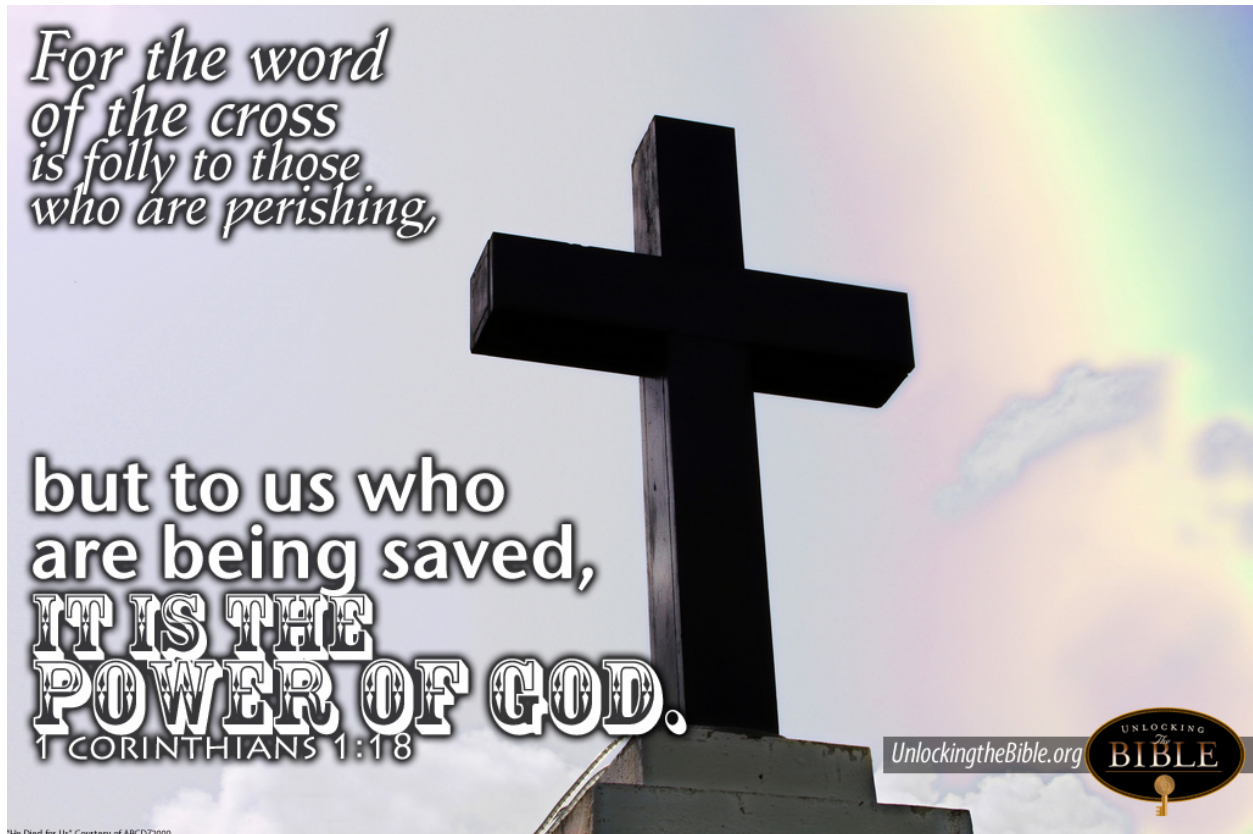


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Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
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GATHERING

• **Prelude** **Roxanne Groff**

• **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

• **Welcome** **PJ Musser**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **Pr Mel Musser**

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.

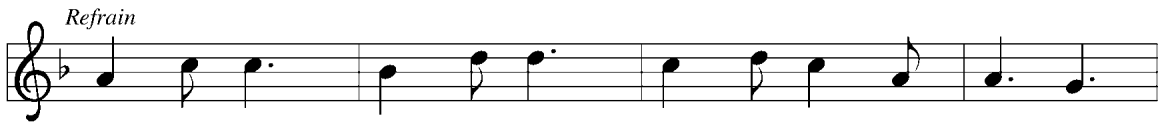
* **GATHERING HYMN** **“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”** **ELW 335**



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING** **Pr Mel Musser**

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.

* **KYRIE**

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** 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 – Sylvia Boston**

P: Let us pray... God of community, you call us into loving and supportive relationship with one another in our church family. Through the Holy Spirit, unify our hearts and minds, that together we might strive to bring your healing grace into the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

• **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Lexie Angles**

• **A READING OF SCRIPTURE – Carlee Kemp**

Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

R: Our scripture readings are from the Books of Acts, Chapter 18 and 1 Corinthians, Chapter 1.

