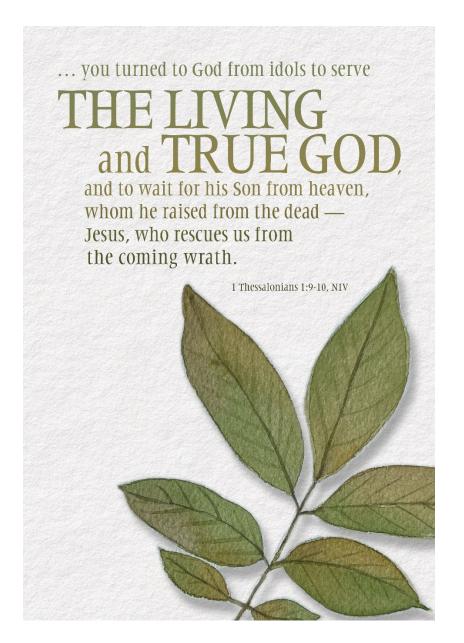
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Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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GATHERING

• Prelude Roxanne Groff

- Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell
- Welcome Pr Mel Musser

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

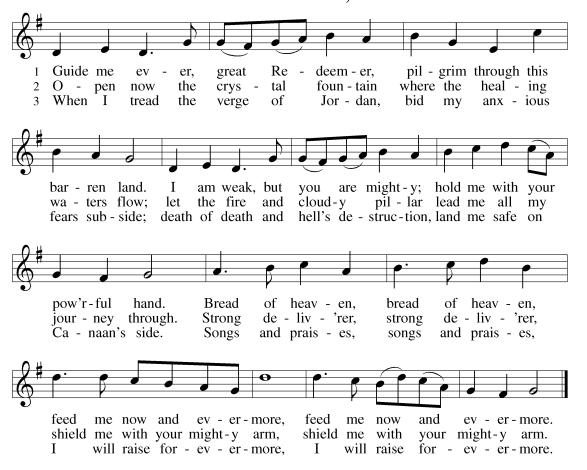
- P: Risen God,
- C: We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- P: In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation calls us into new life for the sake of the world, + through Jesus Christ our savior.

C: Amen.

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* GATHERING HYMN "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" LBW 343



* APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to Lord. the



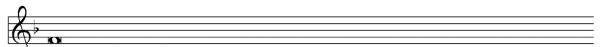


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,





A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. A men

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* HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Holy God, it is not always easy to live out the gospel in our daily lives. We are sometimes met with opposition or rejection when we stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized. Strengthen us by the example of the early Christians that we might persist in our call to bear witness to you. In and through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Theme: Gratitude

Materials: Thank you cards

Scripture: Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Hello girls and boys! I hope you all had a really great week. I have a card with me today. Who can tell me what kind of a card this is? That's right! It's a Thank You Card. Can anyone tell me when and why you might send someone a thank you card? Sometimes people write out and send a thank you card after receiving a nice present or after being invited over to someone's house for dinner. Thank you cards are a very special way to say thank you when someone does something nice for you.

The apostle Paul, who lived during the time of Jesus, was one of the people who spread the news about Jesus everywhere he went. Paul would travel from city to city and stay in each place long enough to start up a brand new Church. Paul started a church in a city with a really big and hard to pronounce name called Thessalonica. Much later, after Paul had moved a couple of more times, he got a report about how the church with the big and hard to say name was doing. They were following the Gospel and more importantly, following the teachings of Jesus.

This news made Paul so happy, he wrote a very long thank you letter to the members of that church with the big and hard to say name. Paul told them, "We always give thanks to God for all of you, because we remember your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ"

Paul wasn't thanking them for a special dinner or for a birthday present, he was thanking God for giving them faith, hope, and love. It was because of these gifts from God that the church with the big and hard to say name was able to do so much and to spread God's Word to so many people. All of this made Paul and his friends feel very good.

I want you to think of someone in this church who makes you feel really good. This is someone who loves you or someone who teaches you about and helps you grow your faith. I have a thank you card for each of you. I want you to put your name on it and give it to that person who has been a blessing to you. It doesn't have to be right now. You can think about it and give it to them after Worship today or in the next week. Saying thank you is more than just being polite. It shows the other person you are grateful and that you appreciate them.

Let's pray and give our thanks to God... Dearest God, Holy Father, we thank you today for being such an awesome God. Thank you for loving us and thank you for blessing us every day. Thank you the most for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.

