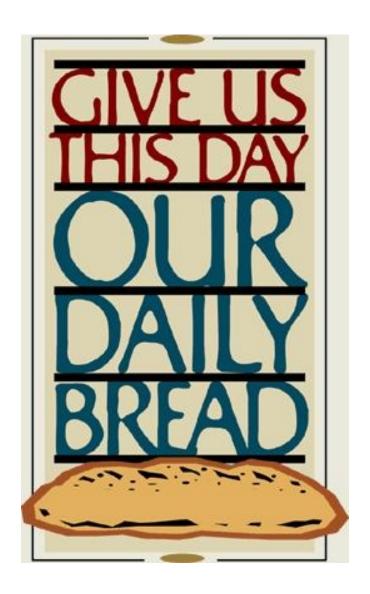
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Luke 11:2-4 June 16, 2024



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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: Merciful God,
- C: Like willful children, we have turned away from you, we have refused to heed your call to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. We have wandered after other gods, and squandered your extravagant gifts to us. We have been ungrateful for all that you have provided, and refused to share these things with others. Draw us back into your embrace. Cleanse us by your unconditional love and mercy, that we might live in a state of complete trust in you, and act out of that trust on behalf of others.
- P: Beloved children of God, your heavenly father throws open His arms like the father of the prodigal son and welcomes you back always. For the sake of Jesus, your brother, God forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

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* GATHERING HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with You" LBW 492

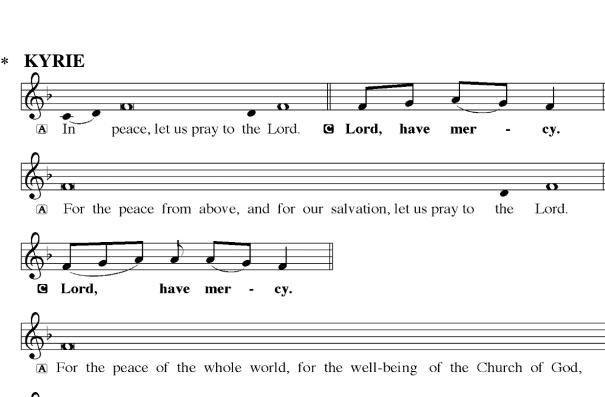


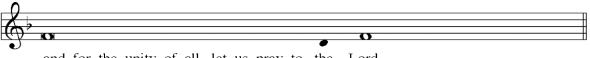
* APOSTOLIC GREETING

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





A 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... Loving God, you taught your people to depend on you daily for manna in the wilderness—not to hoard for themselves, but to take only what was needed. Teach us to trust that you will care for our needs one day at a time, and make us generous with our possessions for the sake of those whose circumstances prevent them from receiving sufficient nutrition, housing, and other basic needs. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Theme: Why God created dads.

Materials: A jar with a tight lid, a necktie, a TV remote,

and a pair of men's work gloves

Scripture: Luke 11:2-4

Hello girls and boys. I hope you had a great week. Who knows what special holiday today is? That's right, it's Father's Day... So, today I brought some things to show you that remind me of Fathers... (Bring out the items in the bag one at a time.) When I was a child and couldn't open a jar, I would always give it to someone who could. Do you know who it was? (dad) That's right. One reason God created dads is because they are strong and can help provide for us.

What do you suppose this is? (A Tie) Who wears something like this? Do we put it on the dog to wear? Do mommies wear them? Who wears them?" (dads) That's right, daddies wear ties like this. And look how long it is. That's because daddies most of the time are taller than us, and so a tie has to be long for him. Another reason God created dads is because they are taller than us and they're someone we can look up to.

What is this?" (a TV Remote Control) That's right, it's a TV remote control. Daddies use these a lot, don't they? Probably more than anyone in the house. Just ask your mommies. Well, God created dads to make certain choices for us, too, until we get old enough to make decisions for ourselves.

What are these?" (work gloves) Yes, daddies use these to work with things outside, or to hold something that might hurt his hands. Why do daddies wear these? What do they protect? (hands) Do you see how big they are? Daddies hands can do a lot of things. They can work hard, but they are also big enough and gentle enough to hold us, to love us, and to keep us safe. So God created dads to love us and to hold us.

So God made dads for a lot of things: To be strong and provide for us, to be someone to look up to, to make choices for us until we can make them for ourselves, and to love and hold us.

Now, when Jesus prayed, what did he call God? (Father) That's right. God is Father to everyone. And God made dads to remind us that he will provide for us, that we can always look to him, that we can trust God to guide us, and that God will always love and hold us in his care.

