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a day in the life of trinity

One recent Wednesday, I took note of all that happened at Trinity, from morning until evening. From my office window, I can see the arrivals and departures happening at Door C, and early that morning, I witnessed preschool personnel, parents and their young ones bounding in, excited to be at Trinity for another day of learning and fun. Soon after that, the office at Trinity started coming to life with laughter, conversation, and the sounds (and silence) of work getting done. I could just make out the faint plunks of pickleballs in the Great Hall, and members stopped by for meetings or to drop off donations. Later, I saw our hospitality coordinator make several trips from parking space into kitchen with food for the evening meal and wondered what she was preparing for dinner.

As the afternoon went on, the voices of happy children came wafting into the office, and I wandered to the Narthex to see that kids had arrived from school and were having a snack before choir practice. Back at my desk, I notice more cars parked in the lot, and see people of all ages walking up to Door C; time for dinner! So it's down to the Fellowship Hall for a quick bite before worship, where I notice the servers that night are a friendly group of confirmation boys. I look around and can't help but smile for the joy it brings to see this room fill up with so many adults and kids—people of all ages enjoying fellowship over the breaking of bread. Back upstairs, worshipers stream into the sanctuary—they are families and youth, but also older folks who have made this their regular

worship time for the past few months. Once worship ends, the middle schoolers remain for confirmation while high schoolers gather to meet downstairs. After a very full and busy day, I head back to my office to tend to a few more things before heading home.

While my goal for this devotion was to fill you in on one day in the life of Trinity, my first version was far too long to include here—there was so much more to say. However, the observations I made that day nudged me to realize how Trinity's building has been—and continues to be—used well. This is a testament not only to God's faithfulness but also to the faithfulness of the members that, after 91 years, Trinity is still vibrant, thriving, and proclaiming God's presence in the community. Trinity is much more than a building, for it is a place of refuge and sanctuary, a place for God's people to be restored and renewed—and a place to feel welcome, safe, and comfortable in the presence of one another.

We give thanks for how the Holy Spirit has worked through you; how you have faithfully dedicated yourselves to the mission and ministries of Trinity over the years, and how you have also ensured Trinity stands as a safe and healthy “base of operations,” making it a place that allows for renewal and restoration, and a place that refreshes and replenishes us to serve in God's name, both near and far.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4

questions to ponder

As you think about Trinity, where do you see God active in all we do here?

How do you see yourself as a part of its future?

prayer

Gracious God,
we can do nothing without you and for this, we give you thanks and praise. We are blessed that your Holy Spirit has sustained Trinity for 91 years. Continue to grow our trust in you and open our hearts in generosity for all you have done. May all who come through the doors of Trinity—now and long into the future—know us as a people who point to Christ in everything we do. In your name we pray. *Amen.*