



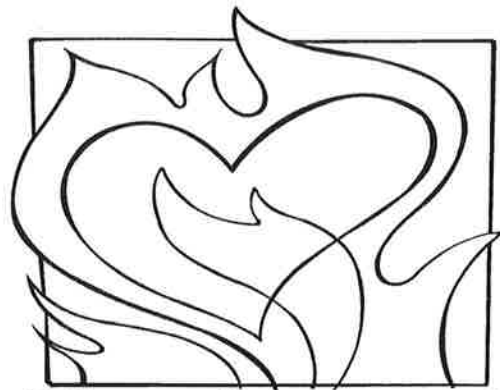
Voice of Trinity

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World

Trinity Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A.
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Pentecost

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.



**CELEBRATE THE CONFIRMATION
OF EIGHT OF OUR YOUTH
DURING WORSHIP**

WEAR RED!



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

This verse is one of seven "I am" statements from John's gospel. It is jammed packed with imagery, meaning, and inspiration for our lives today as believers and followers of the risen Christ. Take a look at the statements Jesus makes in this verse about our relationship with God through him:

- 1) We are connected to Jesus, who is our source of life, like branches of a vine;
- 2) We are to "abide," that is to "remain, stay, live, dwell, last, endure, and continue," with Jesus Christ in our lives in relationship with him (just as Jesus abides with us);
- 3) We are to bear much fruit, that is our lives and work are to reflect and pass on the love that God has for the world. We are a witness to the good news of Jesus Christ's redeeming and bringing new life to the world through his death and resurrection in love toward one another;
- 4) We cannot do this or live apart from Christ, just as a branch cut off from the vine dies.

Wow! I could preach a sermon on each one of these images!

I and we at Trinity have also come through a jammed packed spring filled with the many ministries that happen through and going on at Trinity being at full-speed, from the Food Pantry, to CEW, to the Honduras mission trip, the Via de Cristo weekend, and others. We have been blessed and renewed in faith through the worship season of Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Resurrection celebration. And we have begun to look toward the future for Trinity with the DreamLeaders Initiative and in the discussion and vote to enter into a capital campaign to raise a significant sum of money to support proposed projects of roof replacement/repairs and building restoration that are needed now.

As God would have us to proceed in the life and ministry of Trinity, we are reminded by Jesus to remain connected to him as he is our life-blood through the Holy Spirit that comes to us. We can only produce the fruit of God in this world and in life by staying connected to Jesus Christ in prayer, study, worship, and service through the living word of Jesus Christ, the root of our being and source of life. **Apart from Jesus we can do nothing!**

May the Holy Spirit, the life of Jesus Christ for us and the world, bless and strengthen you in life, love, and service to one another and in the world.

In Christ's service,

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Robert Kinley
Office Administrator	Kathy Stimmel
Organist/Choir Director	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry	Jerry Johnson
Hostess	Rae Ettmyer
Nursery Attendants	Karen Brown Colleen Koehler

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President	Sarah Knight
Vice President	Dwane Tyson
Secretary	Mary Bollingberg
Treasurer	Jerry Johnson

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tom Culverwell	Mary Bollingberg
Don Howard	Ruth Johnson
Sarah Knight	Joanne Martin
Joe Molenda	Casey Steel
Dwane Tyson	

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Deadline for
June VOT
Sunday,
May 20, 2018**

Editor's Note:

Please provide the church office with your articles by the **20th of the month** unless another date is specified. Please meet the deadline so that the VOT can be distributed on time. Bring your items to the office or email to:

kathy@trinity4jax.org
or
tlcjax@trinity4jax.org



Church Office Hours

**M-Th 8:30AM - 2:30PM
F 8:30AM - Noon**



Pentecost

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
- CONFIRMATION
MAY 20TH**

Pentecost Sunday is May 20th. We will be celebrating the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for eight young people on this Sunday.

Be sure to attend worship on this very special Sunday in the life of our church, and don't forget to WEAR RED!



***Love Offering
for May***

On Sunday, May 6th, we will be receiving our May Love Offering for Rachel's Day, the day set aside by the Women of the ELCA to mourn the loss of our children and renounce the forces of evil and fear that plague our nation. Rachel's Day takes its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17 (Rachel grieves for her children). Our offering will be given to Hubbard House, which provides refuge and hope to women and children in crisis.

