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St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Child Development Center and Pre-School***  
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# GENESIS 1-11

IN THE BEGINNING

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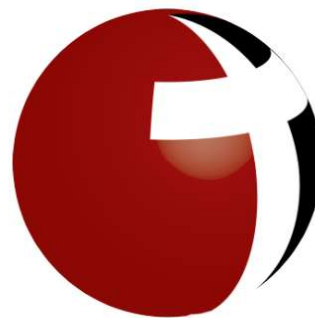
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**O LORD OUR LORD,**

how excellent is thy name  
in all the earth! who hast set thy  
glory above the heavens.

Psalm 8:1 KJV

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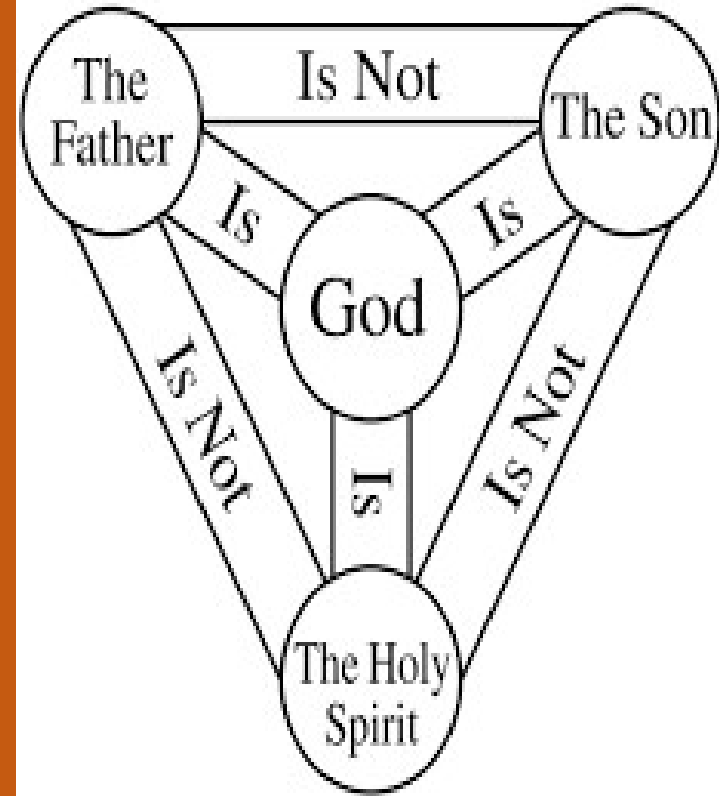
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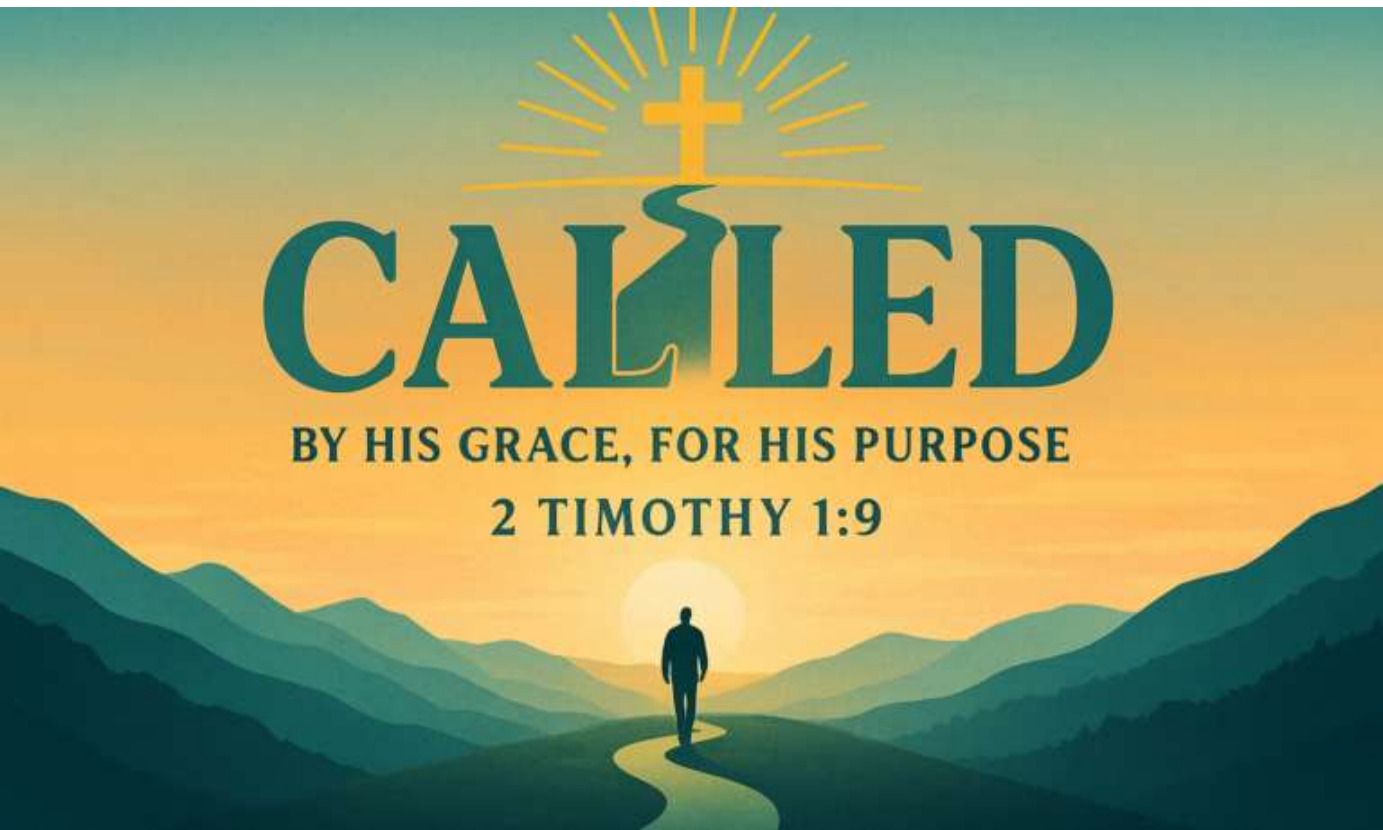
**WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US**



