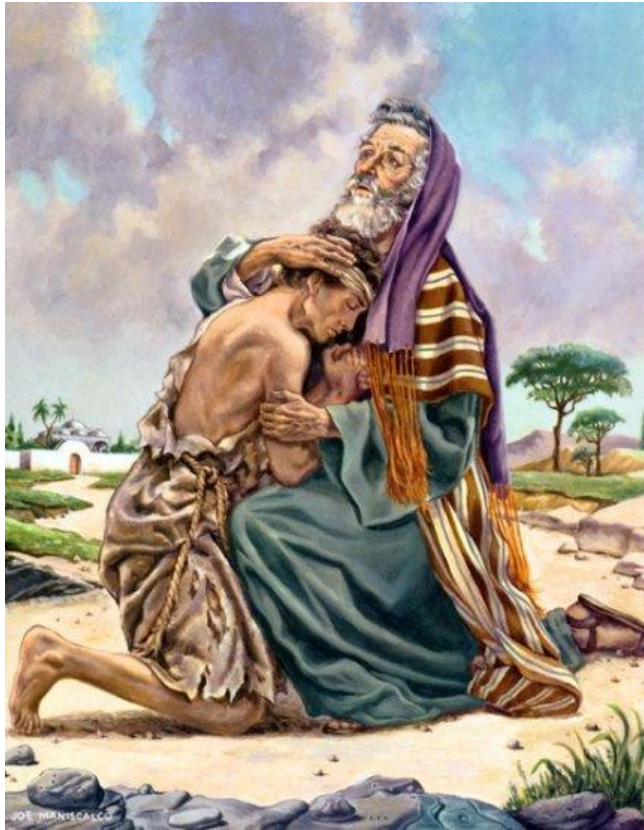


**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 30, 2025  
Divine Service-Setting One-LSB 151**



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study: 9:40 a.m. (September-May)  
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m. (September-April)

**GUESTS:** The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Each of these statements would then be concluded with the following:

The following questions are helpful in preparing for attendance at the Lord's Supper.

- *Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit?*
- *Do I believe that I am a sinful human being with no hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?*
- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my precious Savior?*
- *Do I believe that He is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood (Real Presence)?*
- *Am I in fellowship with this congregation (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)?*
- *Do I intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a Godly life?*

## Confession and Absolution

### 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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### (10:30) Baptism of Hannah Lynn Satkowiak

#### (10:30) 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

*sts. 1, 5*

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!

5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions,

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

**and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

**and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**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.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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.



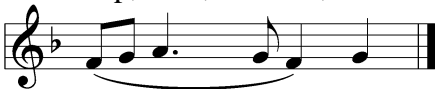
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## 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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

LSB 157

**C** 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.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<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.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



## 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

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## Sermon

### (8:30) Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, shine Your light of mercy and grace into our darkened hearts of sin and eyes blinded to Your will and ways, so that we know the fullness of Your forgiveness, life, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Healing Lord, shine Your light of peace and healing to all who seek relief, for the sick and dying, for those troubled physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally, and for the grieving and the dying, that Your comfort be known, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of the Church, shine Your light upon all You have enabled to speak and proclaim Your Word. Be with our congregation, that we remain united in truth, love, faith, and service. Give courage to live as Your witnesses, that

many who remain in darkness rejoice in the light of truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of all seasons, in this season of Lent shine Your light upon us as we examine ourselves, see our sins, and know our need for a Savior. As we continue to follow Christ to the cross, draw our hearts and minds to You and the joys that await. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Offering-** Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Your offerings are gifts to God. They help us serve Him as a witness to our community. As you continue to place your offerings in the baskets, mail them to the church office, or give through our online giving opportunities, (follow the “Giving” link on the Trinity website at [www.trinitymonitor.org](http://www.trinitymonitor.org) or text the word “GIVE” to 989-270-0281 and follow the directions) know that we seek to use these resources to the glory of God and the furthering of His Kingdom.

