

# Trinity Sunday



June 7, 2020

Joint Service of the Central Cluster  
New Jersey Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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**Worship Live Stream** at 10:30 AM on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit) or our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ](http://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ) to see the livestream or access the video archive. **Worship bulletins** can be found at <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

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**Summit Emergency COVID-19 Relief Fund:** We need your help! The Summit Interfaith Council has established the Summit Emergency Covid-19 Relief Fund for Undocumented Individuals and Families. Many tax-paying immigrants have lost jobs but are ineligible for federal emergency benefits. Funds raised will be given directly to families. Make checks payable to St. John's and on your memo line write: Summit COVID-19 Relief.

**Book Study:** Join us to study *Grace Will Lead Us Home*. This is the story of how survivors and a community torn apart by racism and violence begin to heal. **Tuesdays, 5:00 PM, June 16, 23, 30.** Books are available for free in the church office. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89281885352>

**Just Mercy Film Free Viewing:** During the month of June this powerful, true story of racism and redemption is available for free [here](#).

**Plastic Bag Collection:** Due to the pandemic, we are no longer collecting plastic bags.

**Need Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee or Tea?** Contact [Jane Bowman](#) to make arrangements.

**Old Smartphones:** We can use old smartphones that can still record or view videos that you would be willing to lend or donate to the church. Call the church office to arrange a drop-off.

**Hinman Scholarship:** We have funds available to support our college students. Access the application [here](#). Applications must be submitted by **August 1** to Linda.Mesenbrink@verizon.net.

**Social Ministries Highlight:** During this time of need, the Loaves & Fishes food pantry provides non-perishable items to more than 70 families each week. The pantry is located at St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit. You can drop off food in the donation basket in the church vestibule at 306 Morris Ave., Summit.

**Zoom Children's Time** is each **Sunday at 9:30 AM**. Join: <https://zoom.us/j/374109491>.

**Evening Prayer:** We will be offering a 30-minute service of Evening Prayer, **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** on both our Facebook and YouTube pages.

**Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.** Each week is independent—join when you can. Zoom Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97268221619>.



## **Welcome in the name of the Triune God!**

Today is the feast of The Holy Trinity, or Trinity Sunday. In scripture, song, and prayer we worship our one God in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Today's service is a joint worship service of the Central Cluster of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is such a joy to know that we are part of a larger, interconnected Church and not just our individual congregations. May God bless and strengthen our shared ministry in the gospel.

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** Prelude in C

By Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

**WELCOME**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

**Glory to you forever!**

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

**Glory to you forever!**

Fount of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

**Glory to you forever!**

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

**Glory to you forever!**

God who was, and God who is, and God who is to come:

**Glory to you forever!**

# GATHERING HYMN ELW 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–2:4a

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

***The reader concludes:*** The word of the Lord. ***The assembly responds:*** Thanks be to God.

**SONG** “Everlasting God”

By Brenton Brown (b. 1973) and Ken Riley (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C.)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord.

*Pre-Chorus*

Our God, You reign forever  
Our Hope, our strong Deliv’rer

*Chorus*

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God.  
You do not faint You won’t grow weary.  
You’re the defender of the weak.  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11–13

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL Matthew 28:16–20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton





# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole Church through out the world, let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

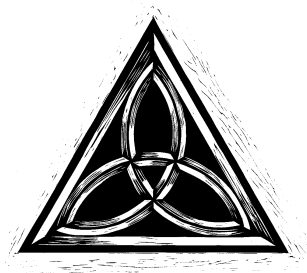
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERING MUSIC "I Bind unto Myself Today"**

Irish Melody

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today the virtues of the starlit heaven,  
the glorious sun's life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea, around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three,  
of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!

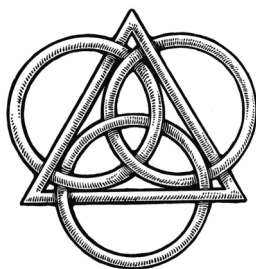
## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious Father, giver of all good things:  
For our home on earth and for your unfailing mercy,  
**We give you thanks.**

Christ, our redeemer:  
For your sacrifice on the cross and rising from death that we might have life,  
**We give you thanks.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life:  
For your abiding presence in our lives and for comforting and guiding us,  
**We give you thanks.**

O Triune God: to you be glory and praise, thanksgiving and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**



### **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

Go out into the world and live in peace. Bear witness to the God of love, and make disciples of all nations.