Love Offering envelopes will be in your bulletin on May 6th. Make checks payable to Trinity with a notation "Love Offering."



**Welcome Supply
Organist**

For the months of May and June, our organist Kim Bloomer will be recovering from surgery. In her absence, Dan Francabandiero has graciously agreed to be our supply organist.

Dan retired from full time music ministry at the end of 2012, the last 33 years as Organist/Chorimaster at Riverside Park United Methodist Church here in Jacksonville, FL. He is a graduate of the University of Tampa, Tampa, FL. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education. After public school teaching for a few years, he made the decision to devote his talents to music ministry. Since retiring he continues to do substitute work and is a member of the Jacksonville AGO (American Guild of Organists) chapter.

Dan is no stranger to Trinity. You may remember him as a guest vocalist who joined with our choir at Christmas Eve traditional worship services during the past few years. Please welcome Dan and thank him for sharing his talents with us at Trinity.

Women

WELCA Board Meeting

WELCA Board will meet at 12 noon on Monday, April 30, 2018 in the Cecil Poole room.

CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Martha Circle: Saturday, May 19th, as part of the Spring Gathering
Kitty Howell 387-0152

Hannah Circle: Saturday, May 19th, as part of the Spring Gathering.
Mary Bollingberg 403-1557

**Young Women's
Lydia Circle**

Call or text Pastor Janis for more information regarding details of May meeting.

**WELCA Spring
Gathering**

Ladies, Trinity WELCA circles will be hosting the First Coast WELCA Gathering at Trinity on **Saturday, May 19th**. The theme for the day is "Let Your Gentleness Be Known" taken from Philippians 4:4-8. Sarah Locke of St. Marks Lutheran and Campus Ministry will present the Bible Study.

Registration is from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$10.00. The main speaker will be from "Rethreaded," whose mission is to renew hope working with survivors of human trafficking in our community.

Food Pantry News



During March 2018 we served the following numbers of people in the food pantry:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u># PERSONS</u>	<u># HOUSEHOLDS</u>
MAR	3,913	1,068

We distributed 40,360 lbs. of food during the month and we spent \$603.36 on food. Our average cost per pound of food was just over one cent. So far in 2018 we have served 6,504 households, consisting of 11,962 people. Also, we have distributed 127,828 pounds of food at a cost of \$4,517.10, an average of just over three cents per pound. **We are now receiving food deliveries/pickups each day of the week. All of this food has to be carried into the food pantry, weighed, and stored properly. In addition, many of the boxes are full of mixed product that must be sorted before we can put it on the shelf.** If you can help, please contact Tom Culverwell.

Thank you for the donations of paper and plastic bags. We continue to have to purchase paper and plastic bags. Your donations of paper and plastic bags will help us by lessening the number of bags we will have to purchase.

We appreciate any food donations, but we can stretch a dollar a lot farther than you can by buying food from a supermarket. By partnering with Feeding Northeast Florida Food Bank and Waste Not Want Not, we are able to get approximately \$28.00 worth of food for every \$1.00 donated.

In addition to your financial support, a total of **1,122 man-hours were donated to the food pantry in March.** Each volunteer hour has a value of \$18.85 on each volunteer hour performed, so **the 2,856 volunteer hours donated in 2018 is equal to a donation of \$53,835.60.**

WE REALLY NEED MORE HELP WITH SORTING AND STORING ALL THE FOOD RECEIVED. This work can be done sitting down. Please consider helping out with this if you can spare only a couple of hours per week. Since every pound of food received has to be carried into the food pantry, the receipt of food is a very labor intensive activity. If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Even if it is only sorting out boxes of food, your participation would be greatly appreciated. Monday: retail pickup and bread pickup. Also the first and third Monday of each month we receive our USDA food, once again a very labor intensive event. Wednesdays and every other Friday we receive a "route end" delivery from Feeding Northeast Florida. The truck seldom arrives before 11 a.m. and much help is needed on these days as well. If you can help on any of these days, it would be greatly appreciated. In addition, we began doing a retail pickup from the new Walmart at Collins Rd. & I-295 each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

God continues to provide everything needed to run his food pantry, but we could use more manpower help. Because of the layout of the food pantry we cannot just move a pallet of food from the parking lot into the pantry. Each box or case must be hand carried inside and then sorted out and stored. We do use hand trucks, but it is still very labor intensive. Please look into your heart and if you can spare only a few hours per week, we can use your help.

