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Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 May 19, 2024



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Prelude Roxanne Groff

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



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* 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,

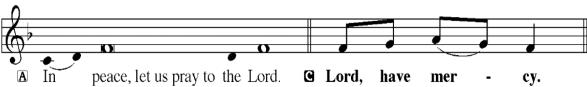
- C: We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love 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.

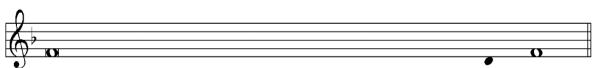
C: Amen.

* APOSTOLIC GREETING

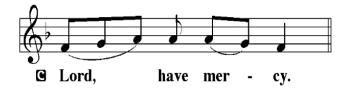
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.





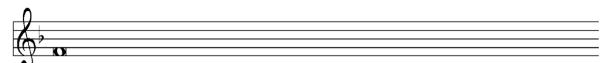


A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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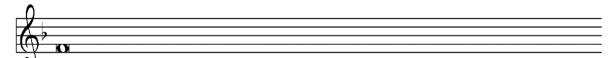


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



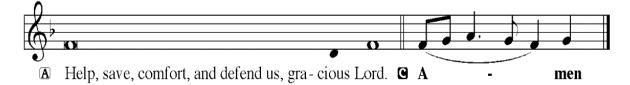
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





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





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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 Spirit, by your power, the church came to be, and by your power, we continue to carry the good news of Jesus into the world. Inspire us to give the gifts you have given us in service to God, our neighbors, and the whole of creation. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

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• CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



Theme: God sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Materials: Balloons

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Hello girls and boys. Did you have fun waiving your little Holy Spirit banners this morning during our Gathering Song. I sure did! Now I have another way for us to think about God's Holy Spirit. I have this balloon. It looks like a very fine balloon, doesn't it? It lacks one thing. What's missing from my balloon? That's right it needs to be filled with breath and life in order to truly be a great balloon. Without my breath of life, this balloon is just a flat piece of rubber... When I blow into it, that's when this balloon can fulfill its mission.

In the Bible, before the day of Pentecost the church was kind of like this empty balloon. There was no life in the Church. Then on this very special day God sent His Holy Spirit to inflate the Church and it became alive. The Bible tells us on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came like a rush of a great wind. And the people could see fire on top of the heads of the Apostles. Normally, that would be very scary wouldn't it? I mean fire and wind together could have burned down the entire city. But that's not what happened. Instead when the Apostles began to tell the people about hoe Jesus came to earth from heaven, how he healed the sick, fed the hungry, and died on a cross, but then was raised from the dead on the third day and had ascended back into heaven where he rules all of the universe from the right hand side of God all those people heard their stories in their own native languages. They heard it in Latin, and Spanish, and Greek, and Hebrew. They heard the story of God and Jesus in language they could understand. That helped the Apostles get the Word of God to as many people as possible in a very short time. That's how the Church grew so fast. Frome that very windy start, the Church is still growing today. Every day new people hear about Jesus and how God so loved the world that He sent us Jesus for our salvation. So we could be with God forever, even after we die, we will have eternal life with Jesus and God forever. Let's thank God for what He did on the day of Pentecost.

Dear God... Thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior and our Lord. We want to help you to spread the Good News of your Love with everyone we know and everyone we meet. Give us the words to say just as you gave the words to your first Apostles. Amen.

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• A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

R: Our scripture reading is from the Books of Acts, Chapter 2 and 1st Corinthians, Chapter 12.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Acts ²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

 $1 \ \ Corinthians 12 \\ ^{\text{Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.} \\$

²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 God's only Son who

has given his spirit for the life of the Church, amen.

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I have to tell you I was and still am a little bit apprehensive about our little procession we had today. I mean give me a fishing pole and there's a pretty good chance someone's going to get poked or hooked. If not, then there's the public reaction to a grown man dangling brightly colored streamers over everyone's heads... In another lifetime I was told this was childish and beneath us to behave in such a way. Nevertheless, several jumped on the idea and here we are. The children make it seem a little more palatable, but I still hope and pray it wasn't too over the top for your tastes... In the end, I thought it might be a good way to help us rekindle the fire that animated the early Church and brought so many new believers into the faith. (SLIDE) That's what the miracle of Pentecost is all about. What happened on that first Christian Pentecost was all about quickly spreading the Good News about Jesus Christ to as many people as possible in as short a period of time as possible. Spread the Word it did.

Most of us think of Pentecost as that day when people began to speak in tongues. (SLIDE) Until this week that's what I thought as well. God opened the mouths of the Apostles and they spoke in many languages. I never really thought much further or deeper than that. The truth I discovered this week as I pondered the scripture was that there really were two miracles that day. Yes, the Apostles did speak in different languages, but their words were heard and understood by all those different folks from all those different countries and parts of the world, in

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their native languages. (SLIDE) One miracle was in the speaking and the second miracle was in the hearing and understanding of what the Apostles were saying.