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C: Glory to you, O Lord.

18 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴ Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

1 Corinthians 1

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)

- **SERMON – Robby Arling**

Silence may be kept for meditation...

- **SPECIAL MUSIC**

- * **NICENE CREED – Micah Angles**

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

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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 – Finley and Callie Schmitmeyer**

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

A brief silence.

L: Saving God, the message of the cross is utter foolishness to the powerful. Give us the strength and conviction to proclaim and to model your sacrificial love and leadership in all we say and do. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Your blessed creation is in need of our loving care and restoration. Unite us in our efforts to address pollution, climate change, and harmful practices throughout the world. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Keep our elected officials at all levels focused on the things that truly matter, that they might aggressively work toward your reign of justice and equity for all people. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Guide physical and behavioral health professionals who care for those in our families and communities whose lives are affected by illness, injury, or grief (*especially...*) God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Help us to see past our disagreements with one another, large and small, that we might be united in whatever work it is that you have called us to in our world. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: With gratitude we remember all peacemakers throughout history who have united and strengthened the body of Christ by their calm guidance. May we, in turn, bring peace and unity to our own faith community. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

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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 – Jackson Baker and Noah Harleman**

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.

- * **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ... Generous God, you provide each of us and our church family with abundant resources. Accept these gifts out of what you have first given us, that we might work for the good of all that you have made.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- * **DIALOGUE**

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. Ⓞ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. Ⓞ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ⓞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

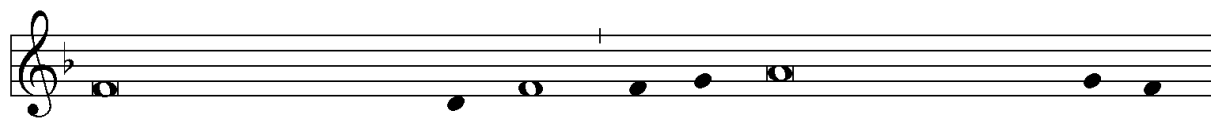
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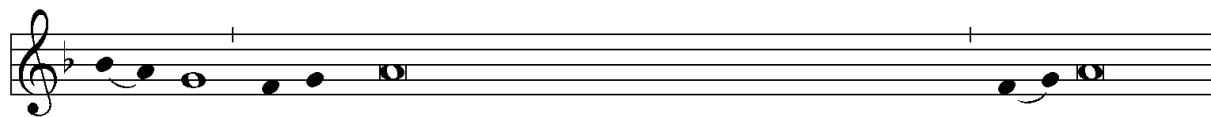
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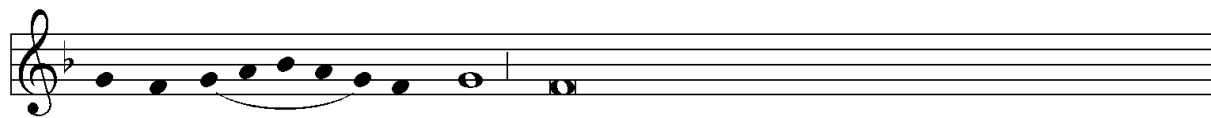
* THE PREFACE



It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all



plac - es of-fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, al - mighty and



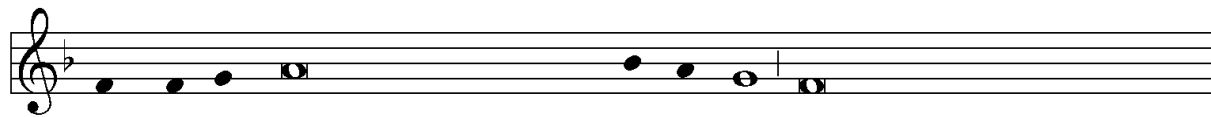
ev - er - liv - ing God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the



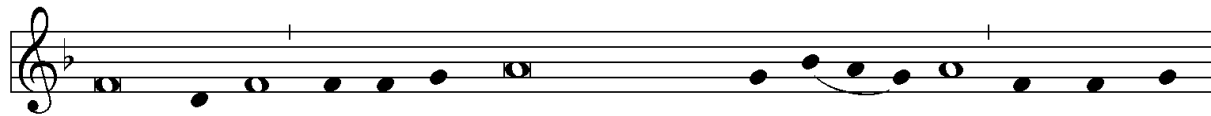
glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who