Thank you and God bless all who help at the food pantry.

Tom Culverwell
Director

Gary Hautau
Operations Manager



Trinity Yard Sale June 9, 2018

Mark your calendar for Saturday morning, June 9th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for another Trinity Yard Sale. You may now bring your used or unwanted items to sell and place them on the stage in the Hall of Memories.

Then, plan to shop on June 9th! Money from the sale will help our Youth attend the ELCANational Youth Gathering in July.



The Quilters meet each Monday in the Cecil Poole room at 9:30 a.m. and work until noon. No experience is needed. Both men and women are welcome. We would love to have you join us! *Sincerely, Trinity Quilters*



THE TRINITY LUNCH BUNCH

Trinity's "Lunch Bunch" will meet on Tuesday, May 22nd at 11:30 a.m. at Crystal River Seafood, 4453 Blanding Blvd. Please sign up on the list in the Hall of Memories or cross your name off the permanent list if you do not plan to attend. Let Kim Bloomer (766-9858) know by Monday, May 21st, if you need a ride.



Do you have someone in your family graduating this year? Please let the church office know so we can recognize that person(s) in the June Voice of Trinity.



WHERE DO YOU SEE CROSSES AROUND THE CHURCH?

Take a look at the special display of photographs made by some of the youth as they took a look around Trinity to see "crosses" in especially unusual ways and places. The display is found along the wall of the ramp outside the Hall of Memories and Office entry way. Thank you to the Youth, to Sarah Knight, Kyle Lind, and Pastor Janis for putting together this display.



CEW Field Days

The Field Days (Play Days) sponsored by the Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW) of Riverside-Avondale for the participating elementary schools will be coming up in May. Volunteers to help run activity stations are needed whether it is for several hours or the full day from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. If you would like to help at one (or both!) of the Field Days, please contact Jan Nicholas at Riverside Presbyterian Church (355-4585 x 25) or jan.cox@rpcjax.org or speak to Pastor Robert.

The schedule for Field Days is:
Friday, May 18th at Central Riverside Elementary
Thursday, May 24th at Fishweir Elementary

They are a lot of fun!

Trinity Lunch Bunch Schedule for 2018

The Trinity Lunch Bunch meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month unless announced otherwise. Here is the tentative schedule for the remainder of 2018:

May 22	Crystal River Seafood
June 26	What's Cooking
July 24	Mediterrania
August 28	Silver Star Chinese
September 25	Trent's Seafood
October 23	Willard's BBQ
November 27	Olive Garden
Thursday, Dec. 13	Kaika

Please sign up on the list in the Hall of Memories if you wish to join us. All are welcome! You can put your name on the permanent list or just sign up month to month. Remember to call Kim Bloomer the Monday before the lunch if you need a ride.



6 Kline/Tyson
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 20 Congregation
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Communion Elements

6 Kline
 13 Ettmyer
 20
 27 Kelly

Traditional Worship Service



Lectors
 6 Don Howard
 13 Michael Philips
 20 Joe Molenda
 27

Sunday Morning "Takeaway" Leaders

6 Dwane Tyson
 13 Rusty White
 20 Cheryl Virta & Casey Steel
 27

Councilperson of the Month
 Joanne Martin

Communion Assistants

Mary Bollingberg & Kitty Howell

Assisting Minister

Berni Tomaszewski



Date **11:00 AM Coffee Servers**
 6 Berni Tomaszewski
 13 Kitty Howell & Sandy McLaughlin
 20 Marie & Alex Bogh
 27 Beverly Davis



Sunday Visitor
 6 Linda Culverwell
 13 Berni Tomaszewski
 20 Mary Bollingberg
 27 Joe & Carolyn Molenda

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DISCIPLESHIP CLASS
DISCIPLESHIP
TRAINING
STUDENTS
Discipleship Training

students meet every Sunday morning in the upstairs Sunday School/Youth area beginning at 10:05 a.m.

**YOUNG ADULTS
BIBLE STUDY**

Call or text Pastor Janis for information regarding May meetings of the Young Adult Bible Study group.



We extend our Christian sympathy to **John Caltrider** and family upon the passing of **Joyce Caltrider** on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.



