

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Prelude:

### Welcome to Worship and Announcements

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

#### C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.

Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

### \*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.

### \*The Prayer of the Day

P O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

### Our first reading is from Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation, which is in bold print.)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### Our second reading is from 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

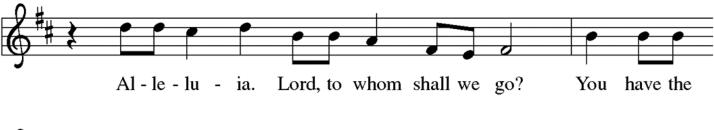
<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

# \*Gospel Acclamation (setting 3 in the ELW)





<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.

### \*Easter Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

- P The holy gospel according to John beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Jerry O'Neal

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- 1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
- 2 My soul he doth re store a gain, and me to walk doth r
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I f
- 4 My ta ble thou hast rich ly spread in
- 5 Good-ness and mer cy all my life shall sure -

me to walk doth make will I fear no ill; pres-ence of my foes;

sure - ly fol - low me,



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He lead - eth qui - et wa - ters lead - eth me. he me the by. righ-teous-ness, e'en with - in the paths of for his own name's sake. with me, rod and staff me com - fort still. for thou art and thy a - noint, and My head thou dost with oil my cup o - ver - flows. and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

# \*Apostles' Creed:

P&C 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.

\*Prayers: (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God of grace," in your mercy," and your response is, "**receive our prayer**."

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

### A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

### receive our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

### receive our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

### receive our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Healing God, you bring comfort and peace to all your beloved children. Be with all who are struggling with mental health issues and those with physical illnesses, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

#### Amen.

### \*Sharing the Peace:

- P The peace of our Risen Savior be with you always.
- C And also with you.

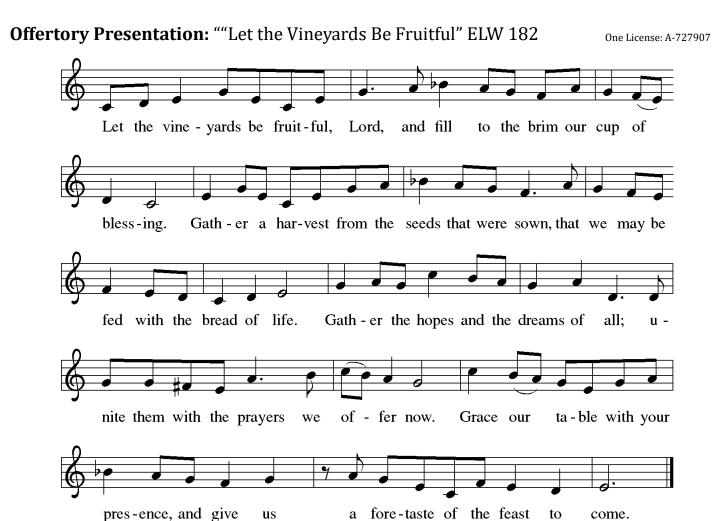
## Offering:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

- 1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
- 3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