## Offertory

LSB 159

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### (8:30) Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** 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.

### Distribution Hymns-(use Hymnal)

- #420 Christ, the Life of All the Living
- #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
- #608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A - men.







**BAPTISM:** During our 10:30 a.m. service this morning, Hannah Lynn Satkowiak, the daughter of Shane and April (Leinberger) Satkowiak will become a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. The sponsors for Hannah are Carley Leinberger, Felicia Leinberger and Shelby Rahn. May the Lord guard and keep this new little lamb in His flock.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Once again, the ladies of the LWML will be decorating the church for Easter Sunday. Order forms for Easter flowers are located in the back of the church. On Easter Sunday, a list will be included in the bulletin with your name and the occasion. If you would like to bring your own plant to the church, still fill out this form and turn it in so your information can be included in the list. You can drop off your plant on Saturday morning April 19th, between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. **Forms along with payment must be turned in by Wednesday, April 2nd. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Friendship Guild. We will not be able to accept any orders after this date.**

CALENDAR			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3/31-4/4</b>	<b>**No School-Spring Break</b>	
Wednesday	4/2	4:30 & 6:00 pm	Lenten Worship
		5-6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner-Soup & Salad
		<b>**Deadline to return order forms for Easter Flowers</b>	
Thursday	4/3	6:00 pm	Choir
Sunday <b>*Mite Box Sunday</b>	4/6	8:30 & 10:30 am	Worship w/Communion
		9:40 am	Bible Study – <b>No Sunday School</b>

FEBRUARY TOTALS		ATTENDANCE		
General Fund	\$66,017.32	3/23	1st	98
Missions	\$935.00		2nd	123
BFF	\$700.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>221</b>
Church Maintenance	\$450.00	Lent 3	4:30 pm	73
Tuition Assistance	\$105.00		6:00 pm	33
Benevolent Fund	\$00.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>106</b>
Christmas Tree Fund	\$350.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68,557.32</b>	<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>		<b>327</b>
Memorials included in the totals above: \$00.00				

**EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE JESUS:** There are several "Little Jesus" in the back of the church. Feel free to take as many as you need to pass them around—because **everybody needs a little Jesus!** This small gift is a reminder to bring Jesus into your daily life with love, kindness, and prayer. We encourage you to reflect on His presence in your home and heart. Let this be an opportunity to share His love with others through acts of kindness and faith.

**THE GATE:** **Would you like to support The GATE by providing lunch?** Our high school students meet twice a month to study God's Word and enjoy fun and fellowship together. We always provide lunch to make it easier for students to stay after church for our meetings. While the youth parents or leaders often provide the meal, we want to invite congregation members to consider supporting our new high school youth program by providing lunch for the group. If you would like to provide lunch for one of our meetings, please contact Kate Kaiser (712-242-8072) or sign up online:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F054BA9AC2DA1FC1-53104509-lunch>

**SAVE THE DATE!** The GATE will be hosting a Family Bingo Night on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. We will be collecting donations of new/unused items for prizes after Easter, but if you are spring-cleaning over spring break, please keep us in mind!

**FOOD DRIVE:** The Stewardship Group, along with the Auburn Area Food Bank, is once again hosting a food drive. This spring on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting donations to support the Auburn Area Food Bank, which is in great need of the following items:

- Cereal
- Pancake mix
- Juice
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Egg noodles
- Canned kid-friendly foods such as SpaghettiOs and ravioli
- Spaghetti pasta
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Tuna fish
- Brownie mix
- Crackers
- Soups
- Mac & cheese

Thank you for your generosity and support!

**LUTHERAN HOME CEMETERY:** All Christmas wreaths, grave blankets, etc. need to be removed from the cemetery by April 1st. Anything left after this date will be disposed of. Contact: DAVE ARNOLD with any questions (989) 907-1142.