We rejoice with all the Saints of heaven at the baptism of **Lyla Sky Havird**, daughter of Jonathan Havird and Ashley Edwards, and granddaughter of Virginia Havird Rice, on April 15, 2018. May God's blessings be on this family now and always.

May Humor

“You Can Always Tell a Lutheran”

(by Bruce Gunnerson in The Lutheran magazine, August 30, 1967)

There has always been a rather sizeable body of opinion which contends that you can always tell a Lutheran but you can't tell him much. I have never really agreed with this point of view.

In fact, I believe that most people really don't know how to tell a Lutheran at all and wouldn't know a Lutheran from a Lithuanian unless they wore identifying haircuts.

This, of course, is a problem that cries out for a solution. And so, to do my part, I hereby present a list of criteria by which we Lutherans can be more easily identified.

- Lutherans sing “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” better than anyone else.
- Lutheran have more fun than Mormons.
- Lutheran make better coffee than almost anyone.
- Lutherans believe in the importance of confession and frequently confess their sins, particularly when confronted with the evidence.
- Lutherans listen to sermons with great interest, except when they are thinking about something else.
- Lutherans believe in miracles and sometimes expect them, particularly during stewardship drives.
- Lutherans who have never been on the church council claim they don't know what goes on at council meetings. Lutherans who have been on the council claim they don't know either.
- Lutheran men aren't sure what Lutheran Church Women is or does, but they think it is a good thing.
- Lutherans wonder a lot about people named Olson or Schneider who belong to other churches. They also wonder about people named O'Brien and Gagliano who belong to Lutheran churches.
- Lutherans usher better than Presbyterians but not as well as Methodists.
- Lutherans don't think the church should abandon the principal of the tithe. They don't think the church should insist on it either.
- Most Lutherans believe in sending their children to Sunday school. Some Lutherans believe in bringing their children to Sunday school. Many Lutherans haven't noticed the difference between the two.
- Lutherans know more hymns than Roman Catholics but they don't brag about it.
- Lutherans are in favor of prayer in the schools but are against politics in the pulpit.
- Lutherans believe it is okay to poke fun at themselves, for which we can all be thankful. If they didn't believe that, they wouldn't have allowed a frivolous piece like this to be published!

shared by Bill Billy

Trinity Lutheran Church - Treasurer's Report – March 2018

Here's a summary of our contributions and expenses against the budget. Let me know if you have any questions.

Housekeeping

1. Please remember to have your check request **approved** by Pastor Robert before you submit it.
2. My office hours are Monday or Tuesday. Probably best to call the office to double check.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Gini

2/28/18 to 3/31/18 - ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET

Contributions

\$62,548.00	-	Actual General Fund Contributions
\$64,407.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Contributions
(\$ 1,859.00)	-	Actual Contributions are <u>Less</u> than Budgeted Contributions

Expenses

\$62,982.00	-	Actual General Fund Expenses
\$65,847.00	-	Budgeted General Fund Expenses
(\$ 2,865.00)	-	Actual Expenses are <u>Less</u> than Budgeted Expenses



ELCA Youth Gathering 2018

The senior youth are gearing-up for the upcoming 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering that will be held in Houston, Texas, June 27 - July 1. There are nine youth and four adult leaders registered from Trinity for this year's Gathering. Please keep them in prayer and support them as they make preparations for this awesome trip.

Youth, you are reminded that there are Gathering meetings scheduled and a Lock-in at Advent Lutheran being planned. Here is the schedule;

Lock-in: May 18-19, Advent Lutheran Church (time TBA)

Youth Meeting at Trinity: Wednesday, May 23rd, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Meeting at Trinity: Sunday, June 10, 5:30 p.m.

Youth are also reminded of the need of your help at the Yard Sale on June 8 & 9 for the set-up, sale, and clean-up.



Dear Trinity Lutheran family,

Sig and I were overwhelmed by your support and compassion following the death of our mother, Fran Stiefel. The sandwich platter, vegetable platter, fruit, cake, cookies and drinks were so appreciated. Thank you so much for providing the tablecloths and flower arrangements for each table. Trinity Lutheran has always held a special place in my parents' and grandparents' lives.

With Christian love and thanks,
Karen & Sig McGarity

Dear Pastor Kinley,

Thank you for truly making this spring a season of renewal for those in need. Trinity's gift of \$534.00 to Lutheran Social Services from the March Love Offering will provide a fresh start to many struggling in our community. Because of you, LSS will be there for them in their time of need, as we have been for almost 40 years. Thank you for sharing your blessings with us so we can continue our work!

