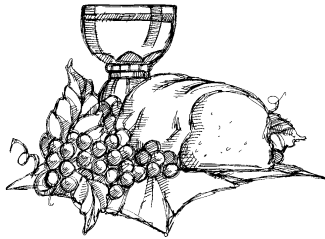


Glorify Thy Name

By Donna Adkins

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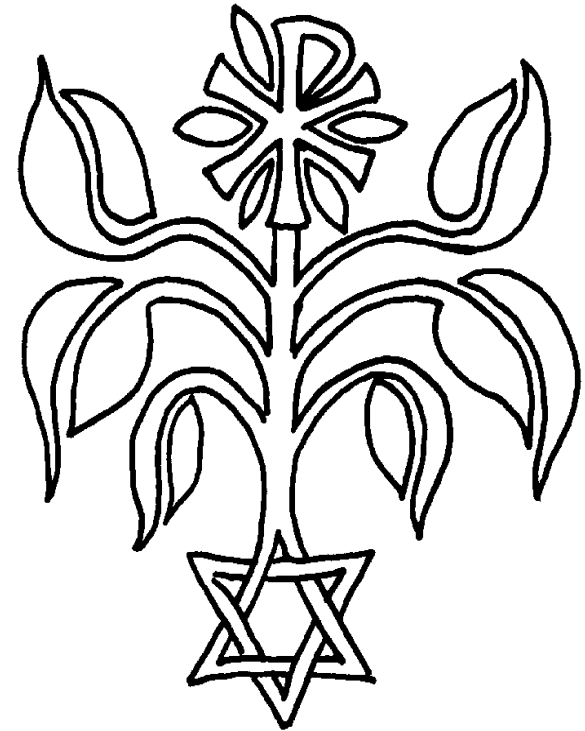
We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

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Trinity Sunday



For there is one body and one *Spirit*,
one *Lord*, one faith, one baptism, one *God*
and Father of all, who is over all and
through all and in all.

— Ephesians 4:4-6 —

Old Orchard Church

June 15, 2014—10:15 to 11:50 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

And the Send-off of the Chile Mission Team

Almighty God, most blessed and most holy,
before the brightness of whose presence
the angels veil their faces:
with lowly reverence
and adoring love
we acknowledge thine infinite glory,
and worship thee,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
eternal Trinity.

Blessing and honor and glory
and power be unto our God forever and ever.
Amen.

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Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 3-6, 11-14
New Testament Pearl String on the Trinity:
Romans 5:5-8; Jude 20-21;
Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 3:16-17

Christianity in Ephesus, Christianity in St. Louis Series Sermon

“Parents and Children, Law and Grace, in the Kingdom of God”
Ephesians 6:1-4
Ron Lutjens, lead pastor, preaching

Holy, Holy, Holy

Last week, the last Sunday in Eastertide, we celebrated the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Today with Trinity Sunday, we begin what is called in the calendar of the church year, “ordinary time.”

Trinity Sunday—a wonderful day to be commissioning a team of our people to serve the body of Christ in Santiago, Chile! Our life in community as world Christians is a reflection of the community in the Godhead among the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. We need each other because that’s how we’re made; we’re made in the image of God who, though one being, is multiple persons. The Son obeys the Father and loves him; the Father honors the Son and loves him; the Spirit glorifies both the Father and the Son. The Trinity is a community of persons marked by love.

It’s true, of course, as Jehovah’s Witnesses and Unitarians like to point out, that you can’t find the word “Trinity” in either Old or New Testament. But everywhere in Scripture we find this mysterious insistence that there’s a Father, a Son, and a Holy Spirit; and that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Spirit is God. Yet the Bible always claims that there’s one God, not three.

That God is triune is foundational to our faith and has been the great, ringing affirmation of the Christian church down through the ages. It’s there in Scripture, not stated baldly, but nevertheless persuasively, as in Paul’s great benediction,

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

We have pledged ourselves to the Lord and to each other as a fellowship. To what end? Jesus tells us in his prayer to the Father, recorded in John 17:

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:22-23)

Taken up into the magnificent unity of the Trinity, into the three-times-holy community of the uncreated Godhead—that’s what Christ has won for believers. Blessed be the name of the Lord, the High God, incomprehensible in his being, but so gracious in his blessings!

—Ron Lutjens