**GOOD FRIDAY TRE ORE SERVICES** at Grace Auburn, April 18, 12–3 p.m.

*Tre Ore* means “Three Hours (Agony),” and it’s a way that the Church has historically meditated on the death of our Lord by pondering and praying the seven last words of Christ from the Cross. “*Father, forgive them,*” “*...today, you will be with me in Paradise.*” “*I thirst.*” Each of the seven 20-minute services focus on one of Jesus’ sayings from the Cross. You are invited to attend as much as your schedule permits. Several LCMS pastors will deliver brief meditations during these services, plus selections of solo and ensemble vocal and instrumental music with congregational hymn singing. Come and meditate on these words of our Lord this Good Friday at Grace Lutheran Church (303 Ruth St, Auburn)!



**FROM VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:** It’s not too late to apply to Valley Lutheran for next school year! Begin your student’s application at [www.vlhs.com/apply](http://www.vlhs.com/apply). Interested to learn more about the VL experience, or want to schedule a tour? Contact Amy or Beth at 989-790-1676 or [admissions@vlhs.com](mailto:admissions@vlhs.com).

Valley Lutheran is seeking applications for the following positions:

- *Public Relations Intern* - ideal for a local college Junior or Senior with interest in communications, marketing, graphic design, and/or public relations
- *Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach*
- *Head Girls Varsity PomPon Coach*
- *Foreign Language Teacher* - Spanish is preferred but other language options will be considered

For more information about these positions or for directions for applying, go to [www.vlhs.com/jobs](http://www.vlhs.com/jobs).

The Saginaw Valley Antique Society will host their Spring Antique Show at Valley Lutheran on Saturday, April 12 from 9 am to 4 pm. \$5 admission provides access to 40+ vendors and 2 free verbal appraisals (available between 10 am - 2 pm). A bake sale and lunch will be available, sponsored by VLHS.

## **JOB OPENINGS**

**St. Paul Lutheran School, Bay City (Frankenlust)**, is seeking names of candidates for a Kindergarten/Young 5's teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Highly qualified candidates should have a current Michigan Teaching Certificate, a Lutheran Teacher Diploma or be willing to obtain one. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Principal Valerie Matyas at [valerie.matyas@stpaulbaycity.org](mailto:valerie.matyas@stpaulbaycity.org) by Tuesday, April 22, 2025."

**Zion Lutheran School of Auburn** is seeking a part-time teacher to teach 4th-grade ELA and math and work with the students in the intervention program. An ideal candidate has a Michigan teaching certificate, loves Jesus, loves kids, and enjoys collaborating with other teachers! Interested applicants can email a resume to Mrs. Susan Klauer at [sklauer@zionauburn.com](mailto:sklauer@zionauburn.com). Any questions can also be directed to Mrs. Susan Klauer. Thank you!

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## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Staying Free of Distraction:** When we are blessed with many material things, we can be tempted to rely on these things rather than God. God's Word encourages us to pray that we will not be given too many riches and deny God by saying "*Who is the Lord?*" (Proverbs 30:9). John R. W. Stott, an Anglican cleric who was noted as a leader of the worldwide Evangelical movement, expands on this concern, "Simplicity is the first cousin of contentment. Its motto is: We brought nothing into this world, and we can certainly carry nothing out. It recognizes that we are pilgrims. It concentrates us on what we need, and measures this by what we use. It rejoices in the good things of creation but hates waste, greed, and clutter. It knows how easily the seed of the Word is smothered by the 'cares and riches of this life.' It wants to be free of distractions, to love and serve God and others." With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can handle our money and possessions faithfully.

### **Lenten Worship Services**

April 2 & 9  
4:30 & 6:00pm

### **Palm Sunday**

April 13  
8:30 & 10:30am

### **Maundy Thursday**

*w/Communion*  
April 17  
6:00pm

### **Good Friday**

April 18  
6:00pm

### **Easter Worship**

*w/Communion*  
April 20  
7:00 & 10:30am



### **Lenten Dinners**

April 2-Soup & Salad  
April 9-Pasta Bar  
**5:00-6:00pm**