

Blessed Trinity

Week 1: One God, Three Persons

17th Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

The Trinity is not a theological puzzle to solve but God's self-revelation to receive. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture reveals one God eternally existing as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, inviting us into worship, relationship, and mission as we journey from this life into eternity.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

"The King Is In The Room"

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: As we prepare to receive the Sacrament of our Lord's body and blood, it is good for us to confess our sins and hear God's assurance of forgiveness...

We confess our sins before God:

C: Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You openly and honestly, invited by You to share my concerns and needs in prayer. I need Your forgiveness. I admit that sin lives in my very nature as a human being. In my thoughts, words, and actions I have sinned against You and against others – by what I've done wrong and by what I haven't done right. Forgive my sins, dear Father, for Jesus' sake, who died for me and rose again from the dead, that I might live forever with You. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS FROM GOD

PLACING OF ALESHA GREGG AS DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

WE SING

"King of Kings"

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 86:1-7, 11-13

¹Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Guard my life, for I am devoted to You. You are my God; save Your servant who trusts in You.

³Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to You all day long. ⁴Bring joy to Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ⁵You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to You. ⁶Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷In the day of my trouble I will call to You, for You will answer me.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. ¹²I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify Your name forever and ever. ¹³For great is Your love for me; You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-6

¹Therefore, These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"God Revealed"

Pastor Doug Slavens

CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of once substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

WE RECEIVED THE GIFT OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

GREETING and INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Praise The Father, Praise The Son"

"Glory To God Forever"

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

WE PRAY

WE SING

"What An Awesome God"

THE CLOSING BLESSING

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!

We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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