

## A Time Called ... TRINITY SUNDAY

*While there is much we can say about the Trinity, our words are never adequate and our analogies never sufficient. On Trinity Sunday, we explore one way to explain the mystery of God and deepen our relationship with the God who is three persons – Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

### Historical Roots of Trinity Sunday

The early church struggled with the relationships of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The Athanasian Creed from the 4th century is the Christian Church's most profound confession of the triune God – three-in-one. In the West, the observance of this Sunday is first recorded in the 10th century. Spreading slowly, Trinity Sunday was widely observed during the Middle Ages. Rome officially adopted this feast in the 14th century. On this Sunday, we celebrate God in three persons through the church year cycle, beginning with the birth and life of Christ, the son, through to his Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In this way, Trinity Sunday is different from some other church year celebrations, for it is a theological celebration, not an historical one.

### Finding Meaning in the Tradition

Every Christian puzzles over the Trinity – its purpose, merits, correct use, and terms of definition – but it is somehow never compromised by the controversy or the mystery that surrounds it. The Trinity is so compelling as an expression of divine identity that it has become the common reference point for all Christians. When we invoke the name of the Trinity, we honour both the mystery of God that we never fully understand, as well as the person of God we may come to know intimately.

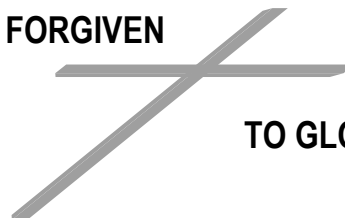
### Questions for Personal Meditation

When does the minister invoke the name of the Trinity?

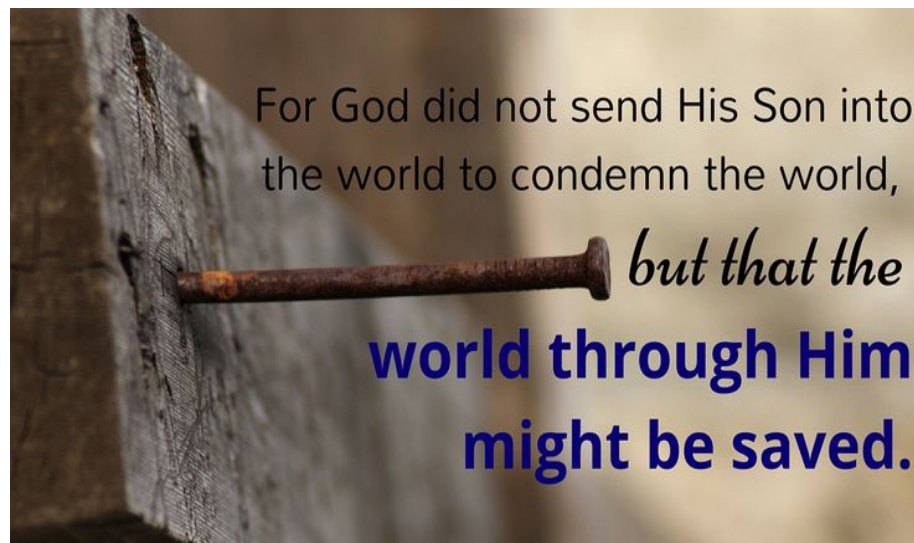
What does that reveal about its role?

What other expressions of the Trinity do you know? (An example is: *Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer*) Is that helpful?

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For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, *but that the world through Him might be saved.*

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 10:30 am**

**The Church of Jesus the Saviour  
Celebrates the Good News  
of God's Love for the World  
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son  
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone**

*Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!*

Call to Worship:

**Praise: “Come, now is the time to worship”** SB #81

Welcome, and announcements:

*Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!*

**Praise: “God of grace & God of glory”** BP #465

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

*Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!*

Scripture: St. John 3:1-17; & 7:37-52 NLT

Message: “Hidden or visible followers of Jesus?”

*Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable*

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “We give Thee but Thine own” vs 1, 3 BP #364

Prayer of Dedication

**Praise: “I have decided”** SB #51

*Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry*

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “Go now in peace”** SB #80

## **WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS TEAM: PRAYER REQUESTS**

Warnock Aitken – St. Joseph's Life-Care Centre, Brantford

Frank De Vries – at home

Pearl Howden – Trinity Village LTC

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg McCorriston – at home

Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Highland Place Retirement Residence

Glen Verheye – at home

## **Sunday School:**

We are having bi-weekly Sunday School running in 2024: **May 26; June 9**. We have split the group: Grade 5 and under, and Grade 6 and up, to create a more engaging experience for our older children.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team for the fall, If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca) or Johnson (srikanthjohnson@gmail.com).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children!

Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Nicolene, & Johnson

## **Grocery Cards:**

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

**From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:**

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

**Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.**

**Offering Envelopes:** If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2024 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

After having a surplus for the month of March, our April offerings have dropped and we experienced an expense shortfall of almost \$5000 for the month. This means our YTD shortfall is now \$10,750 to the end of April. As we are approaching the summer months, the Finance team asks for your consideration and prayers to help us meet the proposed budget targets. Thank you, the Finance & Stewardship Team.

**KEPC Book Sale: Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> June 9 am to noon.**

We appreciate all volunteers who have signed up to assist with our KEPC Book Sale Saturday June 1. At 10 am on Friday May 31 we will meet to do the final set up for the Book Sale. On Saturday volunteers will meet at 8:30 am in the Grey Hall to prepare for the 9 am opening. Muffins can be dropped off at the church on Friday or Saturday morning. Thanks, Janis Kenzie!

**From the Mission & Outreach Team:**

The KW Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day. You may contribute by cheque or online. Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. New this year, they are asking for donations of formula.

They are asking for the following types of stage 1 formula:

Enfamil A+ Powder	Similac Powder
Enfamil A+ Liquid	Similac Pro Advance Liquid

**EVENTS THIS WEEK: 26<sup>th</sup> May – 02<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation downstairs
- Monday:** 6:30-10 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall
- Tuesday:** 12 – 1:30 pm Music Therapy  
6:30 pm – Sparks
- Wednesday:** 7 – 9 pm – Scouts in Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
- Friday:** Finish Book Sale set-up in the Gray Hall
- Saturday:** 9 am – 12 pm Book Sale in the Gray Hall
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation downstairs.

**Church Photo Directory:**

The elders here have decided that it would be good to do a congregational photo directory, through IPC Canada. We last did an IPC photo directory in 2007, and we think that we should have an updated one done.

We will be aiming for this to take place in the fall of 2024, with the hope that the new directory would be here before Christmas. Three people have volunteered to contact everyone in the congregation to arrange for scheduled picture taking sessions, and gathering other pictures of our church life for inclusion in the directory.

### **Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, Spring 2024:**

- Father's Day Dinner - Sunday June 16, 2024
- Culinary Weekend with Chef Matthew Foote - Friday July 12 to Sunday July 14, 2024
- Trails
- Lamb Therapy



### **VBS 2024:** Hello everyone:

We are well underway in prepping for our VBS at KEPC this summer! Thank-you to everyone who has already offered to volunteer this year. If anyone else is wondering about helping, please speak with Sarah Pottier.

Dates are July 8-12, 9am-noon. The theme is SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God.

The registration forms are available here with this link:

KEPC Scuba VBS Registration Link

And also on our church website at:

<https://pccweb.ca/kitchenereast/>

Please fill out one registration form per child attending.

Kindly, Sarah Pottier

### **General Assembly 2024 of the PCC:**

General Assembly will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo from Sunday, June 2 to Thursday, June 6. Waterloo-Wellington is the host presbytery and we are looking for volunteers to welcome General Assembly attendees. Volunteers are needed to assist commissioners with moving into residence and parking during the afternoon on Saturday, June 1 and Sunday, June 2. Interested volunteers can complete the form at <https://bit.ly/volunteerGA-2024> or email [katherinestlouis@gmail.com](mailto:katherinestlouis@gmail.com).