



# Small Group Study Guide for May 26, 2024

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** We give God all the glory: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each person of the Trinity is unique, yet One holy God that we worship and serve. Knowing the Trinity gives us a fuller understanding of the glory of God.

## **Getting Started: (sharing with each other)**

1. What is a question about God that you had as a child or young person while growing up?
2. What is something new about God or Christianity that you recently learned, uncovered, or experienced?

## **In the Word: Read Acts 2:29-33**

3. When Peter addressed the crowd at Pentecost, he told the crowd that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises. The Old Testament foretold Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. His Pentecost sermon proclaimed the work of God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Which verse in this passage contains a reference to all three persons of the Trinity?
4. The word 'Trinity' is not in the Bible, but the actions of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are everywhere. Look up the following passages and identify the three persons of the trinity in each. Put a triangle in the margin of your Bible next to these verses to designate them as Trinitarian. Perhaps divide them up to read aloud.

Isaiah 6:1-3

Isaiah 61:1

Matthew 28:19

Mark 1:10-11

John 15:26

Romans 8:9

2 Corinthians 13:14

Galatians 4:4-6

John 16:13-15

Romans 5:1-5

Romans 8:11

Ephesians 1:13-14

Ephesians 2:21-22

1 Peter 1:1-2

1 John 4:13-14

Revelation 1:4-5

5. A summary of the Bible's witness to the Triune God is given in the Creeds. The creeds have three articles – First, Second, and Third, corresponding to the three persons of the Trinity.

If God is the creator of heavens and the earth, then how do we glorify Him?

If God the Son did all these things for our salvation, then how do we glorify Him?

If God the Holy Spirit gives us faith and sanctification, how do we glorify Him?

### **Putting it all Together (what do we believe or do as disciples?)**

1. The Bible tells us enough about God to know 1) the basics stated in the Creed, 2) that God loves us, and 3) God did everything to save us in Jesus Christ. There are still a lot of things that the Bible doesn't say about God. God is a mystery in so many ways. We simply need to wait until heaven to learn more, but we may never be able to comprehend it all. What are some of the mysteries about God that you are waiting to figure out?
2. If someone asked you what the "Trinity" was all about, how would you put it into words?
3. Every person of the Trinity is involved in our salvation, because it is all God's work. We may not understand the essence of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but we definitely have the actions of God revealed in the Scriptures and playing out in our daily lives. How does the doctrine of the Trinity help us marvel and worship God?

**Prayer:** Pray a Trinitarian prayer. You may want to divide the three parts among three people. Thank God the Father for creating us and providing for us. Thank God the Son for bringing us salvation through His death and resurrection. Thank God the Holy Spirit for giving us faith and life. Pray that we might give glory to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in all we do! Perhaps close by signing the common doxology?

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