May God look upon you and take delight in you; may † Christ Jesus be with you always, to the end of the age; and may the Holy Spirit lead you into the dance of love—life in the Trinity.  
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 414 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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### Participants in Today's Service

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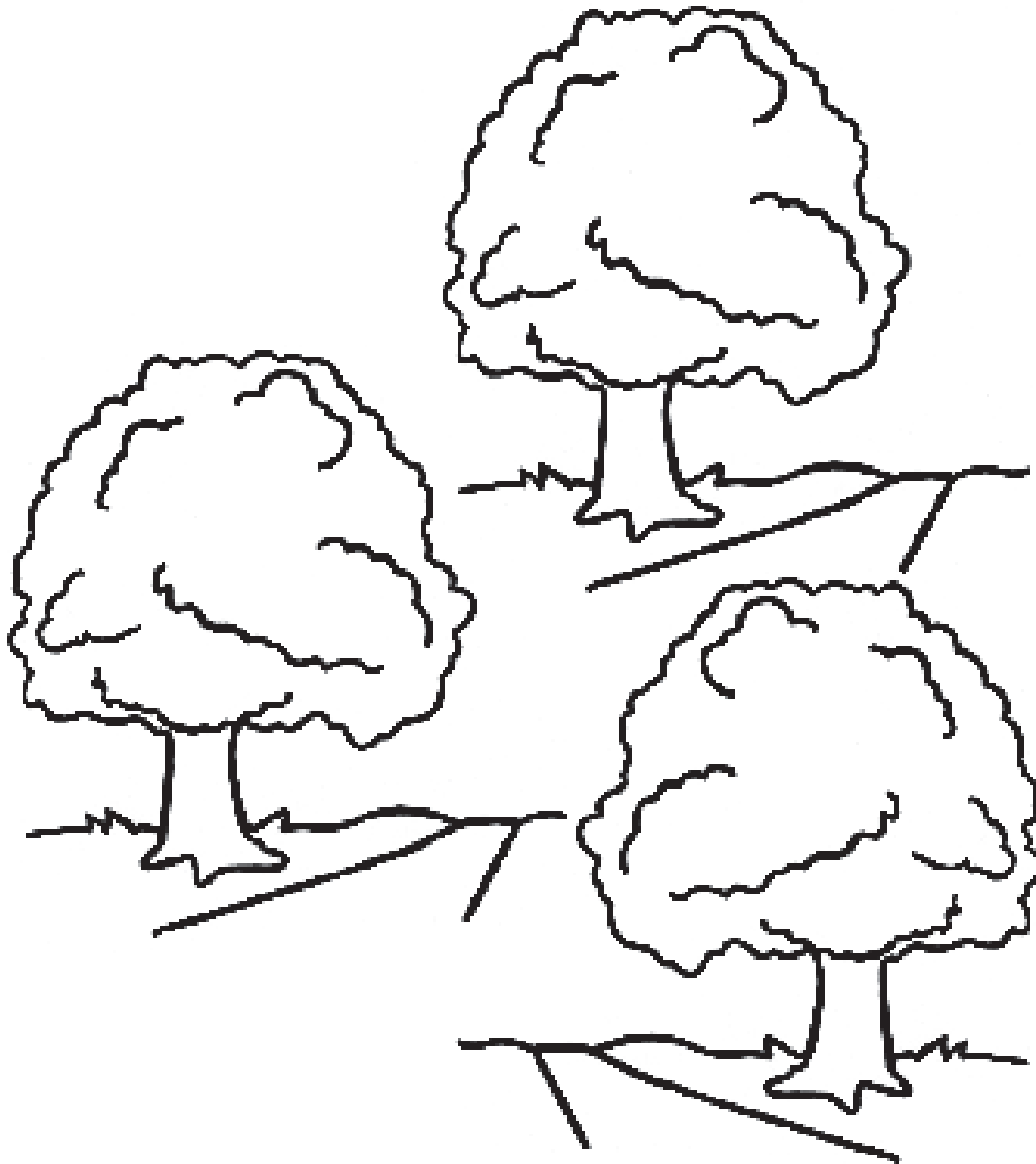


# PRE-READER

Trinity Sunday

- Today is Trinity Sunday.
  - The color for Trinity Sunday is white.
  - Trinity means three.
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**Color these three trees.**





**Before God created the world, there was  
nothing at all—except God.**





God is our creator. God created EVERYTHING!



