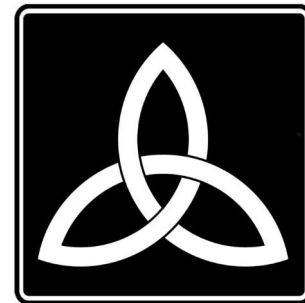


With Apologies...

This Is the Faith



Lesson 21: Jesus is YHWH... and so is the Father, and so is the Holy Spirit



The Painting You Are Viewing As You Enter:

The Nativity by Jean-Léon Gérôme

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pierre-Louis_Cretey_-_The_Nativity_-_89.15_-_Detroit_Institute_of_Arts.jpg

The Music : **Welcome All Wonders** by J.A.C. Redford
<https://youtu.be/H4t0GLnKgrM?si=mb1R2PZJ8aROnhA3>

Life Together Moment: **SHARE**

*Share a personal high and low from the last week.
Pray for each other and the class ahead.*



Bible Verses of the Day: **Matthew 3:16-17**

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

What is your first thought about these verses?

Embodied Lesson

Play 3 corners with your classmates. When you return to the room, follow the instructions of the pastor regarding the pieces of clay he/she gives you.



- Before watching the video, define the following words:

- Articulate: _____
- Doctrine: _____

Video: Nabeel Quereshi explaining the Trinity

<https://youtu.be/u0JpwOSKRC0?si=iEE71-MqwcVVrT2d>

- According to former Muslim Nabeel Quereshi, if you cannot articulate the doctrine of the Trinity you don't actually _____ it, you just _____ to believe it.

(over)

Catechist Time: The First Use of God's Law

- The doctrine of the Trinity does not simply say that God is _____ in _____.
- A being is that quality or essence that makes you _____ you are. For instance, you are a _____ being.
- A person is that quality or essence that makes you _____ you are.
- The doctrine of the Trinity says that God is three _____ in one _____.
- There is no way to know deep things about God unless He _____ them to us.
- The New Testament provides _____ on things that are less defined in the Old Testament.

If there is time, watch:

The Trinity Explained (Without Pretending It's Simple)

<https://youtu.be/eAvYmE2YYIU?si=sA29KbYLGmoOpylh>

- In the book of Daniel, Daniel has a dream where a human being calling himself “the son of man” is sitting in the place where God is supposed to sit. Read Mark 2:10. Who refers to himself as the son of man? _____



Liturgy Connection

In addition to what we covered in the last lesson, both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, as summaries of the Christian faith, both are subdivided into three sections. Look at the next page and highlight the section for the Father in blue, the section for the Son in green, and the section for the Spirit in red. These sections show us the *who* of each Person in the Holy Trinity.

Next, highlight the word “being” in the Nicene Creed in yellow.

In worship, when the “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” are invoked (named), millions of Christians around the world make the sign of the cross. In most countries, though we are never *obligated* to do so, Lutherans are among those Christians. It is a great privilege to worship the true God—the Holy Trinity—using not just our minds and our voices, but our physical motions. The catechist will show you how to properly make the sign of the cross. Try it in worship for a few weeks or during your private prayers, and see how it changes your experience of prayer and worship.

In the Small Catechism, Luther writes:

“In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: ‘God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.’ Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.” He then goes on to give a model prayer for children to pray as their day begins and instructions to sing a brief hymn or religious song. What prayer might you find helpful to start each day? What verse from a hymn or other Christian song might you find helpful?

The Big Idea:

The true and living God has revealed Himself to be one Being consisting in three eternal, divine Persons. This is way too big for our limited human brains—in fact, if we *can* fully grasp any idea about God, that is probably an indication that what we are holding on to is not the true God, but something we ourselves have invented. We cannot fully understand the Trinity, but we can joyfully proclaim this truth that God has revealed and worship Him!





The Most Holy Trinity

APOSTLES' CREED

*C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen*

NICENE' CREED

*C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was
made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen*

