

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 – THE HOLY TRINITY

Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 4a

1: 1 – In the beginning God.

One of the strongest arguments for the existence of God is the First Cause argument.

How could you account for the fact that there is something rather than nothing, and there is not just something, there is life if there is no God?

1: 1 – God created the heavens and the earth.

The Hebrew word for “create” means to make out of nothing.

Whenever I feel like nothing, I need to remember that God can create out of nothing.

1: 3 – God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

God can create simply by speaking.

I know a lot of church committees that think that it should or will happen if they just talk about it.

1: 4 – And God saw that the light was good.

1: 31 – God saw everything that He had made, and indeed, it was very good.

How do you feel when you know that you have done or made something that is very good?

God created everything in such a good order.

What part of creation are you most in awe of?

The Bible and science – the more we study creation, the more we should be in awe of the Creator.

1: 26 – “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.”

What does it mean to you to know that you have been made in God’s image, according to His likeness?

Psalms 139: 13-14 – one of the strongest Biblical supports for a pro-life position.

You formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

1: 26 – “Let them have dominion.”

Having dominion does not mean abusing.

Mural in San Juan, Puerto Rico airport – “It’s your vacation, but it’s their home.”

From Martin Luther’s explanation to the First Article of the Apostles Creed – has created and still preserves.

God is the creator, so He is the owner; I am the steward and caretaker.

1: 27 – Male and female He created them.

The traditional view of human sexuality and gender identity is based upon the Biblical account of creation.

2: 3 – So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that He had done in creation.

God knows that we need rest.

Mark 6: 31 – Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile.

Psalm 8

- 3 - When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
4 - what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?
- 5 - Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
6 - You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet.

2 Corinthians 13: 13

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

17 – Isn't that typical – unfortunately typical – that “some doubted”?

*18 – What does it mean to you to know that Jesus has been given all authority?
The one who has told us to go and has promised to be with us has all authority.*

How does Jesus use/exercise His authority?

John 13: 3-4 – Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off His outer robe, and tied a towel around Himself.

Five things that Jesus told us to do – Go, Make Disciples, Baptize, Teach, Remember

It is very unfortunate that some people resist calling God Father.

Jesus called God Father.

Those who have a hard time calling God Father because of their relationship with their own human fathers and/or with other men in their lives above all need to know God as their loving, caring Heavenly Father.