**Color all the things that God created. (That means you will color everything.)**



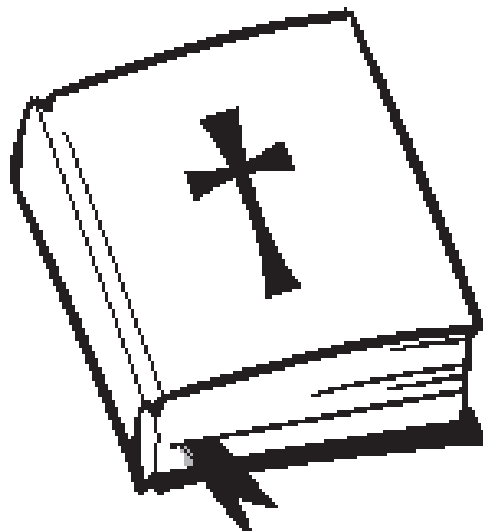
On Trinity Sunday, we remember that God created us. Look around your worship space. Can you find these three things?



**The Bible helps us remember God's Word.**

**The cross helps us remember that Jesus died for us.**

**The baptismal font helps us remember that the Holy Spirit is with us at our baptism and always!**





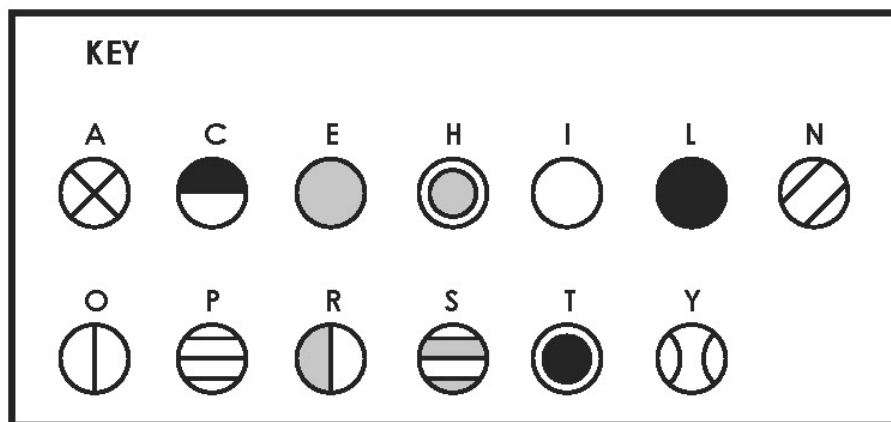
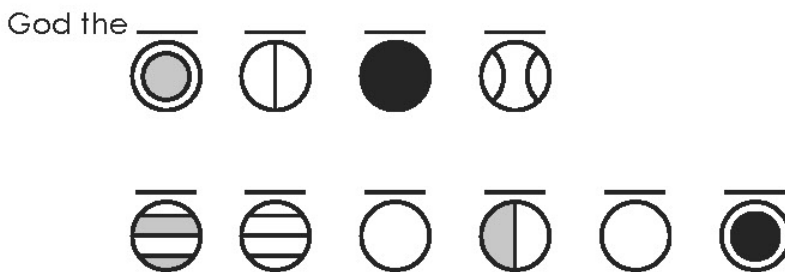
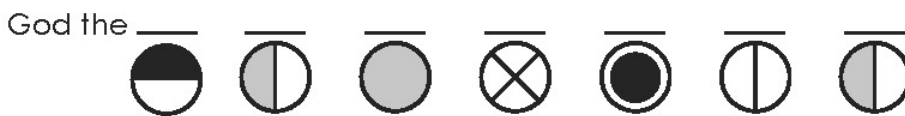
# READER

Trinity Sunday

- Today is **Trinity Sunday**.
- Trinity Sunday always happens the week **after** the Day of Pentecost.
- Trinity means **three**.
- Trinity Sunday reminds us of God being **three in one**.

## Three in One

There are three parts to the Holy Trinity. See if you can solve the code to find each one.



Some of the words from these memory verses got switched! Can you help them find the right spot? Draw a line from each bold word to its correct spot in the other verse.

## Memory Verse



The **day** brought forth **everything**: plants yielding **evening** of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing **morning** with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:12

God saw **vegetation** that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was **seed** and there was **fruit**, the sixth **earth**.

Genesis 1:31



# Count 'em up!

Today is Trinity Sunday. On this day, we remember the three parts of God: God the creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit. Can you match up these other numbers with the right description and Bible verse?



2 fat cows in Pharaoh's dream Matthew 27:38

7 disciples of Jesus Galatians 5:22-23

9 criminals who died next to Jesus Matthew 4:2

12 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness Genesis 41:2

40 fruit of the Spirit Mark 6:7



## Bible Tip!

Genesis is the first book in the Old Testament. Matthew is the first book in the New Testament. How many books are in each?

Look in your Bible's Table of Contents if you need help. Write your answers here:

There are \_\_\_\_\_ books in the Old Testament and

\_\_\_\_\_ books in the New Testament.

# Trinity Symbols

There are many symbols for the Trinity. Do you see any of them in your worship space today? If so, draw it in the space below. If not, design your own!

