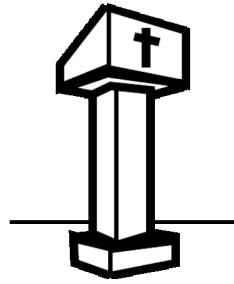


**Sermon Synopsis –
Trinity Sunday
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What is God doing in your life right now? I'm not asking if God is doing something in your life. I'm certain that God is. The question is what. What is God doing in your life right now?



The photo above shows what God has been doing in Susan's and my life right now. This is our new grandson, Thomas. Two weeks ago at this hour, Susan and I were driving north to Silverton, powered by caffeine and adrenaline, hoping to arrive at the hospital before Tommy's arrival in the world. As hard as Laura was pushing, Tommy wasn't cooperating...

Arriving at Silverton Hospital, I greeted Laura and Dan with hugs and kisses. Then, while Susan stayed with Laura and Dan, I sat in the waiting room with a very large extended family which was also awaiting the imminent arrival of baby Atticus. We chatted through the hours and discovered that they were Christians. Learning that one of those waiting was a pastor, I confessed to being an Episcopal priest. Somewhere along in the afternoon, as their baby wasn't cooperating either, we began praying. They learned that Atticus would be born by c-section, and we prayed. Then, when Susan told us about 5:30 p.m. that Laura was going to be having a c-section as well, they asked if they could pray for us. How powerful an experience it was for me to hold hands with Susan and the other pastor as the rest of the group gathered around us. They prayed for us, for Laura and Dan, and for Tommy. I was grateful that in that waiting area, hundreds of miles from home, were other Christians who we could join with in prayer.

In our reading from Proverbs this morning, Wisdom tells us that she is not just found in the places we gather for prayer. The writer tells us, *"On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live."* Wherever we go, God is waiting there to help and teach us.

In John's Gospel, Jesus says much the same thing of the Holy Spirit. *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth."* God knows our needs and what we can bear. Wherever we

are, God is there. And Paul, in our reading from Romans, tells us that God is not only present for joyful events like birth. Wherever we are, and whatever we are going through, God is there. Note that God doesn't create the hard times we go through. But when we go through hard times, God is there for us.

One of the biggest mistakes the church has lapsed into through the years is to teach that, if you want to meet God, you need to come to church. The scriptures today plainly teach us that God is always up to something in our lives, and that doesn't mean only in church.

So, to get back to the question I posed a few minutes ago. What is God doing in your life right now, and where? What's God up to at home, at work, at school, in your neighborhood? What is God doing in your life at the bank, at the grocery store, or at the gas station? What is God calling you to hear, to learn, to do, to become?

Wherever we are, God is with us. And wherever we are, God offers us the love, support and wisdom we need to answer God's call. My prayer for us is that we, all of us, become more open to experience God's presence and hear God's call in every area of our lives.
