

The Trinity Light

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Our Mission: Trust in the Lord and Do Good.

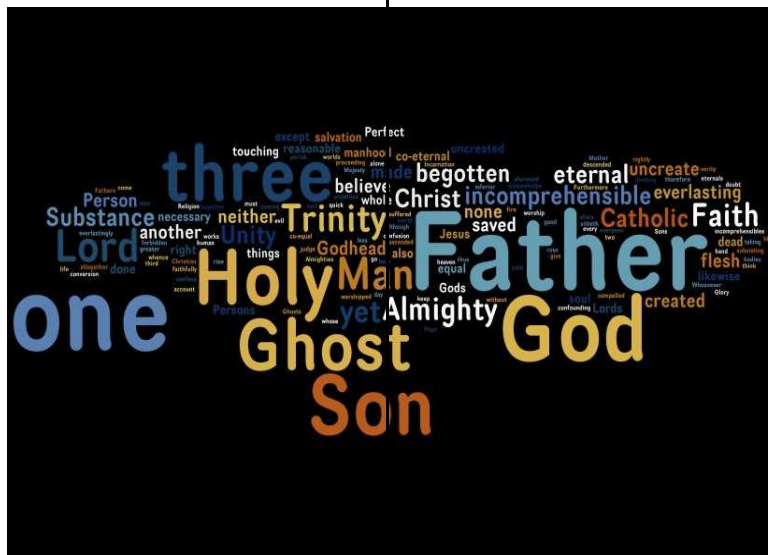
*Our Vision: become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good
by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.*



The Trinity and Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners also commemorate the Trinity at every Eucharist, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose as well. The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and controversial - Christian teachings.

or "individual reality," and does not mean the persons of the Trinity are three human beings. Therefore Christians believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another (not divided though), yet completely united in will and essence. How can this be? Well, think of the sight of two eyes. The eyes are distinct, yet one and undivided in their sight. Another illustration to explain the Trinity is the musical chord. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but joined together as one chord the sound is richer and more dynamic than had the notes been played individually. The chords are all equally important in producing the



The Trinity is described as a "mystery." By mystery the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith. It has been said that mystery is not a wall to run up against, but an ocean in which to swim.

rich sound, and the sound is lacking and thin if one of the notes is left out.

Common wisdom is that if you discuss the Trinity for longer than a few minutes, you will slip into heresy, because you are probing the depths of God too deeply. The Trinity is best described in the Nicene Creed.

The Son is said to be eternally begotten of the Father, while the Holy Spirit is said to proceed from the Father through the Son. Each person of the Trinity interpenetrates one another, and each has distinct roles in creation and redemption, which is called the Divine economy. For instance, God the Father created the world through the Son and the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation.

Essentially the Trinity is the belief that God is one in essence (Greek ousia), but distinct in person (Greek hypostasis). The Greek word for person means "that which stands on its own,"

The Nicene definition of the Trinity developed over time, based on Scripture and Tradition. The Scriptures call the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit "God," yet the three are also clearly distinct. So John tells us that Jesus is God but not God the Father. Jesus is one with the Father, but they constitute two

witnesses. It is scriptures such as these that led to the development of the Trinity doctrine. The Church had to reconcile the Divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit with Jewish monotheism.

Over time, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Church reflected on the implications of God's nature, and even began using the word Trinity by the middle of the 2nd century to describe the relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit. When in the 4th century a presbyter named Arius denied the Father and Son were both true God and co-eternal, his bishop Alexander of Alexandria challenged him and deposed him. Eventually the Arian controversy spread, and the emperor Constantine, newly fascinated with Christianity, convened a council of bishops in AD 325 in Nicaea to deal with Arianism. It is there that the Church drew up the beginnings of the current Nicene Creed. In the latter half of the 4th century, the

Church dealt with those who specifically denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit, adding more text to the creed.

Ultimately, Trinitarianism posits a dynamic God, whose ultimate nature is beyond human conception, yet who voluntarily operates within the created world. Trinitarianism also shows a loving God that is willing to become as we are so that we may become like Him. As St. Athanasius was fond of saying "that which has not been assumed has not been redeemed," meaning that unless God truly became completely human, we could not be fully redeemed, because only God Himself is capable of truly redeeming humanity; an angel does not have this ability.