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• A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

R: Our scripture readings are from the Books of Acts, Chapter 17 and 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 1.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Acts 17:1-9

7 After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." ⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷ and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." 8The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹ and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven,

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• Please be seated Page 7 of 23 whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ (Spoken)

• SERMON Pr. Mel Musser
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the risen Lord Jesus
Christ, amen.

(SLIDE) Paul's first letter to the Church in the city of Thessalonica is most likely the oldest writing of the New Testament. It is dated somewhere between 43 and 50 AD. That's only about ten years or so after the first Easter. Paul, Silas or Silvanus, and Timothy had founded the Church there. It's unclear how long Paul stayed in Thessalonica, but from what we read today it was at least 3 weeks, probably several months. This was his second missionary trip where he had just come from a successful meeting in Jerusalem. Paul had been recalled to Jerusalem from his first mission trip when the controversies over circumcision and food offered to idols became too much of a distraction from spreading the Gospel. At the first Church Council meeting, ever, in Jerusalem, Peter, James and the other Apostles all decided Paul was correct in his teaching that Gentiles did not have to become Jews before becoming Christian. Having settled those early disputes, Paul returned to the mission field. After founding the Church in Thessalonica, Paul constantly had to stay one step ahead of the mobs that seemed intent on doing him in and squashing the Gospel. From Athens, Paul sent Timothy back to the

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Thessalonians to ensure they were following the Gospel and to encourage them in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. When Timothy catches back up with Paul, he's already starting another congregation in the city of Corinth. It is from Corinth that Paul writes back to the Thessalonians with this glowing letter of praise. (SLIDE) Not only are they following the Gospel as laid out by Paul, Silas, and Timothy, news of their work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ has spread to the entire region. So impressive is their work in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ they have become the model for other congregations to follow.

(SLIDE) The work they were doing was not easy. They were under oppression and persecution from the beginning. Paul, Silas, and Timothy barely escaped with their lives when the rioting mob dragged poor Jason and the other believers before the town council. That was a scary time to be a follower of Jesus! They actually had to pay bail back then... Paul had already been run out of Philippi and writes later in chapter 2 that he had to have courage from God just to bring the Gospel message to the people of Thessalonica. When you read through the Book of Acts, the rioters were constantly being stirred up against Paul and the Gospel message. It was a scary time to be a Christian, but it must have also been an exciting time as well. They were doing the work of spreading God's Word of

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love and inclusion to pagans who worshipped a different god on every street corner and high place.

What an exciting time to be a part of Trinity Lutheran Church too! (SLIDE) We don't have anyone dragging us to the town court or beating us for sharing our faith in Jesus Christ, but we do know the thrill of victory... As well as the agony of defeat.... (SLIDE) Paul was a Church planter, but as I travel around Darke and Miami counties, I don't find a lack of churches. There's already Churches aplenty in Darke County, so we no longer need to travel around the county starting a new congregation in every village and town. On the other hand, we do live in a time when the Gospel message still needs to be proclaimed. Today, the message of God's forgiveness, acceptance, and love is needed as much or more than in ancient times. With mental illness on the rise and the hungry living on the streets, the job of Churches today is no easier than it was 2000 years ago.

Even in our own Congregation, we have gaps where we're not serving or reaching some segments of our own folks. (SLIDE) To address these gaps and to better serve those God has given to us, we've been meeting as the Children, Youth, and Family or "CYF" Ministry Team now for well over a year. (SLIDE) When we made the change from being the Sunday School Team to the CYF ministry we quickly realized this was much bigger and more inclusive than just planning for Sunday School and a few related events. CYF ministry includes nearly every

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ministry of Trinity for all the life stages within our congregation. I mean everyone has a family, so most of the things we do affect almost everyone in one way or another. So, we began by making a timeline from January through December of all the ministries of this Church. We printed that list out and made it available to everyone who came to the meetings. We spent a couple of months just combing through that list to make sure we didn't leave anything out and that the timing of when certain things needed to happen was clearly indicated. Our meetings now are much shorter as we typically go over the previous month and then make plans for the upcoming 3 months. For those of us who attend the CYF Ministry Team meetings, we are all amazed at the level of activity in this place. Because of these CYF meetings I have become much more focused on the events and ministries of Trinity. We discovered a few gaps in our ministry and some areas where our focus can improve the programing we offer. Since starting the CYF Ministry Team we've added numerous educational events and special speakers to our Adult Sunday School time. We've added a few completely new events to our Church calendar. Last January Marge planned a highly successful Euchre Tournament and a few weeks later we came together for our first ever Fat Tuesday pancake supper and celebration as a lead-in to our Lenten journey. Our Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent are once again filled with delicious soups, the Word of God, and more of you attended than I ever hoped for. Next week we will fulfill

