from the Father full of grace and truth. All grace, all truth, all the time.

But he didn't come simply to give us an example of grace and truth. He came to save us in grace and truth. It's only after we've been saved and made right with God, the God says, "Alright, now that I have saved through Jesus, you need to know that I have saved you to look like Jesus." The motivation to be full of grace and truth is not because we need to earn God's favor, but because being a follower of Jesus Christ, means we look like the one we follow." — Kevin DeYoung

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

— Philippians 3:12-16

"Truth without love really isn't truth. Love without truth really isn't love. They have to be together."—Tim Keller

**\*Call to Worship—Psalm 147 (selected)**

Leader: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.**

Leader: He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold?

**People: He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.**

**All: Praise the LORD!**



# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## **\*Song 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

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Jeremiah 31:7-14

*The Lord will turn mourning into joy*

For thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’

Behold, I will bring them from the north country  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,  
I will make them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,  
for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

“Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall be like a watered garden,  
and they shall languish no more.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the LORD.”

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 12:7-10**

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

## WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 1:7-10**

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the riches of His grace!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# 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 - eous - 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.  
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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 in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

**Sermon**

"The Grace and Truth of Christ"

John 1:16-18

Rev. Nate Taylor

# \*Song of Response

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion



Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
Pit - ied us when en - e - mies  
Threat - en hard to bear us down



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
Gave us ears and the gave us eyes, He has  
Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown He who



washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He who

11 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood He has  
 washed us with His blood He who

13 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood He has  
 washed us with His blood He who

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God  
 sent our souls to God  
 bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
 Join and point to mercy's store  
 When through grace in Christ our trust is  
 Justice smiles and asks no more  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
 Of the saints enthroned on high  
 Here they trusted Him before us  
 Now their praises fill the sky  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God

# THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## **\*Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the LORD.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

**People: It is good and right so to do.**

## **\*Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He  
shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy universal church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen**



## **Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29**

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

## **Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Giving of the Bread and Cup**

Please remain seated and hold the elements until instructed to receive together.

(Please note: Grape juice is in the grape-tinted cups in the outer ring. Wine is in the clear cups. If the tray is out of grape juice, raise your hand and an elder will bring it to you.)

### **Communion Song** (Ensemble)

*Build My Life*

Words and Music by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, and Pat Barrett

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*Sending Song**

*Doxology*  
Trinity Hymnal #731

### **\*Benediction**

## Adult Sunday School

### **Adult Sunday School Class**

Join us today for a conversation with Eowyn Stoddard, a MTW missionary serving in Berlin, Germany. Serving for over 20 years in a church-planting movement in Berlin, Eowyn will be speaking on why we need to do missions in Western Europe and how her team has been reaching out to refugees. Eowyn brings a wealth of experience and insight. She is also married to David Stoddard, MTW's International Director for Europe.

## Children/Youth Sunday School

### **Classes**

### **Teachers**

**Pre K & K**

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen, Melissa Kocher

**1st & 2nd grade**

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

**3rd, 4th & 5th grade**

Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy Mitchell

**Jr. & Sr. High**

Ben & Elisa Tharp

### **Jr. High & Sr. High Sunday School Testimony Series**

In the month of January our students will have the opportunity to hear the testimonies of our brothers and sisters here at Trinity. By sharing their stories they will illustrate the work of God in their lives, even through seasons of trial and joy. Students are encouraged to attend and participate with questions and through conversation with our special guests each Sunday this month.

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

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Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school classes** for all ages resume today.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Taylor, Boehne, Roberts, Johler, Kling. SS: Kwong, Polski, Van Duren. Ushers: A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne.
- **Men's Bible Study** this Friday at 6:30am.
- **No Women's Bible Study** this week. The Tues. study will continue their look at the Psalms on Jan. 14th at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The Wed. morning group will begin on Jan. 15th. Sign up and pick up the Galatians study on the hall table. It isn't too late to join either study!
- **Ladies, you are all invited to a baby shower** for Addie Akin (and baby girl Akin) on Sat., Jan. 11th at the Polski's home from 10am to noon. Please RSVP to Amy Mitchell.
- 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 if you need help setting it up.
- The **deadline to sign up for the UK mission trip is extended** to Jan. 19, 2020. Please see Pastor Nate if you have any questions.
- **Scripture Readers** needed for Sunday mornings in January and February. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway.
- 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).
- **Volunteers needed to help in the Robinson Elementary Food Pantry.** The next date is this Fri., Jan. 10th. See Nate Taylor or your weekly emails to sign up.
- **Does your family enjoy the Sunday snacks?** If so, please consider signing up to bring a snack on a future Sunday. See Amy Mitchell or your weekly email.
- **Save the Date: Trivia Night**, Friday evening, Feb. 7th. More info to come!

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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