While believing in one God, early Christians experienced this one God in at least three particular ways: “beyond them, with them, and within them.”

It was almost 350 years after Paul’s letters that a doctrine of Trinity was adopted at the Council of Nicea, a council called to create political unity rather than theological clarity.

St. Augustine made many attempts at alternative trinitarian language. One famous example is “Lover, Beloved, Love.” In this rubric, God is the Lover and Jesus is the Beloved, following the proclamation at Jesus’ baptism that, “You are my Son, the Beloved”. The Spirit is the manifestation and bond of that love. Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Lover, Beloved, Love.

Now, consider one other formulation: “Mother, Child, Womb”!

Today our challenge is the same as it has been for people of faith in every age. We are called to reflect theologically about God and our relationship with God, as best we can, based on our personal experience and taking into account the wisdom of the past.

Contemplating Rublev’s icon invites us to enter more deeply into the circle of Love who is God. …Claudia Giacoma+

Prayer

God of Hospitality, help us to see with our inner eye that all engagements in this world bear fruit when we see them as participating in your divine circle of Love. Amen.

Andrei Rublev painted *The Hospitality of Abraham* in 1411 for the abbot of the Trinity Monastery in Russia. He portrayed what has become the quintessential icon of the Holy Trinity, depicted in the three mysterious strangers who visited Abraham. (Genesis 18:1-15). The icon depicts inclusive, wholly self-giving love - God, expressed as Father (God’s Presence experienced as source, creator), Son (God’s Presence experienced in a human being), and Holy Spirit (God’s Presence experienced as empowerment toward love and service). In the icon, God’s invitation to our participation in this circular movement of Love is indicated by the rectangle (a symbol of humanity) at the front of the table.
**THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE’S**

**Sunday - May 22nd**
- 7:45 AM  Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
- 9:00 AM  Choir Practice
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church
  Children’s Church School

**Monday - May 23rd**
- 6:00 PM  Vestry Meeting

**Wednesday - May 25th**
- 6:30 PM  Women’s Bible Study & Class on Capitalism

**Friday - May 27th**
- 10:00 PM Centering Prayer

**Sunday - May 29th**
- +Normal Sunday Schedule

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**In Need of Prayer?**  St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during and after the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. Our Prayer Ministers are trained to be emotionally safe, supportive and maintain confidentiality. Seek them out during Holy Eucharist or after the service. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...........**

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**
- Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for St. Michael’s Church in Brigham City.
- All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of South India.

**OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:**
- Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

**THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:**
- Robert++++ (husband of Iris Thompson), Pat++++ (Sanger), Rita++++ (wife of Kevin Tischner), Alexa & Galen++++ (granddaughter and friend of Deedee Sihvon), Gerry++++ (wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom + +++ (mother and brother of Cheryl Popple) Cassie & Gabrielle++++ (daughters of Richard & Bernadette Rothman) Ron and Erin++++ (friends of Becky Raemer) Amanda++++ (mother of Abbey Cordery) Quinton++++ (Rothman) Brad++++ (uncle of Harriet Stephens) Claudia++++ (friend of Becky Raemer) Fr. Linc+++ (Ure) Linda++ (friend of Shelle Jennings) Kelle+ (mother of Aimee Altizer)

**THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:**
- Safety and comfort the the many people effected by the second earthquake in Ecuador.
- An end to the wars in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and relief for all victims of these conflicts.
- For wise and merciful hearts in each of the E.U. leaders as they struggle to manage the refugee crisis with compassion and prudence.
- A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED......**

- Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jan Peterson Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese.

**PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR......**
- For all of our Volunteers and their families.
- And for those having birthdays this week: Iris Thompson on Monday, Mary Blandford and Barbara Wine on Thursday.

Our Parish Community Prayer list:  ++  Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.
The Scripture Passages
Trinity Sunday - May 22, 2016

Collect of the Day: Holy Love, Divine Trinity, each day we face a world divided against itself. Help us all to recognize and proclaim that diversity need not be accompanied by enmity; that variety brings new wisdom, new insight and richness of life. Empower the human race to embrace the other who is different and unfamiliar so that we may learn to be one in love and peace; with Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. AMEN.

The Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Individuals and families function within the context of a community, which in turn functions within a larger society, nation, and world. The individual's and family's well-being is bound up with the community's well-being, and likewise its well-being is inseparable from the peace and prosperity of the society, the nation, and ultimately, the world. Religious precepts undergird community by teaching the virtues of cooperation, friendship, justice, and public-mindedness. These create the spirit of unity by which community can thrive and prosper. Our first reading comes from the 133rd Psalm which celebrates the importance of human unity and life in community. Please read the following with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

Here ends the reading.

