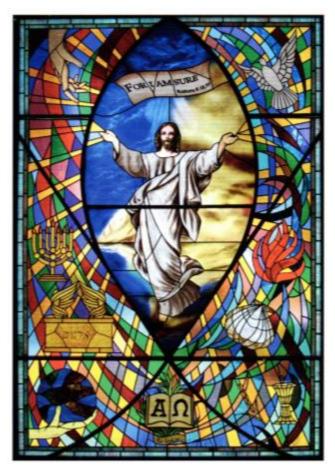
# Trinity Lutheran Church



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD



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11:00 a.m. Matins

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025, 11:00 a.m. Matins

#### WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

# REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests may also be emailed to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

## FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

Our Vision: Growing in God's Word to Share Christ's Love

Our Mission:

Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.



# AS WE GATHER TODAY

Today's service is inspired by the Old Testament Reading of Isaiah, the First Song of Isaiah: "Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth" (Isaiah 12:5). Today we take that admonition literally as not only the liturgy is sung but also the Readings are expanded with hymn stanzas. "Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 12:6). In the joy of the faithful father in Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, the forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with God as His baptized sons and daughters, well, it just makes you want to sing! So we shall!

# **MATINS**

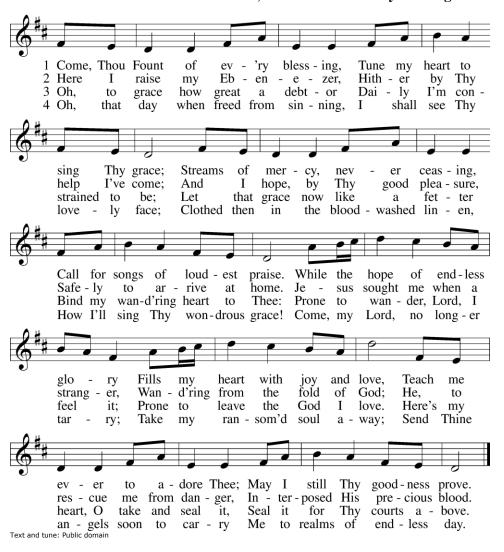
## **ORGAN**

#### WELCOME

# **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

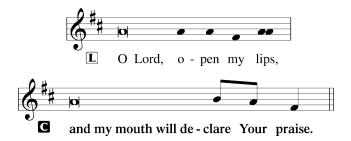
Please Stand

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

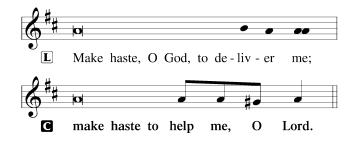


# **INVOCATION**

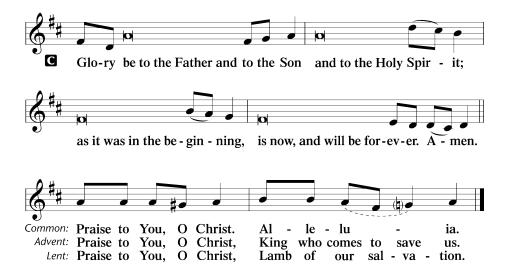
- P In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



Psalm 51:15

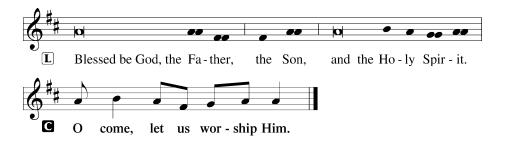


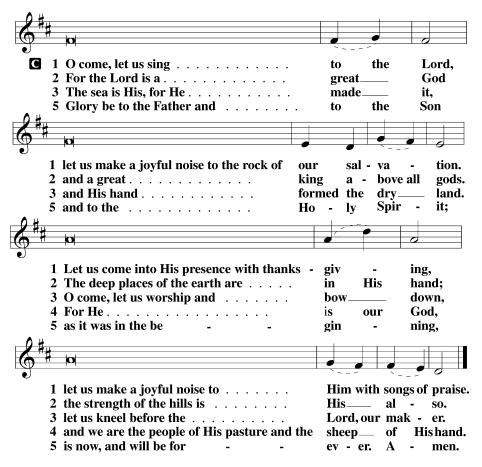
Psalm 70:1



# **PSALMODY**

# **ANTIPHON**





PSALM Psalm 32

P <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C whose sin is covered.

