Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things.
—Thomas à Kempis

Obedience is not always an easy thing. It's as though we just naturally get our hackles up when someone tells us what to do. In Texas, folks might say that someone who's ornery and quick-tempered could start a fight in an empty house, or that she makes a hornet look cuddly, or that he has horns holding up his halo. But Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

At first, this might sound like a test, as though we must prove ourselves worthy of Christ's affection. But Jesus isn't setting a trap. Instead, he's teaching that true love naturally expresses itself in action. Just as we show love to a friend by being present, or love to a spouse by keeping promises, so love for Christ is shown by living in obedience.

This obedience is not about rule-keeping for its own sake. It's not just about making our beds in the morning, or putting things back after using them. It's about aligning our lives with the heart of Jesus. His commandments center on love itself: loving God and loving neighbor. When we live this way, Jesus promises something remarkable: the gift of the Spirit. We're not left alone to figure out how to live faithfully. The Spirit guides, strengthens and reminds us that Christ's presence is near.

Some of us have limited physical mobility. Our opportunities for visible service have decreased. Yet, the love of Christ can still be expressed in powerful, obedient ways — through prayer, kindness, words of encouragement, or even patient endurance. Every act of obedience, no matter how small, bears witness to our love for the one who loved us first.

And here is the greatest promise of all: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you" (John 14:18). *The God who calls us to obedience also stays with us in love.*

Jesus was right. The truth is that love leads to obedience; obedience is sustained by the Spirit; and the Spirit assures us of Christ's abiding presence. It's a circle of life that begins and ends with God's love.

We are not left on our own to prove anything. Instead, we are drawn deeper into a relationship in which love, obedience and the divine presence all weave together into a beautiful whole.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to keep your commandments through the strength of your Spirit, and remind me daily that I am never alone, because you abide with me. Amen.

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Week of May 31, 2026

Daily Bible Readings
Sunday: John 7-10
Monday: 2 Kings 11–14:20
Tuesday: Joel 1-3
Wednesday: 2 Kings 14:21-25; Jonah 1-4
Thursday: 2 Kings 14:26-29; Amos 1-3
Friday: Amos 4-6
Saturday: Psalms 58-60

Verse to Remember

I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

–John 10:10

WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden words from the list below.

Holy Trinity

A	R	E	D	E	E	M	E	R	H	L	S	U	R
N	T	R	I	A	N	G	L	E	E	B	S	N	S
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T	P	D	R	O	S	O	N	N	E	E	T	R	E
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SANCTIFIER
WORSHIP
BLESSING
DOVE
FATHER
SPIRIT
HOLY
GRACE
LOVE
SON
MYSTERY
CREATOR
REDEEMER
TRIANGLE
FAITH
UNITY

Trinity Targets

Using only the numbers **1, 2, 3** (each number may be used **once** per line) and the operations **+ – × ÷** plus parentheses, make each target number.

- **6** = 1x2x3
- **7** = _____
- **8** = _____
- **9** = _____

Trinity Grid (3×3 Latin Square)

Fill the grid with 1, 2, 3 so that each row and each column contains all three numbers exactly once.

Row 1: 1 _ _

Row 2: _ 2 _

Row 3: _ _ 3

Trinity "Did You Know?" Factoid

A little educational tidbit:

The word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible. It was first used by Tertullian (about 200 AD) to describe the mystery of one God in three Persons.

Solution to Trinity Targets and Trinity Grid

Trinity Targets:
6 = 1×2×3
7 = 1+2×3
8 = (1+3)×2
9 = (1+2)×3

Trinity Gird:
Row 1: 1 3 2
Row 2: 3 2 1
Row 3: 2 1 3