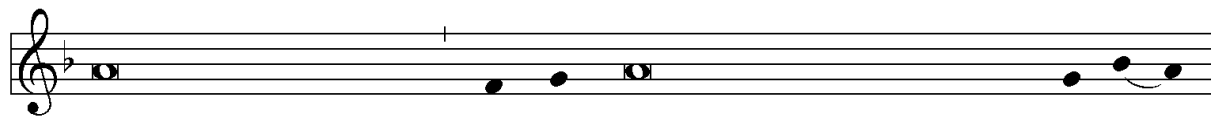
gave himself to take a-way our sin, who by his death has de - stroyed death,



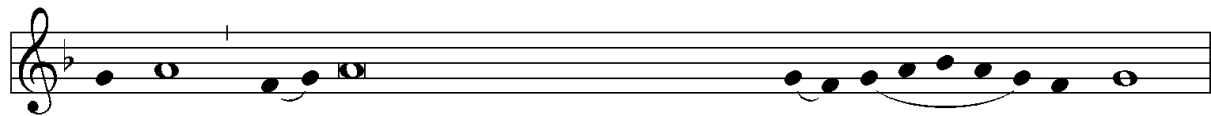
and by his rising has brought us to e - ter - nal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene



and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and



sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and ser -



a - phim, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

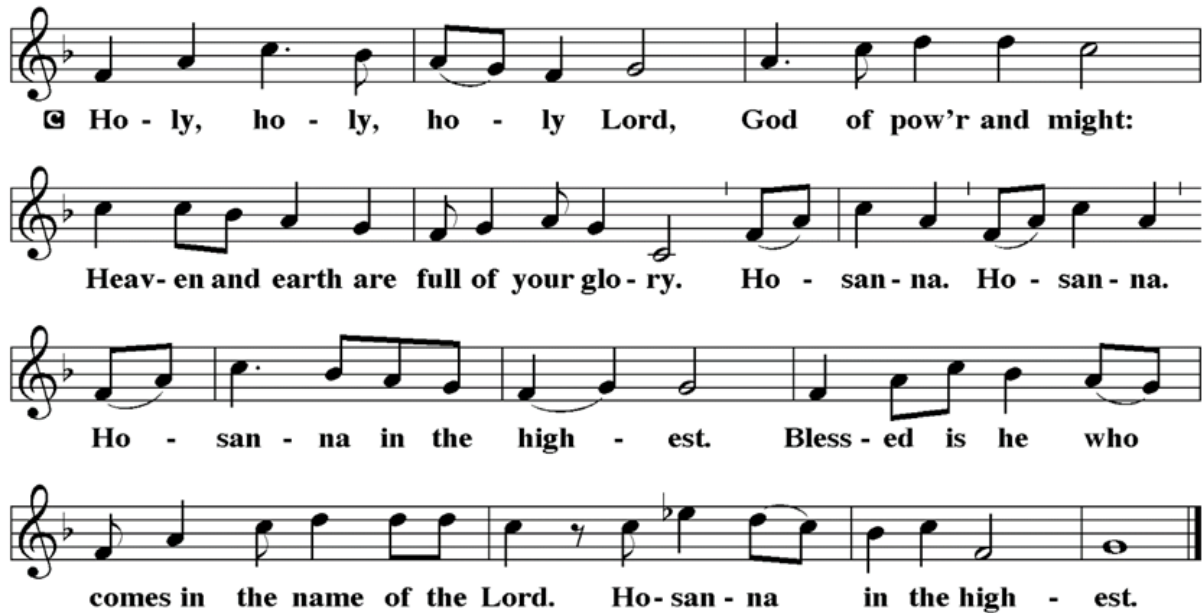
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* **THE SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

* **EUCCHARISTIC 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, our brother, invites you to experience his presence fully in this holy meal of bread and wine. Come and be nourished for a life lived in his name. All is prepared for you.

• **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION – Assistant: Russell Daniels**

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**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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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**

PJ Musser

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.

*** SENDING HYMN**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

LBW 107



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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* **DISMISSAL**

PJ Musser

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, May 5th
Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Try a science experiment.

BODY: Go for a hike.

SPIRIT: Learn a morning prayer.

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This Week @ Trinity – April 28 thru May 5:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, Apr. 28	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Youth Sunday
Tues, Apr. 30	10:00 am	Prayers & Squares Quilting
Wed, May 1	11:30 am	WELCA Meeting
Thurs, May 2	10:00 am	Youth & Family Ministry Meeting
Fri, May 3	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, May 5	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	Mother-Daughter-Friend Event

Save The Date!

Thursday, May 9	Community Blood Drive at Trinity
Saturday, May 18	Trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky

MAY TRINITY TRUMPET – Please pick up your Trinity Trumpet Newsletter which can be found on the table near the office.

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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