Let's pray... Our Father who art in heaven. Thank you for making dads. Thank you for always loving us, and thank you for keeping us in your care. Amen.

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• A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:2-4

R: Our scripture reading is from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 11.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

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 one who showed us how to pray, Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

By now some of us should be experts on the Lord's Prayer. We studied this prayer under the teaching of Adam Hamilton during Lent and now you've had another 4 weeks of hearing about it from me. This is our final installment for this summer on the model prayer Jesus gave to us. What more can I say that hasn't already been said? Well actually, a lot. We would do well to continue learning and unpacking this prayer for the rest of our time here on earth. Unfortunately, many people's prayer lives leave much room for improvement. It's been speculated that prayer is one of the biggest obstacles to faith. (SLIDE) Besides being intimidated by the God who is revealed as the Almighty, the All Knowing, and the Omnipresent One, prayer to God is often complicated by not getting the answer to our prayers that we thought we wanted and needed. The problem of "unanswered" prayer leaves many people feeling they are not heard by God or that

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God isn't listening any more, or that God either can't or won't answer them. It does seem to be a fact of our experience that many people do get discouraged and they do give up and some give up on their faith because they feel a sense of failure in their prayer life. (SLIDE) I've already told you about my own struggles with prayer and I don't think I'm alone here.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus had gone to a certain place to pray. When He had finished, his disciples asked him to teach them to pray. (SLIDE) Their request wasn't after Jesus completed a four-week sermon series on the importance of praying. It didn't come after a workshop or seminar on praying. The disciples wanted Jesus to teach them to pray because they saw how important prayer was to Jesus. They could see the close relationship Jesus had with God and the way Jesus relied on God for His every need. They could plainly see the power of prayer in Jesus, and they wanted some of that too. This leads us to ask... "How do we pray?" "Why pray at all?" "When should we pray?" "Is there a special formula or a sacred language that should be used?" One thing is clear, there are many questions and there is a lot of misunderstanding about how to pray and why. (SLIDE) Here, before their very eyes, the disciples saw a personality in whom prayer was vital and influential! The more they lived with Jesus, the more they saw how Jesus operated, the more they knew they could never explain him or understand him unless they understood his praying. They wanted Jesus to teach

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them to pray, not because of some new argument for prayer, or some powerful sermon, or some new discovery about prayer, but because of the amazing spiritual power released in Jesus by the sheer authority of his prayers. (SLIDE) They wanted him to tell them how to pray. The disciples were slow on the uptake on so many things Jesus taught, but when it came to praying, they saw in Jesus the awesome power of God and that alone made them ask Jesus to teach them to pray. They learned how to pray from Jesus and so can we. Jesus prayed regularly, sensibly, and confidently.

Jesus prayed regularly and so can we... (SLIDE) To say this another way,
Jesus prayed often. Luke tells us Jesus would withdraw to deserted places and
pray. (Luke 5:16) Before choosing his disciples, Luke tells us Jesus prayed all
night long. (Luke 6:12) Jesus was praying on the mountaintop when He was
Transfigured and spoke to both Moses and Elijah. Jesus taught about being
persistent in prayer, about praying for our enemies, and about our attitude of
humility when we pray. Everything worthwhile takes time... regular, disciplined
time. Ask any artist. Ask any musician. Ask any doctor or lawyer or minister or
engineer. Ask any athlete. Like any human endeavor, your prayers get better the
more you do it. We took Micah to the batting cage in Englewood a couple of times
this spring. The last time we were there Micah practiced hitting so much he had
blisters on his hands. How powerful would your prayers be if you practiced

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folding your hands so often you developed blisters and then callouses on your praying hands? Powerful prayers take time, effort, and determination. You have to plug away at it. It doesn't come over night... and it doesn't stay with you unless you stay with it. Prayer just takes a lot of practice and you know, I think it's worth it. If Jesus felt the need to pray regularly, how much more must we need to pray regularly.