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what has been a longtime prayer of mine. We will turn over the reigns of our Worship service entirely to our youth—even the sermon! Maybe wet haven't planted any new Church congregations, but we have a bit of experience planting new ministries for both our members and for those not yet members. Yes, it certainly is an exciting time to be active here at Trinity! Not just because we're the reigning dartball champions, but because of all the ways God's love is poured out among us.

I say all this, not just to toot our own horn, but rather so we can all remember and give thanks for the opportunities we've been given to serve the true and living God. (SLIDE) Two weeks ago we had a guest speaker during Adult Sunday School, Christian Conversations. Sandra Combs, from Graceworks also gave the Sermon that day. During the sermon, Sandra talked about how moved and inspired she was to see how we tie our prayers to the beautiful Prayer Quilts made by our Prayers and Squares Ministry. As the Congregational Liaison for Graceworks, Sandra travels around to many congregations in southern Ohio. My guess is she will be spreading the word of your love and how you serve the sick and those in need, not just with a pretty blanket, but with our very love and prayers tied right into the fabric of each quilt. As Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, so I tell you, your work of faith, your labor of love, and your steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ are inspirational to so many. I'm not just talking about the

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ministry of Prayers and Squares either. The way you all come together when any need arises, is amazing. Most of the time the opportunities for doing something new come from you, not from me. That's the way it should be in the Church. Each and every one of you is equipped with gifts that God intends you to share. Here's a few more examples... The Sunday School fund helps folks who need a little extra help to get by. The money raised from the Christmas Auction helps Darke County children who would otherwise not have presents for Christmas. Just recently you all gave generously to two families hit hard by the recent tornados. You all paid the mortgage for several months for a family whose primary breadwinner was permanently disabled. The latest thing I've heard about is your desire to repurpose old shirts and blouses into clothing coverings for the residents of Graceworks so they don't soil their clothing when they eat. The list goes on and on... I haven't even touched on the myriad of ministries you all just do on your own without fanfare or accolades. For all these ministries I give thanks to God our Father. For your generosity, not just at Christmas time, but year round, I give thanks to God our Father. For the faith of each person and the way you all rise to any challenge, I give thanks to God our Father. For the love you freely share within our cozy little congregation and with people you don't even know, I give thanks to God our Father. For your works of love, for your faithfulness in serving, and for your willingness to take a leap of faith when the end is not certain, I give

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thanks to God our Father. Most of all for allowing me to be a small part of your huge ministry, I give thanks to God our Father. May his blessings upon this Congregation never cease. Amen!

Silence may be kept for meditation...

* NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: O God, you sustained Paul and the early Christians through harsh opposition and persecution. Give us the persistence to do your work of justice even when we face strong pushback or personal risk. God of new life,

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C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: We human beings are the most adaptable creatures on earth, inhabiting even the most hostile of climates. Wherever we live, fill us with mutual love for the natural world around us, that we would sustain the environments that sustain us. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Open the minds of all who lead to new ideas and learnings from younger generations and other nations, that together we might solve the issues that negatively affect the whole world. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Bring healing and wholeness to those recovering from injury or surgery, and to all whose health is challenged in any way, (*especially...*) God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Comfort the victims of violence, especially gun violence, and bring healing to families and communities torn apart by it. Commit us to doing whatever is needed to end violence in our nation and our world. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: So many saints from Paul to the present have risked their safety, their reputations, and their lives for the sake of the gospel. Inspire us by their example to be willing to do whatever is needed to make sure your message of love and justice is carried forward. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet may go to our website located at www.pitsburgtlc.org where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