Let's fast forward 40 or 50 years from that first Pentecost to the time when Paul needed to write this letter to the Church he founded in the city of Corinth. Now humans, being the sinful creatures that we are, can turn the most blessed gift into a nightmare. Unfortunately, that's exactly what was going on within the congregation of the Church in the city of Corinth. They were arguing and fighting over whose spiritual gifts were more important and who should get the most respect within the Church. Evidently, some within the Church valued speaking in tongues so much they thought they were the bees' knees. If any think I acted childish by prancing around with my fishing pole and flame colored streamers please refer to Paul's words, that it takes all parts of the body to make the Body of Christ. If you go that far with me, then I'll also remember the rest of Paul's words where he reminds us that the purpose of any spiritual gift is the building up of the Body of Christ.

So, does Paul give us any help in figuring out if the use of certain spiritual gifts are from God or from some other spirit? According to the apostle Paul, one way to know whether a movement is led by the Spirit of God is to listen for its claims about Jesus Christ. The Spirit makes Jesus known to us in the cross (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:18-31), the supper (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:23-34), and the resurrection

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(cf. 1 Corinthians 15). (SLIDE) By the Spirit, the church testifies that Jesus—not money, security, self esteem, paranoia, power, or anything else—is Lord. Gifts from God's Spirit proclaim Jesus as Lord. They also serve the common good. Paul's second criterion for discerning the work of the Holy Spirit points to the Spirit's interest in the common life of those it draws together. Just as the Spirit is all about talking up Jesus as Lord, so the Spirit is all about building up the group rather than just certain individuals. Paul reminds the Corinthian Church and also us today, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7). (SLIDE) So, if my flaming streamers build us up and help us to love one another as Jesus commanded, then it's probably okay. If it makes half the congregation uncomfortable or distracts from making Jesus known, then we should rethink using these streamers again next year... Individuals receive gifts from the Spirit, yet each gift is for the body as a whole. This implies that if a gift cannot be shared, and shared for the good of others, it is not from the Spirit. It also implies that any attempt to rank individuals according to their possession of "better" gifts would be at odds with each gift's common purpose for the good of all. The third clue Paul offers to us as we try to discern if a certain thing is from God's spirit or not is a sort of negative criterion. Whatever God's Spirit is doing, it will probably not be characterized by tidiness. When you are looking for the Spirit's gifts, look for a bit of a mess. So, Paul tells us we can tell if something is

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from the Holy Spirit is it helps us to make Jesus Christ known to the world as God's Son and our Lord and Savior. It must also help to build up the entire body of Christ not make any one person or group seem better than the rest. Thirdly, gifts of the Holy Spirit will always be characterized by a bit of messiness.

All of that sounds easy enough, but what happens when I think flame colored streamers build up, but someone else thinks they're stupid and it makes them uncomfortable or even angry? Then the thing I thought would build up the church only serves to alienate or tear down. Discerning what builds up and what tears down can be messy business. Being Church together has been messy since the beginning. I mean the speaking and hearing miracles of the first Pentecost were certainly marvelous miracles to behold, but even then some thought the Apostles must have been drunk already at 9 O'clock in the morning.

The Corinthians were the original religious enthusiasts. Judging by Paul's letters they swallowed the Holy Spirit feathers and all. (SLIDE) They became enamored by the sort of external, glamorous manifestations of the spirit like speaking in tongues, prophesying, and healing, while ignoring or making less of the quieter ways in which God's spirit moves. They did not seem to appreciate the ways the Spirit gathered many diverse people together to be the Body of Christ. It got so bad they couldn't even celebrate the Lord's Supper together because some thought they were so much better than the others.

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In this upside down world we live in today how can we still tell if we're on the right track or the highway to that other place? (SLIDE) We can start by keeping Paul's three criterion in mind. We're doing God's work if we're making Jesus Christ known in our world as God's Son and our Savior and our Lord. Are we using our Spiritual Gifts to build up the Body of Christ within our Congregation and to literally build up the Body by attracting new members *and* helping them grow in their faith. Finally, if we're not making a little bit of a mess then we're probably not using the Spiritual Gifts God has given to us. (SLIDE)

May we continue to discern our Spiritual Gifts. May we share the Gifts God has given to each of us in order to build up the entire Body of Christ, and may we part of God's messy children as we find fresh ways to make Jesus Christ known to this lost and broken world that needs God's Good News of love. 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

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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: Holy Spirit, you fill us with life and breath and richly gift us with skills and abilities to be used for the common good. Open our eyes to all that we have to offer and fill us with joy in the giving of ourselves for the sake of others. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: You have gifted some of us with a passion for the vibrancy of the natural world, and others with the scientific curiosity and knowledge needed for its restoration and long-term viability. May we follow those so gifted and lend our hearts, hands, and voices to their vital work. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: You have gifted some of us with the ability to lead, and others of us with the gift of the facilitation of collaboration. May we follow those so gifted and support their efforts to bring peace and justice to the world. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: You have gifted some of us with skills in the medical field, and others of us with hearts for healing in myriad ways. May we support those so gifted that they might bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, (*especially...*) God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: You have gifted some of us with the ability to prophesy, which is to speak your words of truth in the face of injustice and oppression. May we listen to the words or your prophets and heed their call to action on behalf of the

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marginalized. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: You have gifted so many of your saints in so many ways that have touched our lives and our faith deeply. May we remember them with gratitude until we again see them face to face. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: 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.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ... God, our source, you continue to shower us with gift upon gift each day of our lives. Accept now what we return to you and use our offerings for the healing and wholeness of all that you have made.