Jesus prayed sensibly and so can we... Jesus prayed with intelligent common sense. (SLIDE) He didn't use prayer as some magical device to get all His selfish wishes granted. A while ago I was reading an article about a major league baseball pitcher who prays God will help him "get 'em out"... A player on an opposing team says he prays God will help him "get a hit." I couldn't help but smile when I thought about how confusing this must be to God when they face each other! Can you imagine the sheer chaos that would happen if God answered all of our prayers? God is so much more than our prayer answerer. God is not our personal Genie in a bottle who exists to grant you wishes... Sometimes it makes me speechless when I consider a picture of God as some kind of divine waiter (SLIDE) who at our slightest whim rushes off to a heavenly kitchen and then runs back with steaming portions of whatever we have asked for! How senseless to expect God to do for us what we can do for ourselves! Jesus was sensible in his prayers. He asked God for what He wanted, but always put himself below God's

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sovereign reign. That's what we're called to do too and that's exactly what we do when we pray for God's will to be done. We're giving the control of the universe back to God. It was too much for us to handle anyway... Jesus prayed regularly and He prayed sensibly... and so can we...

Jesus also prayed confidently and so can we... (SLIDE) "Thy will be done"... that was the prayer of Jesus... and it's a prayer we can pray with confidence because God knows us better than we know ourselves. God knows what we need and what is good for us better than we know. This is precisely what Garth Brooks is saying in his country hit song, "Thank God for Unanswered Prayer." When I was a kid, growing up in Geneva-On-The-Lake, my neighbor had a motor scooter. I watched as she rode that thing up and down our road all summer long. I used to pray that I could get a motorcycle, but my parents said they were too dangerous. One day she offered me to ride it myself. I tried, but I had no idea what to do. I ended up having a small crash and skinned up arm and leg. I realized my parents were right. Motorcycles are too dangerous for me. God, like a loving parent, knows what is best for His children. Our best prayer is a confident "Thy will be done!" One of the reasons Jesus prayed confidently was because He saw prayer as friendship with God. Someone once described prayer simply like that... as "friendship with God." That's a pretty good definition...

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There's an old beautiful story about an elderly man who was quite ill. The minister came to see the dying man and noticed an empty chair pulled up especially close on the opposite side of the bed... (SLIDE) The old man said, "Let me tell you about this chair. Many years ago I found it quite difficult to pray, so one day I shared this problem with my pastor. He told me not to worry about kneeling or about placing myself in some pious position or about speaking in highsounding words. Instead, he said, 'Just sit down, put a chair in front of you, and imagine God sitting there in that chair... and then just talk to Him as you would talk to a friend." The old man said, "I've been doing that ever since." Some days later, the daughter of the old man called the minister to tell him that her father had died peacefully. And then she said this: "For some reason, his hand was on that empty chair next to his bed. Isn't that strange?" "O no, it's not strange at all. I understand perfectly. (SLIDE) He was reaching out to his 'Best Friend.'" On this Father's Day, may we reach out to our Heavenly Father often, asking for God's will to be done in our lives. That's what prayer is. It's reaching out to God. It's reaching out to our best friend. Jesus prayed regularly, sensibly, confidently, and so can we...

(SLIDE) May we never shy away from talking to God about our wishes, wants, desires, and our deepest needs. May we come to know God as our best friend in every situation. May we pray regularly, sensibly, and confidently,

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knowing God always listens and always gives us good gifts. Pray with me confidently, O' God, Thy will be done. Amen.

Silence may be kept for meditation...

* APOSTLES' 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: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

> Or. He descended to the dead.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Together with our siblings in Christ throughout the world, we pray for the needs of all that God has made.

A brief silence.

L: Generous God, you know our every need, physical, emotional, and spiritual. Help us to trust in your care, that we might, in turn, be a channel of that care for others. God, our shepherd,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You know the needs of the world you created—the delicate balance of ecosystems and climate, of habitats and individual creatures. Help us to lower our negative impact on our environment, for the benefit of all. God, our shepherd,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You teach us how to care for one another. Help our leaders to act out of a deep desire to meet the needs of all whom they serve. God, our shepherd,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You created our bodies and minds, and know what is needed for us to be healthy and happy. Guide all medical professionals and caregivers so that they

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might best meet the needs of all who experience infirmity of any kind, (especially...) God, our shepherd,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You made us to be in relationship with you and with others. Bless all marriages and committed relationships of every kind, that we might experience love and trust in our human relationships as well as with you. God, our shepherd,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: You have nourished and upheld your beloved children throughout time. Help us to celebrate those departed saints who lived lives of trust in you. God, our shepherd,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Confident that you care for all our needs, we lift these prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your loving hands.