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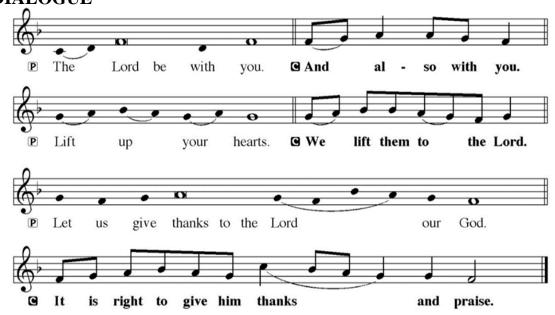
* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...Holy Spirit, who guided Paul to carry to the good news of Christ to all the world, and who inspires us in our giving to support the life and ministries of this congregation, accept these, our gifts, for your good purposes.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

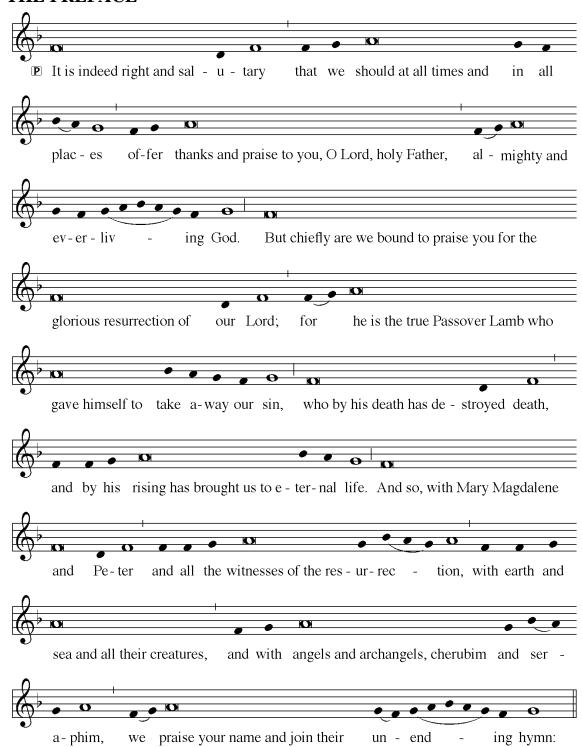
* DIALOGUE



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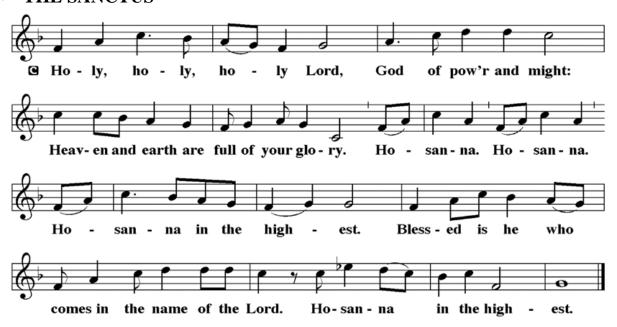
* THE PREFACE



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* THE SANCTUS



* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

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* THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P: United into one through Jesus Christ Our Lord, we pray as Jesus taught...
- C: 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.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus, who meets us wherever we are, and strengthens us in our call to work for his justice, now invites us to the feast of his body and blood. Come and experience the presence of Jesus in this holy meal.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is by "Station". As the ministers give the bread and wine, they may say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

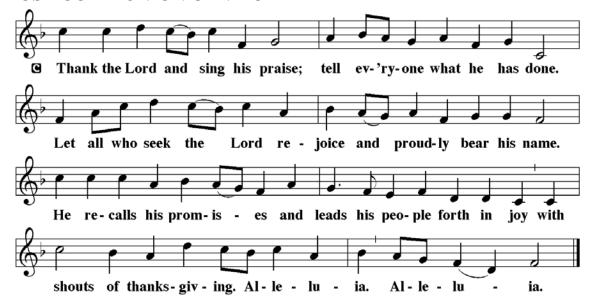
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, + now and forever, amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



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* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

C: Amen.



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* DISMISSAL

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

* POSTLUDE Roxanne Groff

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, April 28th Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Organize your photos. **BODY:** Clean out your closets.

SPIRIT: Share your love for Jesus with someone.

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This Week @ Trinity - April 21 thru April 28:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, Apr. 21	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Wed, Apr. 24	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Fri, Apr. 26	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, Apr. 28	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Youth Sunday

Save The Date!

Sunday, April 28, 10:30 am	Youth Leading Worship
Saturday, May 18	Trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky

WELCA PIZZA/PRETZEL/SUB SALE – Order forms can be found on the table outside the office. Orders are due by May 19 and pickup will be June 9.



Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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