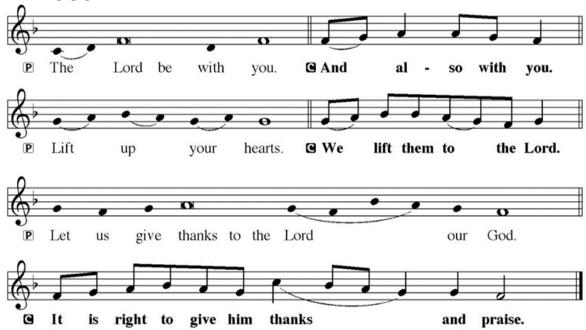
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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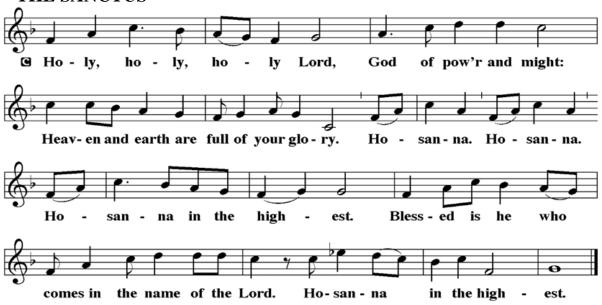




THE PREFACE

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 rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P: Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.
- 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 death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to 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: Christ whose body is the whole church united invites you now to this table to share with one another the bread and wine that is his presence in our midst. Come and be fed, for all is prepared.

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.

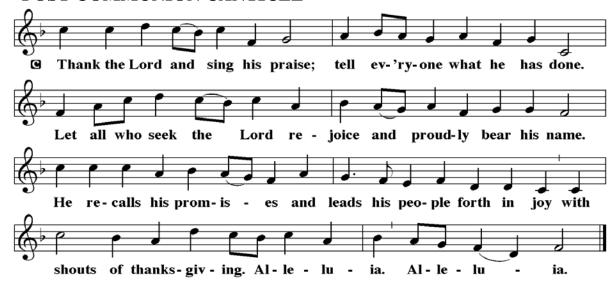
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* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



* 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

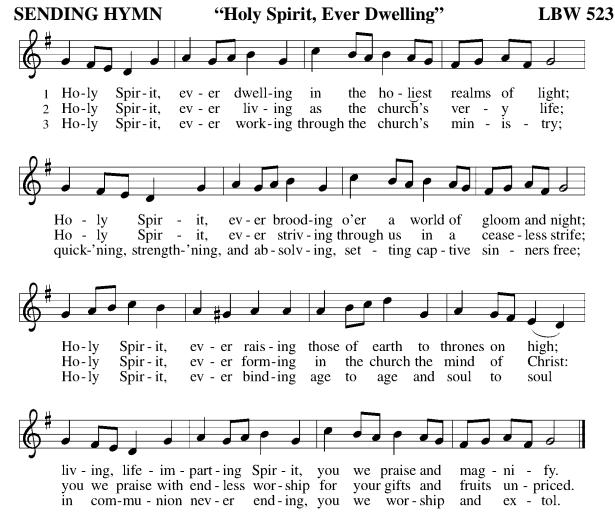
* SENDING BLESSING

P: May the Lord Bless you and keep you. May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

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, May 26th Luke 11:2-4

Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Take an online educational classBODY: Be sure to see your dentistSPIRIT: Listen to a Christian podcast

This Week @ Trinity - May 19 thru May 26:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, May 19	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Tues, May 21	June	
	Newsletter	
	Deadline	
Wed, May 22	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Fri, May 24	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, May 26	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service

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Save The Date!

Sunday, June 2 – Christian	Guest Speaker from Church Funerals
Conversations	Direct
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-Christian Conversations	Osterlen Representative, Julie Barhorst
and Worship	_

WELCA PIZZA/PRETZEL/SUB SALE – Deadline to order is TODAY! Order forms can be found on the table outside the office. Pickup will be June 9.

ULTIMATE CLEANING CLOTHS now available from WELCA ladies! You don't have to use any kind of sprays or cleaning solutions with them or paper towels. You just wet them, wring them out as much as you can, wipe your surfaces and walk away. They are good for film, oil, grease, dirt, fingerprints, soap scum, hairspray, dog nose prints, tar, bugs, brake dust, smoke haze and a lot more. Just rinse them out good and reuse again. They are also washable and bleachable although you cannot use fabric softener on them. They are guaranteed for years. So if you are in the mood for faster cleaning solutions, please consider these cloths.

--- 1 for \$7.00, 2 for \$10.00 or 5 for \$20.00 ---

---Portia Boord and Diane Warner



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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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