



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret

Trinity Sunday

The doctrine of the Trinity, which we celebrate on Sunday, as formulated by the councils of the fourth and fifth centuries, is a declaration of the full revelation of God derived from both the Biblical witness and Christian experience. Although this doctrine is not explicitly formulated in scripture, this week's scriptures are examples of the spiritual roots of the Trinity reflecting the depths of our faith in God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Human speech is inadequate to describe the mystery and paradox of the manifold aspects of the infinite God. Thus one of the ways we get a glimpse of the glory and majesty of the Divine is through the visions of prophets and mystics, as seen in the call of the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah sets the beginning of his ministry in "the year that King Uzziah died," probably around 736 B. C. His vision unites heaven and earth, as Isaiah describes the heavenly court where the Lord is enthroned in a vast temple attended by six-winged seraphs singing the familiar threefold hymn: "Holy, holy, holy..." that anticipates praise of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He declares himself as a "man with unclean lips," but his lips are cleansed by a live coal brought by a seraph at the altar. And when he hears the Lord call for someone to go as a bearer of the Word, Isaiah answers, "Here am I, send me!" The passage depicts a sense of awe and wonder at the glory of God.

The reading from John gives another example of Divine revelation through the story of Nicodemus, a truth seeker and a leader of Israel's religious establishment who recognizes a unique spiritual power in Jesus. But the circles in which Nicodemus moves do not consider Jesus respectable, so Nicodemus goes to see Jesus at night—under the cover of darkness. Nicodemus addresses Jesus as "Rabbi," thus honoring him with the title reserved for those learned in Torah and masterful teaching. Nicodemus knows that Jesus has come from God, because of the good works and signs that he does. Jesus tells him that "No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." This is a transformation from the inside out, a reorientation of the self, not toward the world, but directly toward God. But as a human, Nicodemus can't move beyond a literal understanding of the

words of Jesus. But Jesus goes on to explain about heavenly things, because as the Son of Man, he is the one who has “descended from heaven.”

It is through the Nicodemus/Jesus dialogue that we learn the Son comes, not to condemn the world, but to offer salvation for the whole world. We also learn that God, as Father, offers us boundless love. God the Son is the one who came down from heaven; through him we have eternal life. And finally, God the Holy Spirit infuses our lives in mysterious and surprising ways. The concept of the Trinity gives us language to describe how God works in our lives.

Two Lutheran pastors, Norma and Burton Everist tell us, “Our relationship with God in Christ Jesus relates us to millions of brothers and sisters in Christ around the world and throughout history who call Christ ‘friend.’” As we grow in faith, the way we feel and speak about our relationship with God will grow too. At times Jesus may be like a friend who walks beside us. At times the marvelous work of the Creator God may fill us with a sense of awe. At times the Spirit who fills us with new life may excite us with possibilities for service. Our relationship with God gives us all of this—and more—because of God’s inexhaustible depth and mystery.”

*Namaste’,
Margaret*

Events Coming Up

St Andrew’s Spring Concert Series

Stacey Holliday and Friends: Sunday, June 7, 4:00 p.m.

Fourth of July Celebration on the Front Lawn; Music, Food, Fun and Fireworks.

July 26 at 4 p.m.: Pianist Andrew Lagrimas will present his FSU Senior Doctoral Recital.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who helped with Robin Atamian's memorial and reception; those who carried chairs, cleaned up, and straightened the worship space. It was a holy event.

Stacey Holliday and Friends
Sunday, June 7; 4:00 p.m.



Hear this incredible group-piano, violins, and cello, play Mendelssohn and more!

Stacey Holliday, Piano; Mary Ellen Reddie and Yasya Brown, Violin; Ann Wilson, Cello.

\$\$\$\$\$ Let's Finish up the Change Bucket !!

Bring your change this week, so that we can max it out and let you guess how much. There will be prizes for the ones coming closest to guessing the amount!

ALL THINGS EPISCOPAL: OR "WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?"

Ambo: The lectern from which the readings from Scripture is proclaimed, and the word preached.

Collect: A short form of prayer, originally intended either to summarize or "collect" the intercessions of the faithful-as in "The Collect for the Day.

Cope: A decorated liturgical cape, used especially in processions and on other solemn occasions.

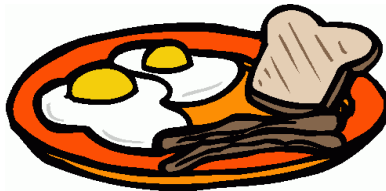
Thurible: A metal vessel for the burning of incense in a liturgical context.

Thurifer: The server in the liturgy who carries or swings the thurible in the procession. The thurifer prepares the way for and comes in line before the procession.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

Please leave items in the baskets under the bulletin board in Byrne Hall

- **Grocery Cart Ministry-** This month we will be collecting Peanut Butter and/or Jelly for the St. Andrew Baptist Center of Hope Food Pantry. The pantry is expanding its hours 9-noon Monday to Friday and also 6-8 pm on Thursday to serve working people who need assistance. Thank you to everyone who brings food items for us to take to the Center of Hope.
- **Prescription Bottles:** The Center of Hope also has a medical clinic. They need empty prescription bottles with label removed. See Margaret Seeberger if you have questions.
- **Magazines:** Hannah Davis takes current magazines that you are done reading to Sacred Heart Bay Med to distribute to patients and their families.
- **Sample size toiletries:** If you have unopened sample size soaps, shampoos, toothpaste or other items, we can take them to the Center of Hope Medical Ministry for distribution.
- **Supper at Grace: June 18**



*Please sign up to cook for Summer Breakfast.
Summer breakfast begins next Sunday, June 7th.*

Flowers

If you are planning to order flowers to be placed at the Altar, please notify Shirley Gobat at 785-1131 a couple of weeks in advance so that the flowers can be ordered. The cost is \$65.00. Also, remember to sign the new Altar Flowers poster in Byrne Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES AT 9

“Embracing the Meaning of Life”

Featuring noted author Kathleen Norris

“Discovering What Matters “

This will be our last Sunday and will take us to our summer break and breakfast!

Please keep the following in your prayers : Warren, Ruth Ann, Rosemary., Walt, Susan, Mary, Diane, Tammy, Alex, Betty, Jim, Mikey, Larry, Gary, Jonathan, Pat, Marty, Rita, Eric, Stephanie, Elijah, Dorothy, Dan, David, Don and Family, Kristy, Austin, Sandra, Anne, Tracy, Page, Norma, Lisa, Elaine, Madison, Bob, Toni, Jimmy, Faye, Shawn and John, Beth, Carol, Virginia, Iva, Frank

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad: Jeff, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jeremiah