

TRINITY SUNDAY: MAY 31, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship (Trinity Sunday): Trinity Sunday marks the start of the Church's long (twenty-four weeks) teaching time known as the Season after Pentecost, also called "Kingdomtide" and "Ordinary Time" (but there's nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time). We begin this season with the foundational doctrine of the church: we worship one triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - whose life-giving love surrounds us and whose grace sustains us. We are reminded during this season that God's reign is already at work among us, calling us to lives of faith, justice, and peace. Let us enter worship with wonder and gratitude, opening our hearts to the mystery of God and His mission in the world.

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name The Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

***Opening Song (Stand) # 46 "This Is My Father's World"** TERRA PATRIS

***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Song of Faith # 68 "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Mary Woodall

The First Reading Genesis 1:1-2:4a

The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel Reader: Deacon Janelle Hood

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** Matthew 28:16-20

***Responsorial (Stand) # 356 "We've a Story To Tell"** MESSAGE

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements, Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer: OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive

us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Our Master Messiah, and Teacher, Jesus Christ, said, "from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). Let us fulfill our vows in the presence of the Lord by bringing our tithes, gifts, oblations, and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory

***The Doxology #668 "Doxology"** OLD HUNDREDTH

A Prayer of Illumination & Message

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Hymn (Stand) # 51 "God of Wonders"** GOD OF WONDERS

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

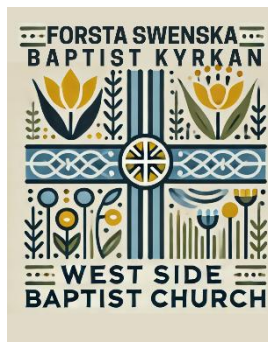
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

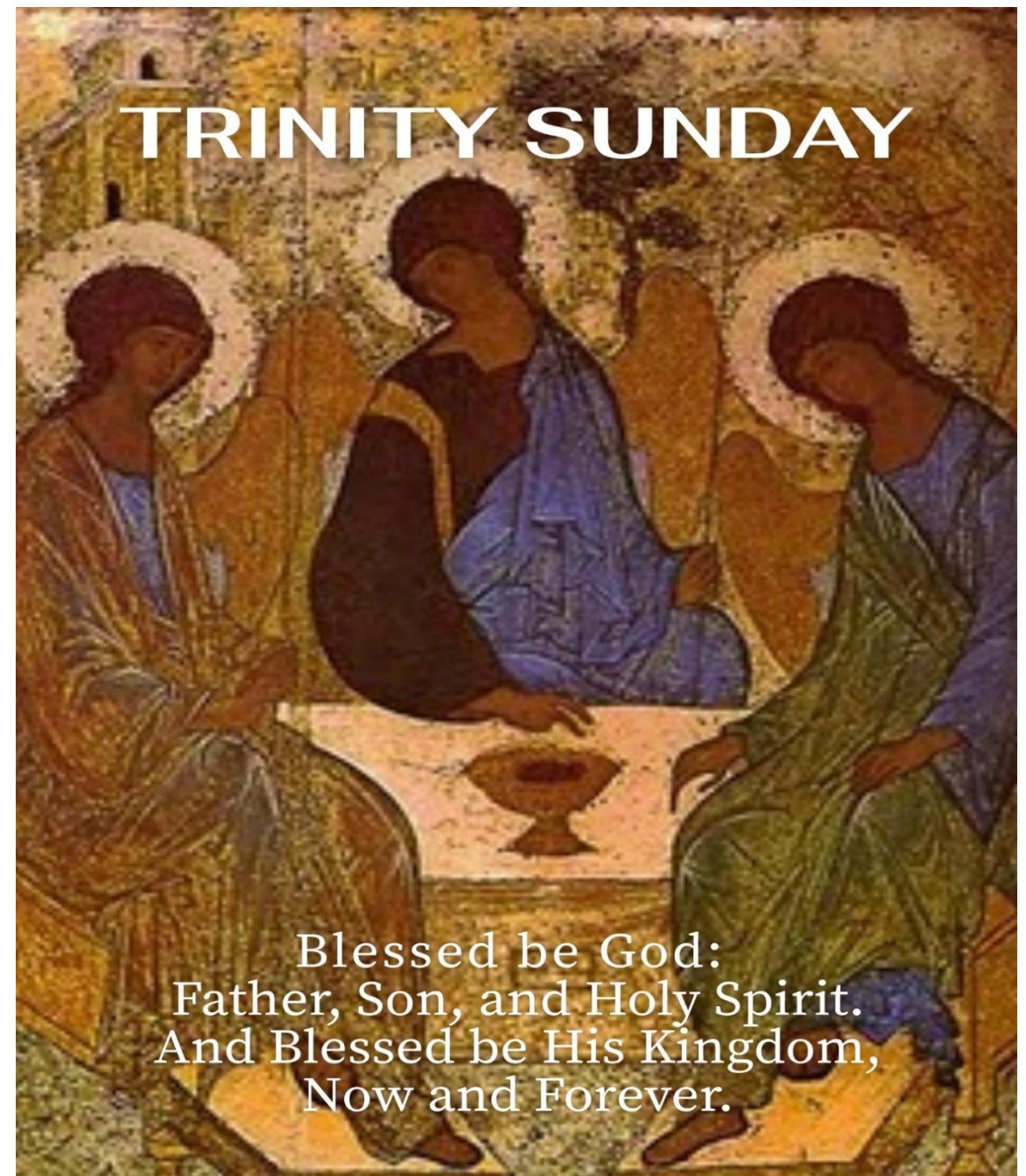
1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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