

MESSAGE

“One God, Three Persons: Created, Blessed, Sent”

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- **Psalm 8** – The majestic Creator who crowns humanity with glory
- **Genesis 1:1–2, 4a** – God’s creative work through Word and Spirit
- **2 Corinthians 13:11–13** – Trinitarian blessing and communion
- **Matthew 28:16–20** – Baptism and mission in the name of the Trinity

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1. The Majestic God Who Creates and Cares *(Psalm 8)*

- The psalm opens and closes with praise: “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.”
- God’s glory fills the heavens, yet God is mindful of humanity.
- Humanity is crowned with dignity and purpose within creation.

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The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:4

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4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

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- 2. The Triune God at Work in Creation** (*Genesis 1:1–2, 4a*)
 - God the Father creates.
 - God’s Word calls creation into being.
 - God’s Spirit hovers, bringing order and life.

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3. The Triune God Who Lives in Relationship with Us (2 Cor. 13:11–13)

Final Greetings

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All God's people here send their greetings.

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- Paul offers a Trinitarian blessing:
 - **Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**
 - **Love of God**
 - **Fellowship of the Holy Spirit**
- The Trinity is not abstract doctrine but lived relationship—grace received, love known, communion shared.

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The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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- Jesus commissions the disciples to baptize *“in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*
- The Trinity frames our identity, our worship, and our mission.
- God promises abiding presence: *“I am with you always.”*

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Trinitarian faith begins in worship. Before explanation comes awe. The Creator who governs the universe chooses relationship with humankind.

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From the very beginning, creation is a communal act of God—
Father, Word, and Spirit fully present, fully active.

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The nature of God is relationship, and when we live in faith, peace, and unity, we reflect God's very being.

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To be baptized into the Trinity is to be drawn into God’s life—and sent out to participate in God’s work.

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The doctrine of the Trinity is not meant to be solved—but **lived**.

- We worship the **majestic Creator**
- We trust the **redeeming Son**
- We walk with the **empowering Spirit**

One God. Three Persons. Endless love.

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In the Moravian Church:

- ✓ The Trinity is **fully affirmed** (orthodox Christianity)
- ✓ Jesus Christ is the **center of devotion and understanding**
- ✓ The Holy Spirit is experienced in **community and mission**
- ✓ The Father is known **through the Son**
- ✓ Theology is **simple, relational, and lived out**

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Call to Action

This week, live as people shaped by the Trinity:

Worship deeply – Let awe lead you to praise.

Live relationally – Reflect the love and unity of God in your relationships.

Serve faithfully – Join God's ongoing mission in the world.

Trust continually – Remember Christ is always with you, through the Spirit.

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Ask yourself:

- How does my life reflect the relational nature of God?
- Where is God calling me to participate more fully in His mission?

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