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.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

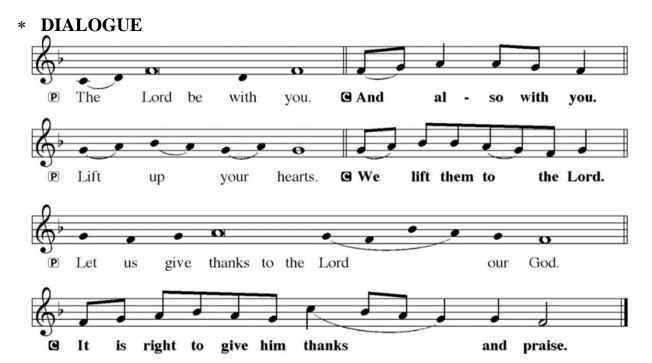
P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...God, you provide our daily bread and so much more. With gratitude for your loving care, we return to you out of your own abundance for the sake of those who are in need. Accept and use these gifts for the work of the church on behalf of the suffering.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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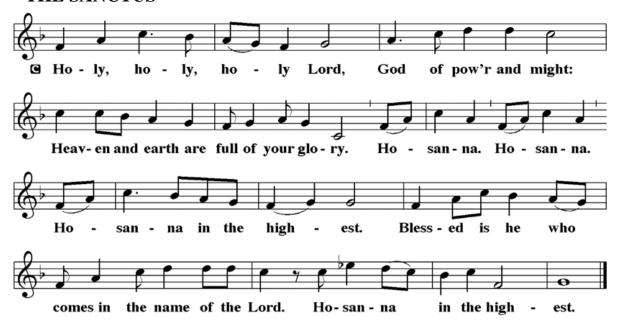
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THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



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* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.
- 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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.
- Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

* 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 is to be found fully present in this bread and wine, now invites you to be nourished on it at this table. Come and be joined with your siblings in Christ throughout time and space in this holy meal.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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Communion is by "Station". Please come down the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they may say these words to each communicant

The body of Christ, given for you.

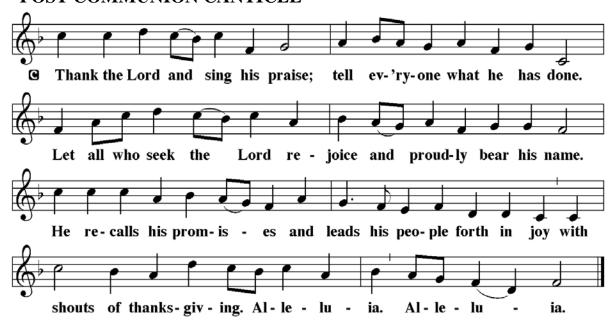
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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



* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen

SENDING

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* SENDING BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

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"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" **SENDING HYMN LBW 221** God's bless-ing, our Sent forth by true faith con - fess - ing, With praise and thanks - giv - ing God liv - ing, to ev er God from this the dwell - ing take leave. peo - ple of ev - 'ry - day life the tasks of our we will face sup - per is faith ev - er The end - ed. Oh, now be ex tend - ed shar - ing, in love ev car - ing, our er ser - vice who the fruits of this in all be - lieve. God's em - brac - ing chil - dren, the whole hu - man race. The of seed Christ's teach - ing, re cep - tive souls With your feast you feed us, with your light now reach-ing, shall blos - som God and for all. in ac - tion for u - nite us this one in life that we share. lead us; as Your grace shall in cite us, your love shall nite the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing Then may all king - dom work for and call. to your an - swer your to Christ and his name that bear. hon - or give

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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, June 23rd
1 John 1:1 – 2:2

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BODY: Schedule regular dental/medical exams **MIND:** Make positive affirmations **SPIRIT:** Listen to yourself and learn what fills you

This Week @ Trinity - June 2 thru June 9:

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|----------------|---------------------|---|
| Sun, June 16 | 9:30 am | Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service |
| Tues, June 18 | Newsletter Deadline | |
| Wed, June 19 | 10:00 am | GRCC Soup Kitchen |
| | 7:00 pm | Trinity Council Meeting |
| Thurs, June 20 | 11:30 am | Ladies & Gents Luncheon at 19 th Hole, |
| | | 6545 St. Rt. 36, Greenville |
| Fri, June 21 | 3:30 pm | FISH Choice Food Pantry |
| Sun, June 23 | 9:30 am | Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service |

Save The Date!

| Wednesday, June 19 @ 10:00 am | GGRC Soup Kitchen |
|-------------------------------|---|
| July 9 & 11 @ 6:00 pm | Vacation Bible School |
| July 14 – After Worship | Trinity Carry-In/Picnic/VBS Celebration |
| July 21 – 9:00 am | Breakfast & Presentation by Oesterlen |
| | Services for Youth of Springfield, Ohio |



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.

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