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OCTOBER 10, 2021

WORSHIP SONGS

All Creatures of Our God and King
Holy Holy Holy (We Cry)
King Of Kings
How Great Is Our God
This I Believe (The Creed)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-4:1; Genesis 1:1-3;
John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:15-17

MESSAGE

“The Trinity”

Pastor Jon VanderWall

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 am - Worship
10:45 am - Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am - Sunday School/ Discipleship Hour
6:00 pm - R-GEN
7:30 pm - Young Adults (bonfire)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

October has once again been designated as Pastor Appreciation month with the mission to uplift and encourage pastors, missionaries and religious workers. We wish to bless our pastors with a love offering; envelopes for this purpose have been placed in your mailboxes and made available in the back of church. There will be a box designated for collection of these gifts in the back of church through October 31. Checks may be made out to Hopkins Community Church (or "HCC").

YOUNG ADULT BONFIRE TONIGHT: all post high school/college age/young adults (18-25ish years old) are invited for a bonfire **TONIGHT** at the bonfire pit by the Youth Barn from 7:30-9:00 PM. Desserts and pop will be provided! Come and get to know other young adults, hang out and hear about our plan for the year! Bring a chair, invite your friends and our rain plan will be to meet inside the church. Contact Pastor Caleb with any questions!

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY: Advent Blocks! A Christmas practice that helps kids—and parents!—anticipate the birth of Jesus, and not just presents. This practice is a tangible, Bible-based, 25-day guide to creating an exciting environment in the home around God coming to earth. Each day of December leading up to Christmas Day, you read a story with your kids, and rotate that day's block to see the image. Ordering these block sets in a bulk order as a church, we can get the 1-inch block set for \$20. If money is a concern, let us know and we will gladly help out. If you're interested, please email or talk to Pastor Caleb as soon as possible before supplies run out! Block sets will ship in late October to the church. Check out www.adventblocks.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Vocalists and instrumentalists, if you're interested in participating in this year's Community Christmas Concert that will take place on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 PM, please contact Kim Langlois by email: langlois@datawise.net; or phone 269-793-4396/ 616-638-3578. We would love to include you!

PARENTS: please ensure that you've completed the **Parent Consent/Student Registry Form** located in the church app. Due to liability concerns, it's important that you fill out the form as soon as possible so that your child(ren) may participate in all of the activities that happen during the course of the year. This especially applies to Cadets, GEMS, Rubies and the youth groups who may go off-campus for some events and activities.

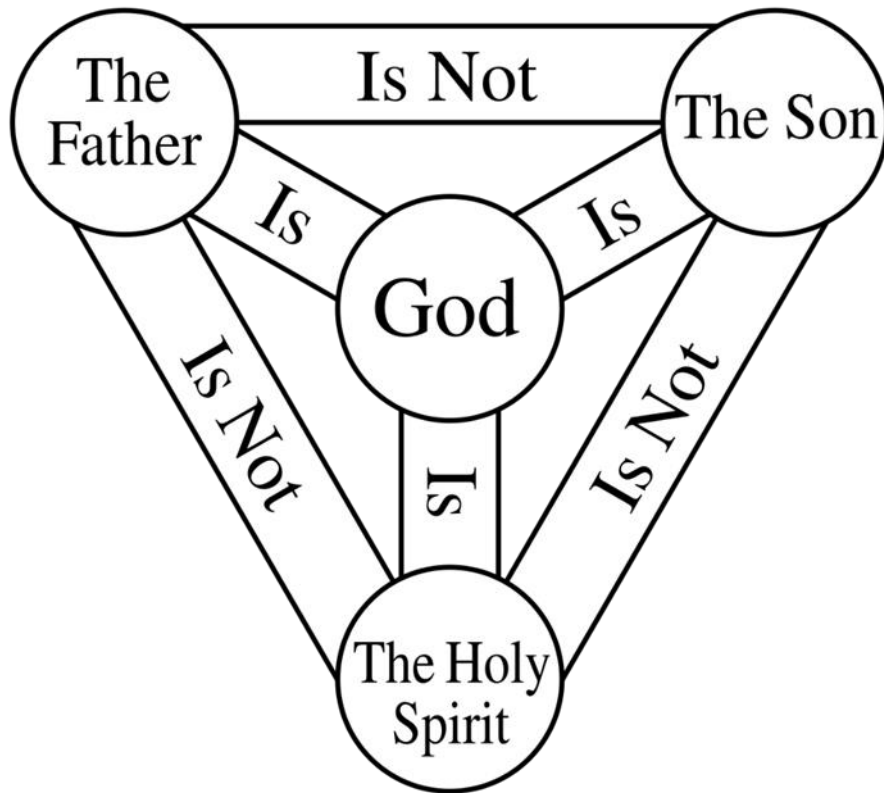
This form pertains to all children/students Nursery through 12th grade participating in any of HCC's child/youth programs.