- P <sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
- C and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- P <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
- C through my groaning all day long.
- P <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
- C my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
- C surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

- P <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
- C you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- P <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
- C I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- P <sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
- C which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
- P <sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- C but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- P <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
- C and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!
- ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Be Seated

# HYMN OF THE DAY 609 vv. 1-2, 4, 6-7 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"



# READINGS

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,

call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- A O LORD, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- A O LORD, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

# **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country,

and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

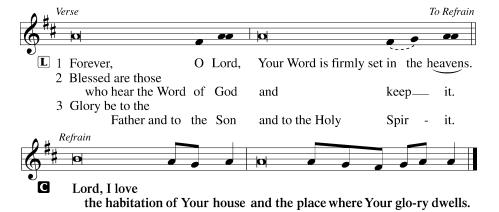
<sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

- A O LORD, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORY

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28



Be Seated

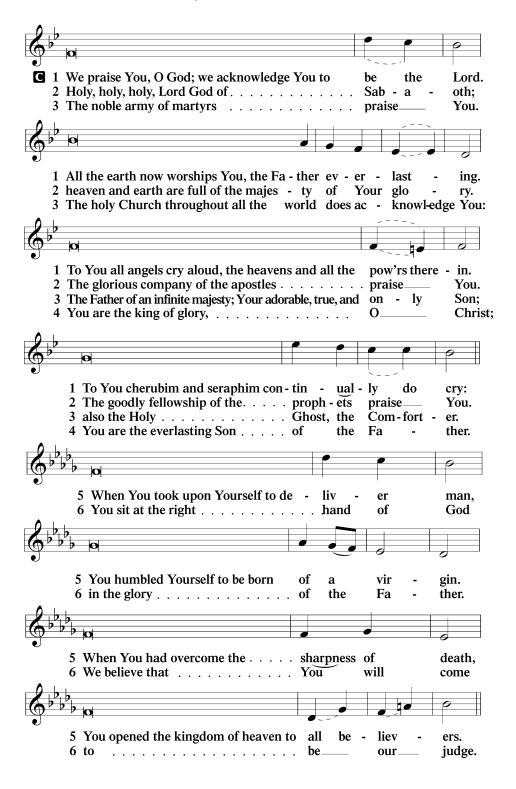
# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

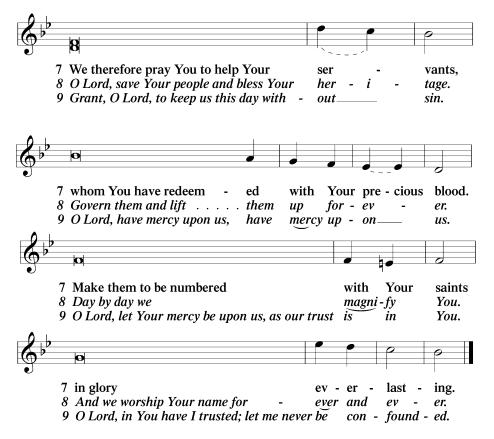
SERMON "The Mighty Works of Jesus Make Us Want to Sing" Isaiah 12:1-6

# **CANTICLE**

# Please Stand

# TE DEUM ~ We Praise You, O God





Be Seated

**OFFERING** (*Please fill out and pass the red Friendship Book at this time; and fill out the blue card in the pew rack for prayers.*)

# **PRAYER**

Kneel or Remain Seated

P Let us kneel for prayer.

**KYRIE** ~ *Lord*, *Have Mercy* 

Mark 10:47



## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

# PRAYER FOR GRACE

P O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# BENEDICTION

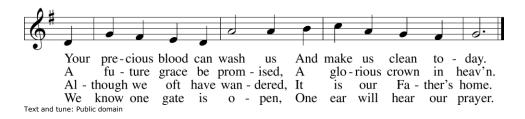
2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ and the love of (†) God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



# CLOSING HYMN 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"





Be Seated

# ANNOUNCEMENTS and RECOGNITION OF OUR GUESTS

**ORGAN** 

# TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Webb family in celebration of Pastor's birthday.

# **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service for coffee and breakfast goodies.

# **BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

#### ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Webb leads a Bible study titled "Are You a Disciple or a Christian?" in the Social Hall after the 8:30 service.

