

Trinity Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

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304 E. FERRIS St.
GALESBURG, IL 61401
"the welcome place"

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God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

Prelude Echo Fantasia

Jan Sweelinck

Welcome & Friendship Registries-Please sign in

+++ GATHERING +++

(Stand)

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

We hoard resources while our neighbors

**are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Gathering Song

ACS #924

As the Winter Days Grow Longer



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - freshed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

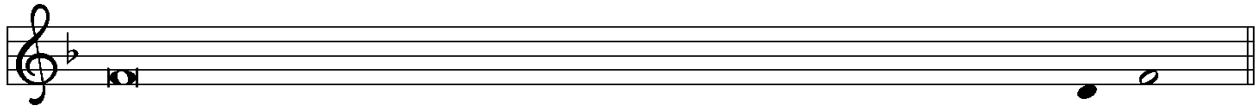
And also with you.

Kyrie

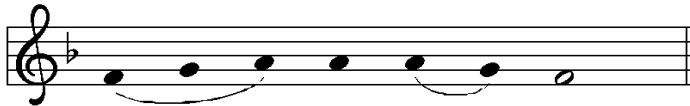
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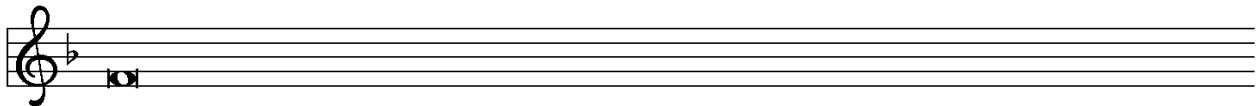
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



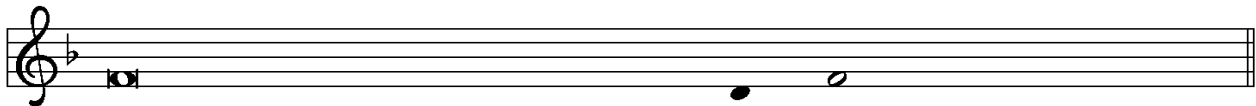
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



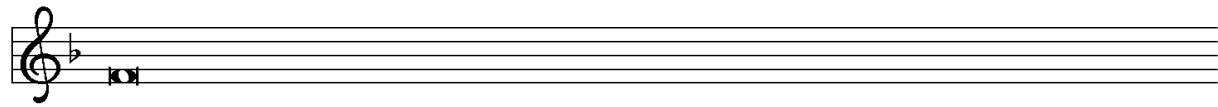
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



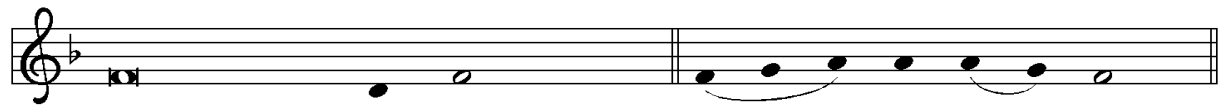
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



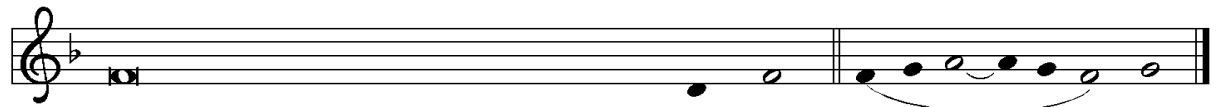
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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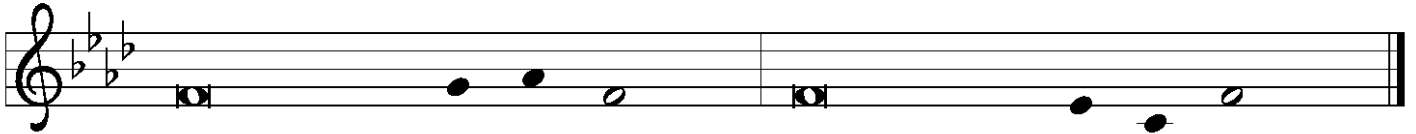
First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 *Sung responsively by whole verse.*



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in
your sight;**

**so you are justified when you speak and right | in your
judgment. R**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,

today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Lenten Acclamation

ELW Setting 3 p.142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

Children's Message Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day

ELW #330

Seed That in Earth Is Dying

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of goodwill, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Heal those who need it especially Bev, Kelly, Kate, Jenna, and Greg. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us (*especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today*). Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting

love. We pray for everyone affected by the horrific car accident in Rushville last Monday, we pray for the 5 individuals who lost their lives and all of those who knew and loved them. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We offer you these prayers as well as those we name to you aloud and in our hearts.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering Music