Thus, the Trinity is not about Greek philosophy or pointless metaphysical speculation, but about the heart of our salvation.

slightly edited from "All About Trinity Sunday"
<http://www.churchyear.net/trinitysunday.html>

This Week at Trinity

Jun 11: Trinity Sunday - Discretionary Fund Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

8:40 a.m. - Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

11:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet, Dunn Hall

4:00 p.m. - EYC, Carter House

Jun 13: 9:00 a.m. - Coffee Drinkers Bible Study, Library

Jun 14: 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist - Chapel

6:00 p.m. - Father/Son Banquet, Trinity Hall

Jun 15: 4:00 p.m. - Music Teacher, Choir Room

6:00 p.m. - JCC, Dunn Hall

6:00 p.m. - Cursillo Meeting, St. Michael, Millbrook

Jun 17: 7:00 a.m. - Farmers Market

Jun 18: Pentecost 2 - Normal Sunday Schedule

FATHER/SON BANQUET

The Father/Son Banquet is Wednesday, June 14, beginning in Trinity Hall at 6:00. All men of Trinity with their fathers and/or sons are invited and encouraged to attend!!!



Please Sign-up on sheet located in hallway next to the Kitchen so we can get a count, or email Carol Wright at cissiemarie1@gmail.com.

Carol also needs help with food preparation, set up, serving and help with clean-up so, ladies, give her a call or email.

DELIVERY TO TUTWILER

Our Book Drive for Tutwiler Prison continues, and thanks to your response, Phyllis Kennedy has made another delivery.



This is such an easy project, and it means so much to so many, so, let's keep cleaning out those closets or bookshelves and bringing those books in. There is a basket for your contributions in narthex. Please remember that the prison will not accept hardbacks, only paperbacks, with covers that are not "lewd."

As Phyllis reminded us several weeks ago, the inmates at Tutwiler "are living miserable lives right here under our nose. I'm not saying that they don't deserve to be there, but nobody deserves what they have to put up with. A letter I got this week talked of rain pouring through the roof, having to mop the floor with towels and sheets, mold growing everywhere." Our small gesture of donating books makes a great difference in their lives.

Thanks to all who have contributed.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

We celebrate and give thanks for the life and ministry of:

Katie Therkelsen, Anna Ruppert, Avery Oliver and Melanie Ruppert who celebrate their birthdays this week;

and for

Byron and Mavis Abrams and Townsend and Dahdee Bullen who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

We pray for those who have requested our prayers:

Immediate Concerns:

Jackie Harper, Voncille Lankford, Greg Jones, Cynthia Winkler, Beverly Roberts, Lauren Luckie, and Louise Lambert.

Shut-Ins: Avis Finch and Mary Smith

Continuing Concerns:

Crawford Kennedy, Johan Beumer, Kelley Wright, Linda Summey, Tom Ford, Glenda Rice, Rilla Keith, Ellen Williams, Dot Franklin, Billy Lacy, Ed Chalker, Dianne Searcy, Amelia Lovell and June Ward.

WEEKLY PLEDGE OFFERING

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income..	\$ 3,500
Received Sunday, June 4..	\$ 5,481
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income.	\$ 80,500
Received Year to Date.	\$ 78,198
Over/(under) Budget..	\$ (2,302)

A copy of the most recent Financial report is posted on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board. Contact any Vestry member or the Treasurer, Mike Bannon if you have questions about the budget or financial situation.

TO PONDER

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy.

✠ Facebook Page of
The Celtic Christian Tradition

Women That Care

The June Food Pantry Item is Tuna Fish, and the June Captain is Charlotte Lackey



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious God, you have given us much today. Be with us still and when we take our rest, renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.

✠ *A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*



Perichoresis is a term referring to the relationship of the three persons of the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to one another.



VOLUNTEERS FOR SAWYERVILLE



Sawyerville Day Camp is a ministry of the Diocese of Alabama and has been for many years. This ministry provides an opportunity for children in impoverished areas of the Black Belt of Alabama to attend Day Camp and enjoy swimming, art, drumming, singing,

reading, hygiene classes, and games. Nutritious meals and lots of love are also provided. This program has grown from one small group session to 3 sessions that are completely full each summer.

Trinity has supported this ministry for a number of years by feeding the staff one of their evening meals. We will be taking a meal to feed 145 staffers on June 25. WE NEED YOUR HELP to provide food and cook, serve and clean up. We will be serving a spaghetti meal this year. We need help with some ingredients as well as warm bodies to go and help with the meal. You don't have to provide the entire amount of an ingredient. I have divided it up so it is not so much for one person to purchase. You can also make any size donation and it will be put to good use.

We will need:

33 pounds of ground beef total –

11 people to donate 3 lbs. each

11 onions

48 cups of tomato puree total –

12 people to donate 4 cups each

12 cups tomato paste – 12 people to donate 1 cup each

Spaghetti noodles to feed 145 people –

12 people to donate 1 package each

Salad fixings -

Romaine lettuce, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc.

Ranch and Italian dressing

Italian or garlic bread

24 cans of peaches, this is the small 15 oz cans (for cobbler)

or 12 people to donate 2 cans each

1.5 lb. bag plain flour

1.5 lb. bag sugar

24 sticks butter

To volunteer in any way, whether to donate food, money or time, please contact Lane Young, 334 651-2311 or Suellen Young 334 315-5009