



First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden
From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God

God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times

*Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Scripture

Reflections on the Trinity, the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is Trinity Sunday:

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”

Luke 1:35 The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”

Matthew 3:16-17 ¹⁶ 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; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Acts 10:38 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Ephesians 4:4-6 ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Titus 3:4-6 ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

I Peter 1:1-2 ¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ ... ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood.

Jude 1:20-21 ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

II Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou Almighty King,
help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword, scatter thy foes.
Let thine almighty aid our sure defense be made,
our souls on thee be stayed; thy wonders show.

Come, Holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three
eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

"The Trinity"

A prayer from The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers.

Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit,
I adore you as one Being, one Essence,
one God in three distinct Persons,
for bringing sinners to know you intimately and to be members of your kingdom.
O Father, you have loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me;
O Jesus, you have loved me and took on my human nature,
shed your own blood to wash away my sins,
and brought forth your righteousness to cover my unworthiness;
O Holy Spirit, you have loved me and entered my heart,
implanted there eternal life,
revealed to me the glories of Jesus.
Three Persons and one God, I bless and praise you,
for love so unmerited, so unspeakable,
so wondrous, so mighty to save the lost
and raise them to glory.
O Father, I thank you that in fullness of grace
you have given me to Jesus, to be his sheep, his jewel, his portion;
O Jesus, I thank you that in fullness of grace
you have accepted me, joined me to your Bride, and bound me to yourself;

O Holy Spirit, I thank you that in fullness of grace
you have

revealed Jesus as my salvation,
planted faith within me,
subdued my stubborn heart,
and made me one with him for ever.

O Father, you are enthroned to hear my prayers,

O Jesus, your hand is outstretched to take my petitions,

O Holy Spirit, you are willing to help my weaknesses,

to show me my need,

to supply words,

to pray within me,

and to strengthen me so that I do not give up in bringing you my needs.

O Triune God, who commands the universe,

you have commanded me to ask for those things that concern your kingdom and my soul.

Please let me live and pray as one baptized into the threefold Name.