Suo-Gan

Mark Sedio

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

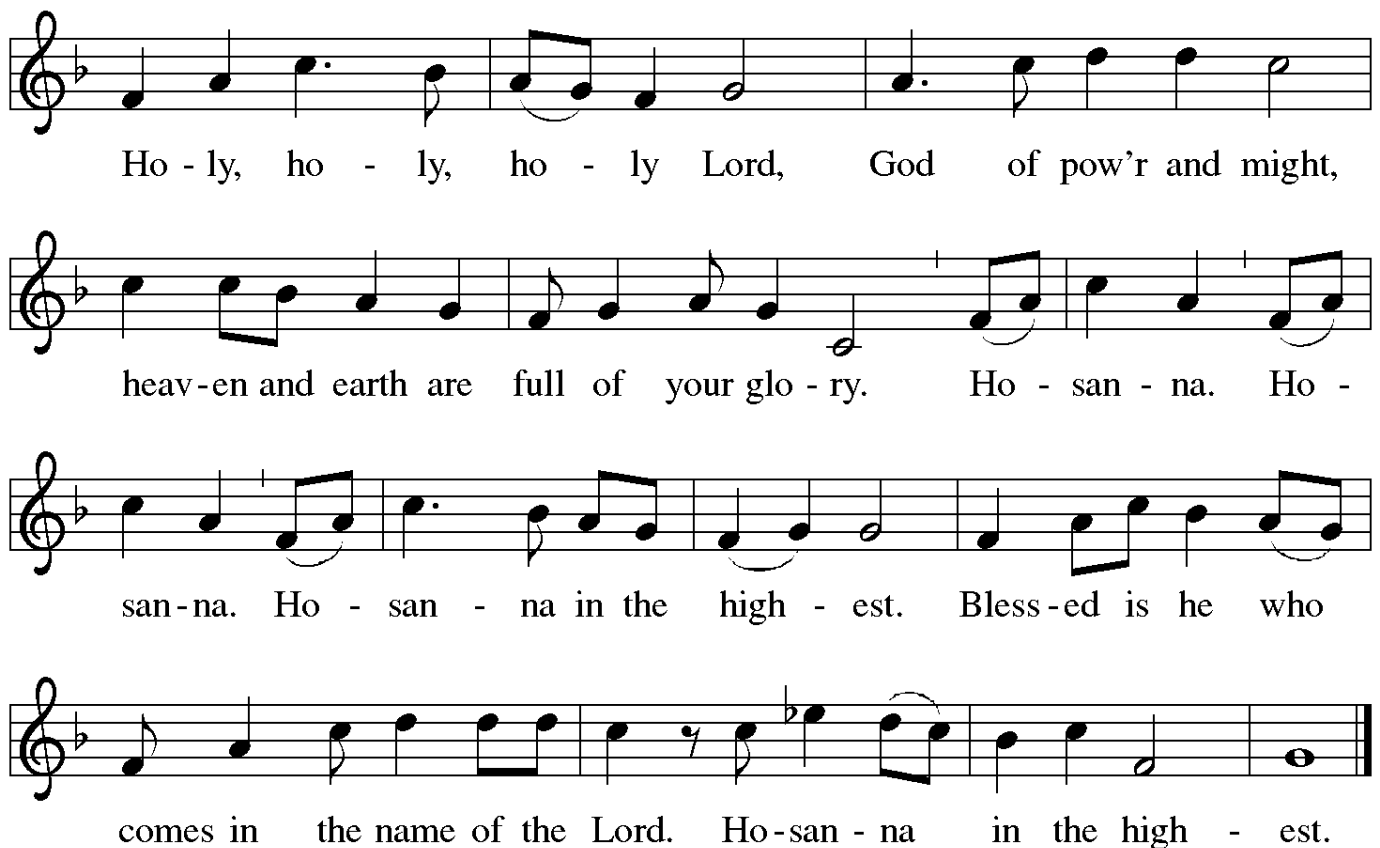
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 3 p.144



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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed
one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us
today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward

(Sit)

Distribution of Communion Lamb of God

ELW Setting 3 p.146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Cross, Meditation

William Bates

Post Communion Hymn ELW #481

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

Blessing

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

ELW #660

Lift High the Cross

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

John Eggert

As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.