Sincerely,

Mary Strickland
President/CEO

Dear Pastor Robert,

Thank you so much for allowing LifeSouth the opportunity to come out to Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 15th. We had a wonderful blood drive with your congregation. We registered ten donors and will be able to positively impact the lives of 27 people here in our community.

Kind regards,

Karen Patterson

District Community Development
Coordinator

LifeSouth Community Blood
Centers

Holy Week and Easter Thank You

Special thanks to all who helped with the Holy Week services and preparing for each of the worship services. Special thanks go to:

- **Linda Culverwell, Karen Warner, Karen Brown, and all who helped with the Altar Guild** for preparation for the Holy Week services;
 - **Karen and Bill Hiers** for providing the palm arrangements for Palm Sunday;
 - **Rae Ettmyer and Karen Hiers** for arranging the beautiful potted flowers donated for Easter;
 - **Rae Ettmyer, Karen Hiers, Berni Tomaszewski, and the Youth and parents** for decorating for, preparing, serving, and cleaning up afterwards for the Easter Breakfast;
 - **Berni Tomaszewski and her family and the Youth** for putting together and coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt for the children;
 - **Tom Stimmel** for photographing the Easter Egg Hunt;
 - **Karen Hiers** for planting the potted flowers after Easter; and to
 - **Cynthia Valentine for extra help in the office with Kathy Stimmel** in preparing the bulletins for the services. Many thanks go to **Kim Bloomer and choir, and to Jerry Johnson and the Praise Team** for the wonderful music provided on Easter Sunday. Easter was truly a blessed day as we celebrated the Resurrection and its joy for us.
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Children Enrichment Workshops

Appreciation Dinner

The Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW) concluded another good year with its annual recognition dinner and program on Wednesday, March 28th. The Yoga students gave us a demonstration of yoga poses that they learned and the basketball teams were recognized for the play this past year. Thank you to our **Yoga instructors, Elizabeth Henrichsen, Hannah Bose, and Tamara Davidson** and to our **Basketball Coaches, Mike Jones, Nick Moore, and Jakari Claudio** for working with the students of the after-school CEW program. Thank you to **Rae Ettmyer, Ken Davis and Gary Hautau** for preparing the food for the CEW banquet. Special thanks go to **Beverly Davis** who again coordinated the weekly programs at Trinity and prepared the snacks for each day (with the help of **Deanna Jones**). Beverly will be stepping down from the CEW coordinator position as she and Ken will be moving away from Jacksonville in the summer.

Robert E. Lee High Dinner Concert

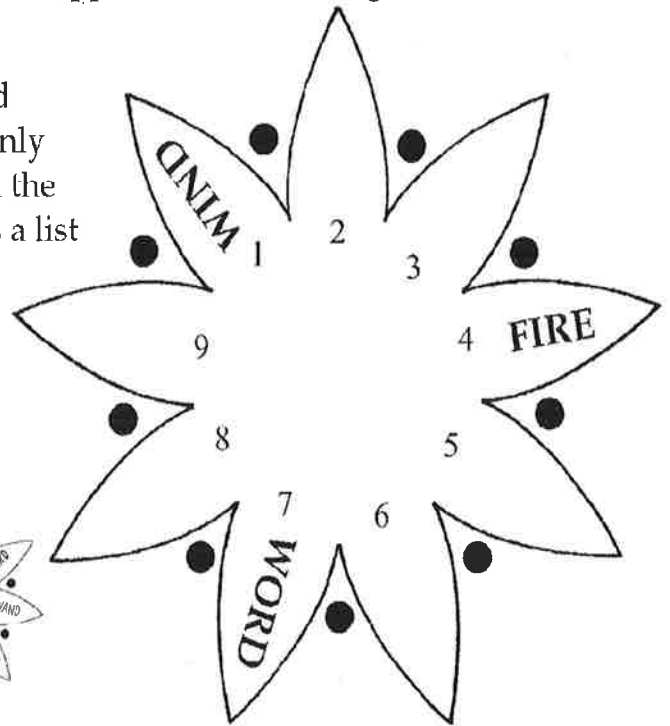
Trinity was again blessed in hosting the Robert E. Lee High School Chorus for a dinner chorus on Wednesday, April 11 to help raise funds for chorus activities and materials. The concert raised over \$430 dollars for the chorus. Thank you to **Rae Ettmyer and Gary Hautau** for again cooking up the beloved spaghetti for the dinner. Our appreciation, support and prayers go out to **Mr. Andrew Neaher and the chorus** for their work this past year.

