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The Most Holy Trinity June 12, 2022

God is not a name. God is a title. As we read Scripture, we see that god is used in a wide variety of ways that refer to powerful spiritual beings. For the people of Israel, they lived in a cultural where they were presented with many gods. Each nation and people had its own unique gods. One of the powerful narratives throughout the Old Testament, is the ever-expanding discovery of who the God is who revealed himself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We discover more about this God as he leads the people of Israel out of Egypt and gives them the law through Moses. We see this God interact with King David and promise a covenant with the House of David forever. We discover even more as this God deals with a stubborn and unfaithful people through the prophets. By the time the Old Testament comes to an end, we have a fuller picture of a God of faithfulness, and covenant-love, a God who is slow to anger and quick to show mercy. Most importantly, we have a name for this God. He is Yahweh or I Am Who Am. The God who works in the Old Testament is not just any god, he is the God who has the name Yahweh.

Jesus, the first century carpenter from Nazareth in Galilee, made an earth-shattering claim about himself. Jesus said that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God whose name is Yahweh, was somehow embodied in himself. In other words, Jesus is Yahweh, but now in the flesh. You can understand how Jesus made so many enemies among the Jewish religious leaders. Yet, Jesus made other claims as well. He said that he was the son of the Father, and that the Father and he were one. Jesus also said that he and the Father would send the Holy Spirit to those who believe in him. Through these and many other teachings, Jesus gave God a new name. God is still Yahweh, but now we know that Yahweh is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We give this reality of God, revealed by Jesus, the name of Trinity. And just like we learn about who Yahweh is through the Old Testament, we discover fully who Yahweh is through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We learn that God is love.

Here is why this is important. The title "god" is said by many people in many different ways. When someone talks about god, we rarely stop and ask which god they are referring to. There are many different religions in the world today, and not all of them worship the same god as Christians. Our God has a name. He is the God embodied in the person of Jesus Christ. He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our God is Trinity. He is Yahweh. This week, when you pray, do not be afraid to address God by his name. After all, he introduced himself to each of us in the person of Jesus.

-Fr. Tyler

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St. Christina's Mass Times

Tuesday– June 14th NO MASS

Thursday- June 16th Holy Mass 8:00AM Int. + Tom Fitzgerald

Sunday– June 19th CORPUS CHRISTI Holy Mass 11:00AM



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The words of Jesus in today's gospel, "I have many things to say to you, but you cannot hear them now." could have been said by any parent. It can be frustrating because our desire to guide is often misinterpreted or poorly received. We cannot program our children. We can only teach, lead and trust the Spirit of truth will guide them. 39 Env. Reg. Giving \$1835; Loose Giving \$65.00; Candles \$12; 1 CFSA \$25; Mass St. \$10; Thank You for your Generous Treasure.

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June 25-30th

Please take a registration form from the back of the church complete it and return it to Kelly by June 20th.

At this time we are still looking for a GIRL host family starting Saturday June 25th through Wednesday night June 29th, and helpers throughout the week for various activities. Host families are asked to provide sleeping arrangements, a morning breakfast and possibly snacks to refuel.

Please contact Kelly Dunkelberger at 605-201-0372 or email at kelly.dunkelberger@k12.sd.us if your able to help.

<u>Liturgical Team</u>

Sunday, June 19

L: Jim Christiansen

U: Dean Dunkelberger/Michael Haselhorst

S: Emma Tuschen/ Clayton & Riley Pankratz

E: Kelly Dunkelberger



St. Christina would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or new to the area. If you are not currently registered at St. Christina's or wish to become a member of our parish, please contact the parish office. **St. Christina's Office Hours**: Tuesday 1PM-6PM Thursday 8:30AM –1PM

Signs from God