#### **CHURCH YEAR CONNECTIONS**

(Ages 3 through High School)

Join us for Sunday School classes for ages three through young adult. Teachers: Megan Haverland (3 years-1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Judy Bringman (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Bob Hanovich (Middle School), and Karl Schumacher (High School).

# **PARENTS & TWOS CLASS**

In this class for parents and two-year-olds, Karen Hanovich helps parents encourage their little ones as they learn about Jesus together.

## YOUNG ADULT SINGLES CLASS

For ages 18-26, this class led by Kevin Riedl is studying "Lessons from the Underground Church."

# 21ST CENTURY PARENTING CLASS

Parents of school-aged kids gain insight into the issues facing Gen Z and learn how to engage them in meaningful conversations. Eric and Megan Thompson lead this class in the Education Building.

#### YOUNG AT HEART CLASS

Mature members study how we can demonstrate love and compassion to people in need. Bob Reynolds and Mark Waltz lead this class on the ground floor of the Education Building.

# WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the Education Building to study the Word.

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets on Mondays at 10:00am in the Education Building and on Zoom. See Linda Tomko for more details.

# HAPPENING AT TRINITY

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Barbara Lunick for playing the organ for us.

# **OFFERINGS**

Please remain faithful in bringing your offerings to the Lord by mail or online if you are unable to attend worship in person.

# LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

 Wednesdays in Lent (April 2, 9):
 1:00 & 7:00pm

 Palm Sunday (April 13):
 8:30 & 11:00am

 Maundy Thursday (April 17):
 1:00 & 7:00pm

 Good Friday (April 18):
 3:00 & 7:00pm

 Easter Sunday (April 20):
 8:30 & 11:00am

# WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday, April 2 at 1:00 & 7:00

Join us this Wednesday for Lenten worship at 1:00 or 7:00.

# **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MITES**

LWML MITES will be collected next Sunday.

# EASTER LILY ORDERS

# **Due Today**

Our Easter Lily order must be placed by April 1st. Today is the last Sunday to order. The Altar Guild apologizes for this late notice; we just received this information a few days ago. The cost is \$16.25 for the 6" pot single lily, which includes the sales tax and delivery fee we are charged. Thank you for helping us celebrate our Risen Savior by purchasing an Easter Lily. Order forms are in the Narthex; place your form with your check in the offering plate.

# DINNER & A MOVIE Friday, April 11 at 6:00-9:00

Dinner and A Movie for April has been moved to Friday, 11 April, from 6 pm to 9 pm. The movie will be "God's Not Dead: A Light in the Darkness." The dinner will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, asparagus, and salad. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and entertainment hosted by the Senior and Middle School Youth. Refreshments will be available throughout the movie. The cost is \$10 per person. Family and friends are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Bob Hanovich for additional information.

# CHURCH WORKDAY Saturday, April 12 at 9:00-12:00

The Church Workday for April has been moved to Saturday, 12 April, from 9 am to noon. We will focus on finishing any remaining Sanctuary painting, removal of bushes from behind the main building, working in the Meditation Garden, and ensuring the grounds are cleaned up in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt the following Saturday and Easter. Lunch will be served at noon. Please contact Ed Rogers for additional information.

# EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, April 19 at 10:00-11:30

Please join us for the Trinity Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. We will share the story of Easter, do some crafts, hunt Easter eggs, and have some treats.

# APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JB & Bev Strange 4/20

#### **TSHIRTS**

The Youth are selling t-shirts to raise funds for the LCMS Youth Gathering. The t-shirts have a small cross encircled by the phrase, "I am a beloved child of the heavenly King" on the front left and a Bible verse on the back of the t-shirt. The t-shirts will be sold for \$20 each and \$6.10 will be added to the Youth Ministry Designated Funds for each t-shirt sold. T-shirts are available for viewing and purchase in the Social Hall after Divine Service. Please contact Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, for additional information. LET'S GO!

## **EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS**

The Every One His Witness video series and self-study guide are available on the Friends of Trinity Facebook page. The video series is posted under Media, then Albums, then Every One His Witness. The self-study guide is posted under Files, then E1HW – Self Study Guide – 2021-05-26.

What is *Every One His Witness?* Every One His Witness is a Lutheran evangelism program that teaches you to witness to your friends, coworkers, and any other non-churched people you may know. Using the LASSIE approach to witnessing (listen, ask, seek, share, invite, and encourage), you will learn how to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ through relational, contextual witnessing.