<https://hopkinscommunity.churchcenter.com/people/forms/290109>

- Please log in to the app prior to filling out the form—if you don't have a profile, the form asks for your name and an email address.
- **Select "add child" to the "Household Members" field** and fill out all of the requested fields.
- **Select "add child" again** if you have additional children to include. No need to submit a separate form for each child.
- Please select all ministries that your child(ren) will be involved with during the 2021-22 year from the list provided on the form. These forms are provided to every ministry team leader, so if you have a child involved in Sunday School, Cadets and Middle School youth group please select all of those choices.
- Emergency Contact information is needed. Please list the names and phone numbers of a **non-parent** that may be contacted in case of an emergency if, for any reason, we cannot reach you.
- You will receive a confirmation email once the form is submitted. Please check that all information is correct, verify via email and then the form is complete.

SOUP-TOBER: The Allegan County Food Pantry Collaborative's October soup drive runs from October 1-31, 2021 with a goal of collecting 10,000 cans of soup feeding individuals, families and children in Allegan County. How can you help? **Text SOUP to 44-321** or **donate online:** www.alleganfoundation.org. **Mail donations:** ACCF, 112 Locust Street, Allegan MI 49010. In the memo line, please note "soup".

THE TRINITY



The whole first unit in our study on Apologetics could be summed up with the word “foundation”. We have spent the last three weeks and will spend the next 5-6 weeks establishing the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith as they are laid out in Scripture. One of the most foundational doctrines of the Christian faith, as well as one of the most mysterious, is that of the Trinitarian Nature of God.

While you won’t find the word “Trinity” anywhere in the Bible, it is very clear that the Bible reveals God as existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three are present and active in Creation, the Psalmist attests to each on at different times, and we are called to go out (and baptize) in the name of all Three. Yet, Scripture is also clear that there is only ONE God, who was and is and is to come. We, as humans, both speak this as the Truth that God reveals about Himself in Scripture and also hold in tension that it is impossible to fully comprehend.

Questions to Take Home:

1. What are some ways that you have tried to describe or explain the Trinity? How have they been helpful to you? In what ways do they fall short of the mystery?
2. What is one thing that you find to be the most awe-inspiring about God’s Trinitarian existence? What is the most confusing? Which Scripture passages have you found to be most helpful?
3. Take a few minutes to read the Athanasian Creed on the inside of this handout. How does this Creed help you to better understand the Trinity? How does this understanding affect your view of God?

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the [Christian] faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the [Christian] faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so [Christian] religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother — existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

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.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the [Christian] faith.

One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

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Greeters: Tom and Rainelle Jansma, Jean Calkins, Kim Langlois

Coffee Fellowship: Randy and Amy Folkert (cookies: Kim Langlois)

Nursery: Kathy and Lydia Athearn

WOW: Hope Reurink, Tally Laarman, Miles Kukor

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Greeters: Curt and Kammy Leep, Rich and Luann Huizinga

Coffee Fellowship: Tim and Holly Reurink (cookies: Diane Stone)

Nursery: Terri Maule and Nathalia Fernandes

WOW: Mark and Julie Wichman, Owen Reed, Cole Wamhoff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

TODAY AT HCC

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10:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:00 AM	Sunday School/ Discipleship Hour
6:00 PM	R-GEN (youth barn)
7:30 PM	Young Adults (bonfire at the youth barn)

MONDAY

9:00 AM	Bible Study
7:00 PM	LFTL Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM	Cadets
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THURSDAY

** Pastor Jon will be attending General Synod from October 14-19

5:30 PM	Praise Team practice
7:00 PM	Expectancy (Bible study)

PRAYER

WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

We continue to pray for the Hibma, Kennedy, Knowlton and Swainston families as they mourn the passing of loved ones. May God give them the strength and the peace they need in these difficult times.

- **Pray for those in our congregation with COVID or who are recovering from the virus.**
- **Ryan Beffrey** (Pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Dorr) had successful brain surgery and is recovering well; however, the brain tumor was malignant and he has begun chemotherapy treatment.
- **Leon Huff** (Hollie Roblyer's father) as he battles cancer.
- **Mike Stearns** (son of Steve and Sandy Stearns) had a good report from the doctor for the right eye. The fluid is gone and he can see up to 400 feet which is enough to read and drive. Continue to pray for the left eye which is still having issues and will be addressed at a later time. Thank you for praying and we praise God for this good report!
- **Sandy Stearns** in her recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- **Rachel VanderKlipp** (Dave and Cindy Kukor's daughter-in-law) in her continuing journey with health difficulties.
- **Lauren Wolffis** (friend of Kristen VanderSyde) as she continues her journey with stage 4 breast cancer.

Prayer updates for the bulletin may be given to
Pastor Jon or Kathy. Thank you!

GIVING

WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

Gifts and Tithes received 10/3 - 10/8: \$ 7,146.24
(includes Sunday, mailed and online tithes)

Weekly Missional Expenses: \$ 8,075.06