

June 10th and 11th, 2017

The Holy Trinity

Texts for this week's Blended (Traditional) and Contemporary Services:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NIRV) Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV) The Athanasian Creed



Our Mission is a Missionary One

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Intro –

Trinity Sunday is the wrap-up for our focus on the experience of the early church, and our mission and ministry today. Starts and ends with Jesus, with whom all authority in heaven and earth rests. We are, in essence, his representatives in the world. We are his ambassadors, emissaries!

I. Go and make disciples

- a. The primary mission of the church is discipleship. It is to carry the Gospel into our world, so that those who do not have a relationship with God, through faith in Jesus Christ, can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, come into a relationship with him.
 - b. At the heart of the "Great Commission" is the command to go. We are given to actively engage in our world, for the sake of the Gospel.
- ✓ **Key Point** – When we are at our best in being the church, we are a people on the move! We are looking for connecting points with those around us.

II. Baptize and teach

- a. The missionary work of the church brings people to the church where they are nurtured in the faith by Word and sacrament. Here, we come to know more fully the God who has revealed himself as a relational God in three persons.
 - b. Discipleship is a lifelong process of growing in faith in God and love for one another.
- ✓ **Key Point** – When we are at our best in being the church, we are a people who are growing in our relationship to God, and in our relationships to one another.

III. Be strengthened by God's presence

- a. By the power of God's Spirit, Jesus is with us always. His presence brings us all that we need to carry out the Great Commission.
 - b. As we journey through life, we are restored by his forgiveness, healed by his love, and made alive by his Spirit.
- ✓ **Key Point** – We are God's representatives, who can face any challenge, because we face them with all the resources of God, himself!

Conclusion – I would sum it all up this way: We are called to be a courageous, confessing, caring community that reaches out in love, with the Gospel, by the power of God's Spirit, through witness and service in His name to all in their need.

All Glory to God alone!
Pastor Neil Buono

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