The Muslim Scriptures:
We find the same wisdom, the same call to unity in community within Islam that we find in Judaism and Christianity. Please read the following from the Qur’an with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Hold fast, all together, to God's rope, and be not divided among yourselves.
Remember with gratitude God's favor on you, for you were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so that by His grace you became brethren.
You were on the brink of the fiery Pit, and He saved you from it.
Thus does God make His signs clear to you, that you may be guided.
Let there arise out of you one community, inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong: those will be prosperous.
Be not be like those who are divided amongst themselves and fall into disputations after receiving clear signs: for them is a dreadful penalty.
Here ends the reading.

The Gospel: John 16:12-15
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory Sentence:
Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord, come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, the Greatest Commandments are these:
People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
A Symbol of the Sacredness of Community
Trinity Sunday - May 22, 2016

The Church has appointed today to be the day we are urged to spend a few moments reflecting on the possibility of the Sacred as Trinity; the unity of, to use the language of the Nicene Creed, three persons in one deity: God the Almighty Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The history of the development of trinitarian doctrine is fascinating and I urge you to read all you can about it. A good place to start is Professor Bart Ehrman’s How Jesus Became God. I suggest you read Ehrman as a primer before taking on St. Augustine’s (the principle author of trinitarian theology) much more difficult and technical theological writings.

This morning, I would like to take a different route. I would like us to use the idea of God as three-in-one to give some thought to the sacred nature of community and the critical imperative that we begin to think of the sacred as incarnate in the whole human community. I don’t know about you, but I am worried about the future of our planet and, with it, the future of the human race. I am worried that, unless we change the way we think about the earth and the billions of others who inhabit it, life for our grandkids may be very, very hard.

Brent Lokan, an educator, expressed this anxiety: “On October 4, 1957, Sputnik’s little beep reached Earth from space. This beep and the psychological shock wave that followed prompted a rapid reevaluation of science and math education in the United States. Today the world is hearing similar but progressively louder beeps from all corners of our planet. The disappearance of the polar ice caps, beep; the loss of the Indonesian rain forest, beep; the loss of cultural and ethnic diversity, beep; corporate greed and the recent economic collapse, beep. [During numerous other times in history] the United States responded immediately when it perceived that the long-term survival of the country was threatened. Today, the long-term survival of life on Earth is threatened, and we must once again respond.”

While I am confident that science and technology will play important roles in determining whether humanity has a future, I do not think they alone will be enough. We must remember that science and technology are tools invented by the human mind and their use will be dictated by the human mind. A terrible mistake many today are making is to distinguish too heavily between science and technology on the one hand and human psychology and spirituality on the other, as if we can separate the sciences from the humanities. Too many of us are thinking that science alone and/or science combined with the free market will automatically come to our rescue without any need for us to change ourselves. Ultimately, science is an aspect of our humanity and our uses of science will be directed by the ways we think, by what we value most and by our perception of our relationships as essential. Science will not be enough to save us, therefore, unless we begin to alter our ways of thinking; unless we change the way we think about ourselves, our neighbors down the street, our neighbors on the other side of the world and the home in which all 7+ billion of us live: our Mother, the Earth.

But how should we change the way we think? We can draw a lesson from the Trinity; the Sacred is found in community; the Holy is found in our relationships with one another; the Blessed is located in the way we affect one another. That reminds me of a little joke…Sophie went to see a

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band. "Doctor, My husband has this problem. Almost every night now he's dreaming he's a refrigerator!" "My dear, that is not really a problem! A lot of people dream that they are somebody or something unusual." Sophie leans forward as she softly whispers this confidence: "But you see doctor it is also a problem for me! Jake sleeps with his mouth open and the light keeps me awake!"

Ours is a culture of individualism. We are shaped and formed each and everyday by the free market system to see ourselves as individual consumers; as single individuals whose mission is life is to pursue our individual wants and desires. This idea is so strong within us that it is quite easy for you and I to forget that our lives depend upon others; not only upon other people, but other aspects of the natural world such as clean air and clean water and the millions of species that interrelate to sustain life on our planet. We forget that we are interdependent; that we are individuals drawing life from our community. The bread factory makes bread, which the policeman can't make, but he catches criminals because the waitress wants to feel safe and waits tables, for the builder having his lunch who built the house for the family who couldn't do it themselves. We are social beings who depend upon one another, who live and move and have our being in sacred community. If we are to survive, we must greatly intensify our awareness of the thousands of ways each life’s sustenance, health and choices depend upon others.

Professor James Fowler has researched and written extensively on the stages people experience as they grow and develop spiritually. A critical theme of spiritual development is the transformation of our thinking. In the early stages of spiritual development, there is a strong need to identify with a group of people committed to a particular belief system. This intense need to feel like one belongs to a particular group or sect is accompanied by strong ego needs for certainty, control and exclusion of the different. Our understanding of who is included in our community is quite narrow. In contrast, the later stages of spiritual maturity are characterized by the ability to love and embrace a particular tradition without closing oneself off to the wisdom, sacredness and truth residing in other traditions and other people with differing points of view. Prof. Fowler refers to this way of being as “dialogical knowing.” And dialogical knowing rests of the foundation of an openness to and curiosity about the other, the different, the new and the challenging. It presumes that the Sacred lives in all living beings; that the Sacred is found in others, in community.

