BIBLE STUDY
May 20 and 23, 2024

<u>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</u>
Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40
Matthew 28: 16-20
Romans 8: 14-17

1. **Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40**
   - The book of Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Bible. The first five books are called the Pentateuch or the Books of Moses. In this book, Moses gives three long sermons to the people. The theme is that there is a choice before them: to worship God alone or to serve other gods. If they choose to worship God alone, then it will go well for them in the Promised Land.
   - V. 32: Moses asks the people if anything ever happened that was so great as what happened to them because of God?
   - V. 33: Has a people ever had such a close relationship with God?
   - V. 34: Has any god ever rescued a nation from within a nation, show great miracles and signs, fight for them, and show forth his might and power as God has done for them?
   - V. 39: Because of their unique experience, they should have no doubt that their God is God alone.
   - V. 40: They must obey all his laws and commandments so that they will be successful in the Promised Land.
2. **Matthew 28: 16-20**
   - V. 16: This story is of the Great Commission of the apostles by the Risen Lord Jesus. The eleven: a reminder of the defection of Judas. They meet the Lord in Galilee where it all began. In Mark and Matthew, the Lord meets them in Galilee. In Luke and John, he meets them in Jerusalem. The mountain is symbolic and united this apparition with all the revelations of God on mountains: Mt. Sainai, Mt. Tabor, and the mount of the Sermon on the Mount. A mountain is a place of revelation because it is closer to God in heaven.
   - V. 17: The disciples still struggle to believe in his resurrection. There is a mixture of belief and doubt.
   - V. 18: In Mt. 4: 8-10, the devil tempts Jesus by offering him authority of all the nations of the world if he worships him. Jesus rejected that temptation, and now has received all power on heaven and earth because of his obedience to God his Father.
   - V. 19: The Great Commission: they are to go out to all the world and to all people both Jew and Gentile and make disciples of all nations. They are to baptize in the name of the Trinity. This verse is the origin of our formula for Baptism.
   - V. 20: They teach them all that Jesus taught them. The Lord will be with them until the end of time. In the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is called Emmanuel, God with Us. Here is truly revealed as God who will always be with us until the end of time.

3. **Romans 8: 14-17**
    - V. 14: If we follow the Spirit by our faith in Jesus Christ, then we have a special relationship with God. We are children of God.
    - V. 15: The spirit given to us is not one of fear but of adoption as children of God with the ability to call God, Father, or Abba=Daddy, Papa.
    - V. 16: The Holy Spirit attests that we are children of God.
    - V. 17: If we are adopted children of God then we are also heirs of the salvation instore for us. We are co-heirs with Christ, our brother, if we share in his sufferings so that we can inherit his glory.