Three Little Words

On the Day of Pentecost people were filled with the Holy Spirit and were changed. They heard "a sound like the rush of a mighty wind...and there appeared to them tongues as of fire." The people were able to use words in a special way.

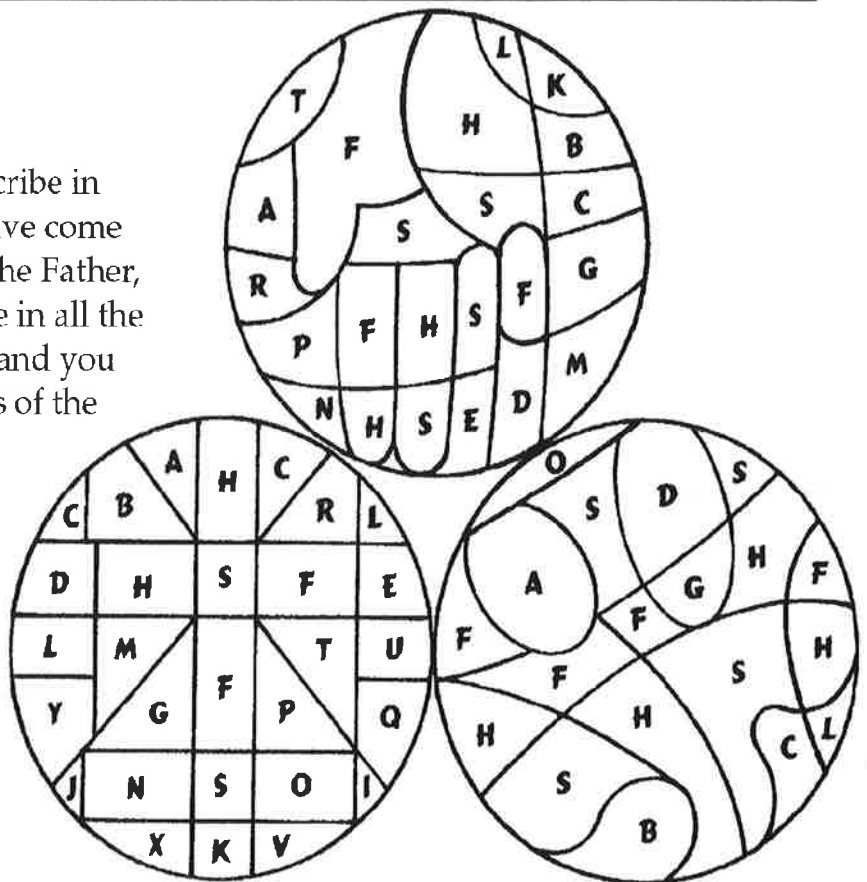
Change the word *wind* into *fire*, *fire* into *word*, and *word* into *wind* by moving clockwise (changing only one letter at a time) and writing the new word in the blank spaces on the petals of the flower. Below is a list of clues.

- 1. WIND
- 2. a grape drink
- 3. very thin or very nice
- 4. FIRE
- 5. metal thread
- 6. She _____ a hat
- 7. WORD
- 8. a long room in a hospital, with many beds
- 9. a magic stick



The Holy Trinity

God is wonderful and hard to describe in just a few words. We Christians have come to know God as the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Shade in all the **F**, **S**, and **H** letters in these circles, and you will see symbols for the three parts of the Holy Trinity.



Children's Sunday School



Children meet from 10:05 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We are studying from the Spark curriculum.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School led by Joe Molenda meets in the Cecil Poole room from 10:05 - 10:55 a.m. Please join us.

Sunday Morning "Takeaway"

Adults and Senior Youth meet in the Hall of Memories from 10:05 to 10:55 a.m. to study the day's Gospel text.



Worship Schedule

reSource Worship
9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School
10:05 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
10:05 a.m.

Adult/Senior Youth
"Takeaway"
10:05 a.m.

Discipleship Training
10:05 a.m.

Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m.