This level of openness requires sufficient self-certainty to grant the other the freedom of full self-expression. Ready for closeness to that which is different, including new depth of experience, mature faith is committed to justice and is freed from the confines of tribe, class, and exclusionary ideology. A mature spirituality is ready to spend and be spent for the benefit of the other. We become not only aware of our fundamental need for and interdependence upon all other living beings, but we also become aware of a deep desire to support the other in his or her flourishing as we seek support from them. Mature faith sees the divisions of the human family vividly because it has been apprehended by the possibility and imperative of an inclusive community of being. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity suggests the possibility of a Holy Human Community in which all of humankind sees the Sacred in one another. It’s up to us.

Blessings,
Charles+
HOSPITALITY GROUNDS
COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS

We are looking for an individual or a committee of individuals to take the leadership roles in our community garden. The tasks include:

Financial-
★ Collecting garden registration and payments
★ Being the liaison between the garden and St. Luke’s Executive Mission Council to assess financial needs.
★ Collecting receipts for supplies purchased and turning them in to Beckie for reimbursement.

Communications-
Taking over the email and Facebook accounts and communicate to the gardeners throughout the growing season.

Projects-
Assessing any building projects that need to be completed, researching cost of supplies and working with the Financial chairperson to determine if there are funds to do so.

Whether you are a gardener or not, if you have any interest in participating in this St. Luke's mission, then please contact Shannon Van Der Bosch: 801.597.8560. Hope to see you in the garden!
SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYERS

The following are prayers that are prayed every Sunday in Sunday School:

Loving God,
We thank you for your never failing care and love for us.
Please help us to pass your love on to everyone who shares our lives.
Help us to treat all people, animals, and your whole beautiful earth
with kindness and caring.
Please help us to be your peacemakers in the world.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer in the words of St. Luke’s fourth and fifth graders:

Our good ruler of the whole world, like a super loving parent -
Your name is honored.
Help us to make the world better and happier.
Give everyone in the world what they need,
and help us share the extra we have with others who don’t have enough.
Forgive us for the bad stuff we do,
and help us forgive people who do bad stuff to us, so we won’t have wars.
Make us not think it’s OK to hurt other people,
and help us to say “No way!” when people try to make us do bad things.
For God is life and always bigger than everything.
The end!
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED:  Recently we have had a difficult time finding Coffee Hour Hosts. If you can help with this, please sign up on the sheet on the coffee table. Or if you would like more information please contact Sharon Christiansen at 561-289-9528.

CENTERING PRAYER:  Meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Jerusalem room. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence. For any questions contact Jan at jan.e.hafner@gmail.com

TEAM MEMBERS WANTED  Wanted: Team members to work with Vestry member, Ed Fiscus, to develop a parish response to the question, “Should we help establish a mission congregation in Heber?” If interested, please contact Ed by email edfiscu@bgsu.edu or 435-214-7382 or If you are unable to serve but have thoughts to share, please communicate with Ed.

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE’S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?  Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke’s. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 AM  Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:00 - NOON. We are reading “Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info. please call Dyan Pignatelli, 435-782-3330 or Joyce Pearson, 435-659-0724.

WOMEN’S GET TOGETHER  Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We gather to get to know and support one another. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, main or drink to share. If anyone is willing to host for June or July, please let me know.

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD  If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435)655-1888 or Katherine Martz at katherinemartz@comcast.net.

NEEDED: USHERS AND GREETERS  There is a need to expand our group of ushers/greeters. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry, please contact Julie (juliefiscus@yahoo.com) or Ed Fiscus (edfiscu@bgsu.edu). Your responsibility would be greeting people as they enter the church on Sunday mornings and you would only need to be available once every other month. Assistance with this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

TAI-CHI  Tai chi will take a three week break. We need at least six students to continue. If interested please sign the registration sheet on the bulletin board. You can also email Bob Casey at bob@journey4healthnow.com. His class on Tai Chi for Health and Arthritis is open to almost anyone at any ability level. This is the only form of tai chi to receive the endorsement of the National Arthritis Association and the National Center for Disease and Control. Classes will resume on Wednesday, June 15, at 5:10 P.M., immediately following A Course on Miracles. Classes will last approximately an hour. A donation of $30 is requested for a six-week series. If interested or have questions, please email Bob at bob@journey4healthnow.com. You can also see Bob after church.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY  Meets in the library every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. We are studying Beth Moore’s study on James. All women are welcome to join. Contact Mary at 645-3963 if you have questions.

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