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Our church has a beautiful stained glass window, called the Trinity Rose Window. It was made by Rodney Winfield, the same person who made the space window in Washington, D.C. Our window is separated into three dominant colors: blue for the Father, purple for Jesus, and red for the Holy Spirit. The trinity is shown with these three colors and other symbols.

God the Father created the Earth so there are is a lot of blue in the stained glass window. The blue represents the things that God created such as water and the sky. The circular shape of the window represents the world because it is also circular. It is filled with the stars and the universe that God created. There are also some swirling green lines and I think that they represent the fields of grass and the trees. The window shows that God created many amazing things.

Jesus is represented by the cross, which is in the middle of the window. This shows how important Jesus' death was for our salvation and that it is central to our faith. The cross is purple which is a kingly color. Jesus is our heavenly king. Purple is also the color of bruising. Jesus was willing to be bruised and to suffer and die for us. There is a star at the top of the cross, and I think that it is the star that the shepherds and wisemen followed to find Jesus. If you look closely, you will see nail holes on the cross representing Jesus's death and suffering. Jesus loves us so much that he was

willing to die for us, and his cross at the center of the window is at the center of our faith.

The Holy Spirit is represented by the large dove in the middle of the window. Since it is so big, it also shows how important it is. Behind the cross and dove there is a black circle. I think that this black hole represents Jesus and the Holy Spirit saving us from the evil things in the world. I think that the red flames on the window represent the Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came in tongues of fire. There is also something under the dove that looks like a tongue, and I think that it represents that we should spread the word of Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit inspires and guides us through our lives.

The Holy Spirit swooshing down at us, the beautiful purple cross of Jesus in the center, and the swirling power of creation represent our God—the Trinity. To me the window means that God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit have done so much for us, and the window shows us this very well. God created us a world to live in, Jesus died for us, and the Holy Spirit is guiding us to make the right choices.