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Worship Participants

Audio: Norm Tippey

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: John Armstrong, Harold Watters, Jim Woods

Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman

Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand

Reader: Linda Tippey

Wine Servers: Nancy Sandall, Lisa Shafer

Acolyte: Lucia Crawford

Closing Duties: Julie Wiegand

Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Sandra Woods

Organist: Bette Mohr

Director of Choirs: James Hutchings

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

This Week at Trinity

Sun, March 17

9:30 am

Worship

10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

10:45 am

Intergenerational Study in Martha Rm

11:00 am

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Mon, March 18	10:00 am	Brews & Views
	7:00 pm	Brew & Views-Monthly
Tues, March 19	6:00 pm	Blessings In a Backpack
	7:00 pm	Committee Meet
Wed, March 20	9:30 am	Pastor Carrie speaking at First Christian Lent Service
	12 noon	Lenten Service in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Choir
Thurs, March 21	12 noon	Church Potluck

Other Announcements

Midweek Lenten Worship: Every Wednesday in Lent starts at noon, bring your lunch and join us!

Blessings in a Backpack: Next Tuesday at 6 pm

Meet up with Outreach at 6 pm on Tuesdays in March to help fill food bags for the kids. This takes roughly 20 minutes to fill 400 bags! Tuesdays fillers are needed: **March 19th, & 26th at First Presbyterian** Please consider donating a tad bit of your time to a big cause!

Holy Week Starts Next Week:

Monday, March 25th-Good Friday, March 29th

Musical Offering starts at 11:45 am with Services at 12:05 pm

Lent with First Christian: Pastor Carrie will be speaking on Wednesday, March 20th at 9:30 am, please join if you're able.

TLC Holy Week Service Schedule: *Please join us for Service*

Thurs, March 28th

Sat, March 30th

Sun, March 31st

Maundy Thursday Service starts at 7 pm

Easter Vigil Service starts at 7 pm

Easter Sunday Service starts at 9:30 am
with Coffee Fellowship to follow

Prayer Requests: If you or a loved one needs prayer please complete the salmon-colored sheet in the cups on the table in the Narthex and turn it into the communion plate.

Current Prayer List:

Bev Powell	Prayers for healing & recovery
Kelly Yarde (the Yardes daughter in law)	Prayers for healing & recovery
Kate Kolstee (great step niece of Annie Maier)	Prayers for healing, comfort, & answers
Jenna (niece of Erin Crawford)	Prayers for healing & health
Greg	Prayers for healing & health

College Care Packages: Donations Welcome!

1. We need Individually wrapped food items (examples: Rice Krispy Bars, Peanut Butter/Cheese Cracker packs, Chewing Gum, Mints, Hard Candies, Candy Bars, Cereal Bars, Protein Bars, Trail Mix packs, Beef Jerky, Fruit Snacks, popcorn (already made) or small, individual-sized bags of chips or crackers). Please purchase whatever you prefer, the list is just examples.
2. Prepare a short note or anything of inspiration or encouragement (book marks, a card, etc) to be included with the packages.

Easter Memorials are due by Monday, March 25th

The Worship Committee has decided that the 2024 Easter Memorial donations will be given to The Galesburg Community Fund specifically to The Hunger Collaborative.

Convened in 2021 by Galesburg Community Foundation, the Hunger Collaborative is comprised of individuals and leaders from more than 30 local nonprofits both directly and indirectly involved in food assistance.

The Community Foundation brought these organizations together after observing how they began collaborating in new ways in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We saw an opportunity to keep that collaboration moving forward and to direct resources in a different way.

The focus of the Hunger Collaborative isn't getting food on the table—though that is a critical piece of the puzzle. Together, they are working to develop strategies to reduce hunger by addressing its root causes. Those strategies will become realities thanks to more than \$1.4 million entrusted to the Community Foundation by the Knox County Board, along with \$750,000 invested by the Community Foundation itself and more than \$100,000 generously contributed by local residents.

In addition to direct, immediate need for food, the Hunger Collaborative has identified four priority root causes of hunger: access to and awareness of services, workforce and skills readiness, housing and homelessness, and transportation. For each area, small groups are crafting strategies for multi-year grants.

Please complete the form and/or turn your memorial information in by March 25th.

Make Checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church

Your Name: _____

In Memory of/In Loving Memory of/In Honor of (circle one)

1. _____ 2. _____

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3. _____ 4. _____

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday

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Hours 8:00 am- 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Saturday Worship at 5:00 pm; Holy Communion (1st Saturday of the month)

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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Vision Statement

Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
3. We invite and welcome everyone.
4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
5. We serve local and global communities.