# Trinity SUNDAY



**Jesus said,  
*“I and the Father are one”.***



**CALLED**  
BY HIS GRACE, FOR HIS PURPOSE  
2 TIMOTHY 1:9

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***Mark Your Calendar!***

***2026 Annual TX District Gathering, July 24-25***

***St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, Texas***



## PRAY FOR: WORKERS

We know that our days are numbered.  
We pray for Kingdom Workers to bring  
hope and life to the Mountain people.

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For  
wide is the gate and broad is the road  
that leads to destruction.”*

*Matthew 7:13*



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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

*More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess to you all our sins.**  
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

Jesus says, “Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God’s love.

**Amen.**

## **Gathering Song**

**“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”**

**Hymn # 413**

**<sup>1</sup> Holy, holy, holy, Lord God  
Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song  
shall rise to thee.**

Hymn # 413

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and  
mighty!  
God in three persons,  
blessed Trinity!**

Hymn # 413

**<sup>2</sup> Holy, holy, holy! All the  
saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden  
crowns around the glassy  
sea;**

Hymn # 413

**cherubim and seraphim  
falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and  
evermore shalt be.**

Hymn # 413

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the  
darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness  
thy glory may not see,**

Hymn # 413

**only thou art holy; there is  
none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and  
purity.**

Hymn # 413

**Final Holy, holy, holy, Lord God  
Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy  
name in earth and sky and sea.**

Hymn # 413

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and  
mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed  
Trinity!**

Hymn # 413

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

**And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

*Kyrie eleison*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*Christe eleison*

***Christ, have mercy.***

*Kyrie eleison*

***Lord, have mercy.***

## **Glory To God**

*Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on  
earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.  
[Refrain]*

*[Refrain]*

*Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on  
earth.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*[Refrain]*

*[Refrain]*

*Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on  
earth.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the  
glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*[Refrain]*

*[Refrain]*

*Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest,  
glory to God, glory to God,  
and peace to God's people on  
earth, and peace to God's people  
on earth.*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# **WORD**

*FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

<sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

<sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

<sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”

<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.

<sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM: 8

*How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the  
works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their  
feet:**

- 7 all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 8 **the birds of the air, the fish of the  
sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths  
of the sea.**
- 9 O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

***Alleluia.***

***Lord, to whom shall we go?***

***Alleluia.***

***You have the words of eternal Life.***

***Alleluia, alleluia.***

# GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 28:16-20

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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

<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S  
SERMON

# **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley



**Hymn of the Day**

**“Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”**

**Hymn # 684**

**<sup>1</sup> Creating God, your fingers  
trace the bold designs of  
farthest space;**

Hymn # 684

**let sun and moon and stars  
and light and what lies hidden  
praise your might.**

Hymn # 684

**2 Sustaining God, your hands  
uphold earth's myst'ries  
known or yet untold;**

Hymn # 684

**let water's fragile blend with  
air, enabling life, proclaim  
your care.**

Hymn # 684

**3 Redeeming God, your arms  
embrace all now despised for  
creed or race;**

Hymn # 684

**let peace, descending like a  
dove, make known on earth  
your healing love.**

Hymn # 684

**Final Indwelling God, your  
gospel claims one family with  
a billion names;**

Hymn # 684

**let ev'ry life be touched by  
grace until we praise you face  
to face.**

Hymn # 684

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

## **CREED**

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work.  
Continue that work in your church, making us a  
new creation that proclaims your presence and  
love.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory.  
Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as  
reminders of who you are.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship and we remember our friends and family members before you.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary Kathleen in Africa, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Washington, Indiana.

We also celebrate and lift before you the ministry of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Portland, Texas and their pastor, Kathie Ricketts. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises.

Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Amen.**

## **Canticle of Thanksgiving**

*Refrain* ***Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb for ever and  
ever.***

***<sup>1</sup> Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.***

***Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?***

*Refrain* **Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and  
ever.**

***2 For you alone are the Holy One,  
and blessed is the one whose  
name is the Word of God.  
All praise and thanks to you, holy  
God!***

*Refrain* **Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and  
ever.**

# **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you  
peace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

**“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**Hymn # 543**

**<sup>1</sup> Go, my children, with my  
blessing, never alone. Waking,  
sleeping, I am with you; you are  
my own.**

Hymn # 543

**In my love's baptismal river I  
have made you mine forever. Go,  
my children, with my blessing,  
you are my own.**

Hymn # 543

**2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at  
peace and pure. Here you learned  
how much I love you, what I can  
cure.**

Hymn # 543

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at  
peace and pure.**

Hymn # 543

**Final Go, my children, fed and  
nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free.**

Hymn # 543

**Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here his tender comfort stilled  
you. Go, my children, fed and  
nourished, joyful and free.**

Hymn # 543

# **DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

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A photograph of a weathered wooden boat on a rocky beach. The boat is painted with a red stripe and has the text 'PMO 3296' on its side. In the background, there is a calm body of water, distant mountains, and a small lighthouse on an island. The sky is overcast.

the GREAT  
*Commission*

Matthew 28:16-20