What does this mean? It means listening to those who are unsure about Christianity. It means asking questions that aren't accusatory. It means sharing the Good News about Jesus. Notice how there's no bashing, no judgment, and no forced imposition of beliefs. Instead, there's understanding, communication, and honesty between friends. And *Every One His Witness* teaches you how. Bob Hanovich, 912-655-0048, is the POC for additional information on *Every One His Witness*. LET'S GO!

## CHECK THE CALENDAR

Curious what's going on? Planning an event? Check the Trinity calendar on our website anytime (www.trinitylutheransavannah.com/connect/calendar.cfm). If you need to schedule an event, please contact Traci in the office (trinityoffice@bellsouth.net, 912-925-4839). Thanks!

# **CONNECT WITH US**

Connect with TLC and keep up with what's going on.

- \*Website www.trinitylutheransavannah.com
- \*Facebook Friends of Trinity Lutheran Church; Trinity Lutheran Church of Savannah Media; Lizzie Comfort Dog
- \*Instagram #lcck9lizzie (Lizzie Comfort Dog)
- \*YouTube Trinity Lutheran Savannah

# **DEADLINE for BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Every Wednesday by 9:00am

Email bulletin announcements to trinityoffice@bellsouth.net prior to 9:00am on Wednesdays.

# MINISTRY NEEDS

# EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19th 10a.m.-11:30a.m. We would love donations of individually wrapped candy or small toys that will fit into Easter eggs. There is a box in the Narthex to place your donations. Thank you for your continued support of our Christian Education and neighborhood outreach.

# **USHERS FOR 8:30 SERVICE**

We need one or two Ushers who can serve on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Please see JB Strange if you are interested or need more details.

# TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

# IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST SUNDAY

8: <i>3</i> 0 a.m. – 65	11:00 a.m. – 64	Facebook – 106	YouTube – 6	

 Wednesday 3/26 1:00 p.m. – 17 7:00 p.m. – 13 Facebook – 16 YouTube – 0

 Giving
 \$3,970.68

 Air Conditioner
 200.00

 Easter Lilies
 101.25

 Food Pantry
 25.00

 Lent
 235.00

 Pastor's Discretionary Fund
 235.00

# SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

8:30 a.m.

JB Strange, Greeter

Doug & Shirley Masini, Ushers

Shirley Lewis, Greeter

John Anander & Bob Sautter, Ushers

# SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m.

Mary Helen Anander, Reader
Bob & Cindy Reynolds, Greeters
Larry Futch & Karl Schumacher, Ushers

Marilyn McKee & Wayne White, Greeters
Mark & Ann Waltz, Ushers

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY		Traditional Worship Services	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
		Confirmation Class	12:30 p.m.
MONDAY	3/31	Women's Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
TUESDAY	4/1	Clothes Closet	4:00-6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	4/2	Bible Study (Education Building)	10:00 a.m.
		LWML Lunch & Meeting (Education Building)	11:00 a.m.
		Lenten Worship	1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	4/3	Clothes Closet	10:00 a.m1:00 p.m.
		Crafters (Education Building)	10:00 a.m2:00 p.m.
		NAMI (Education Building)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	4/4	Meals for Homeless (Education Building Kitchen)	4:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	4/5		

# **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

 $(Names\ remain\ on\ the\ prayer\ list\ up\ to\ a\ month\ unless\ requests\ are\ renewed.)$ 

# **CANCER**

Wendy Holland; Harold LaMarr; Samuel Martin (19)

# STRENGTH, GUIDANCE, & PROVISION

Everyone impacted by the hurricanes & natural disasters

# **PEACE**

Israel, Ukraine, & all who suffer from war and violence

# **OUR WITNESS**

Let us proclaim Jesus Christ is risen to all!

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## **STAFF**

Jeff Webb, Pastor Traci Schumacher, Administrative Assistant Helen Williams, Church Custodian

# **BOARD OF ELDERS**

Mark Waltz, Head Elder (C – E)
Mike Fajen (K – Mc)
Todd Freesemann (F – J)
Sonny Massey (A – B)
Bob Reynolds (Me – Sa)
Tom Wayman (Sc – Z)

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Cathy Crotwell, Secretary
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Cindy Reynolds, Financial Secretary
Bob Hanovich, Board of Youth

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Karen Hanovich, TLC Marketing
Lonna McEwen, Altar Guild
Rose Pitt, Prayer Team