# **Offering Music:**

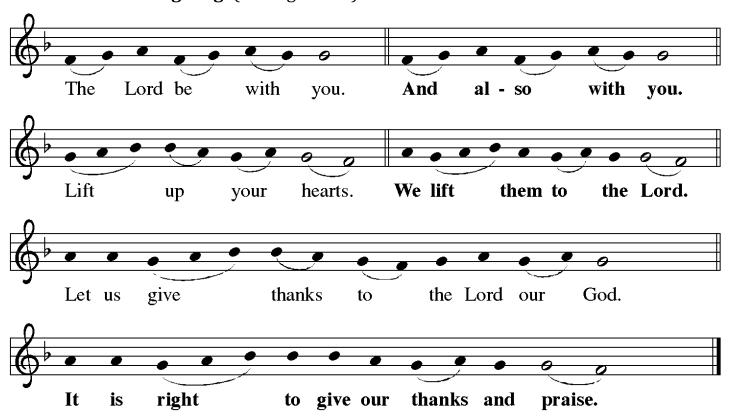


# \*Offering Prayer:

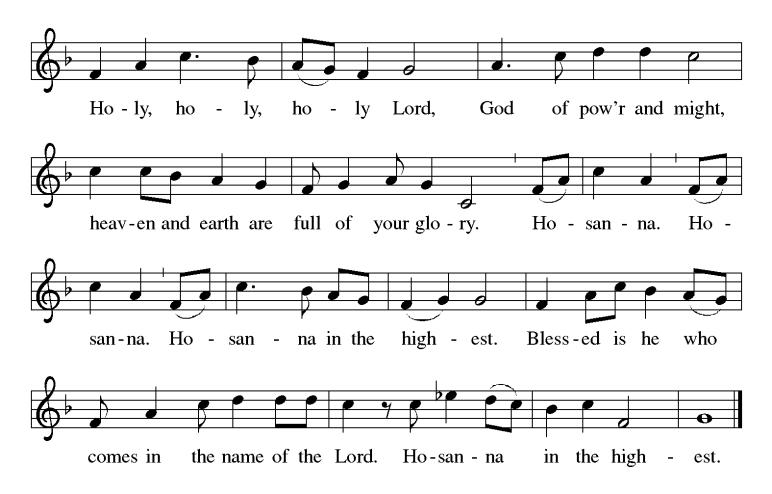
L Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

#### C Amen.

# \*The Great Thanksgiving: (Setting 3 ELW)



P 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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P 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 bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado,

nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;

lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.

Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

- P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.

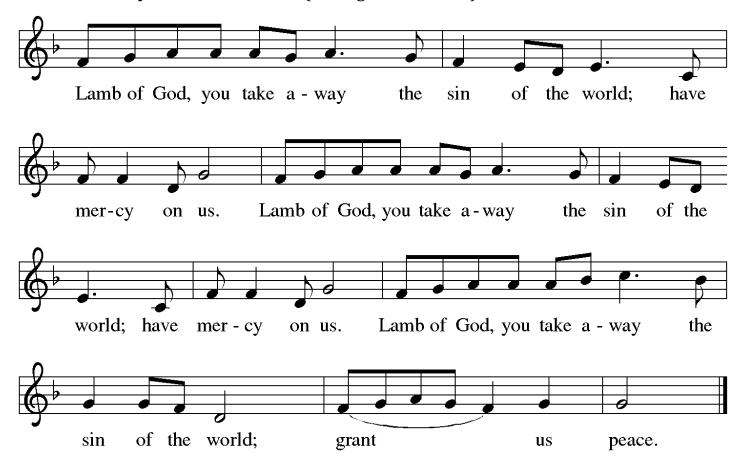
# \*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)
- All 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 The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

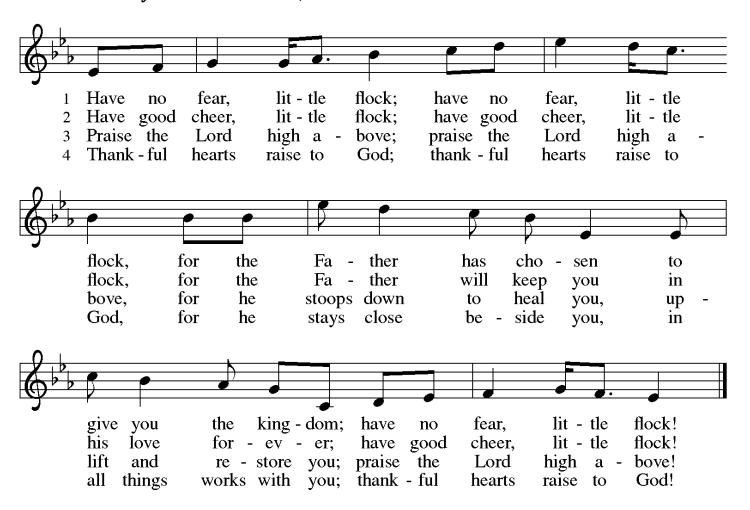
# **Communion Hymn:** "Lamb of God" (setting 3 of the ELW)



#### **Distribution:**

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. Participants receive the bread (host) in their hand, then are invited to dip the host. Wine is offered in the first, larger chalice, while grape juice is offered in the second smaller chalice. Receive the Host (bread) in your hand and immerse in the chalice to receive by intinction.

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Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930 Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House.

# \*Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

# \*Post Communion Prayer

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 Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

### \*Benediction:

- P "Barocha" Michael Card
- C Amen.

# \*Sending Hymn: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" ELW 536

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- God be with you till we meet a gain; by good coun-sels guide, up hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a gain; ho ly wings se cure ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a gain; when life's per ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you; dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain. put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;





Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

#### \*Dismissal:

- L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### Announcements for April 21, 2024

#### Serving in Worship Today:

**Acolyte:** Logan Norris

**Ushers:** Andy Brelage and Gary Santoni

**Greeter:** Kathy McCauliff

**Communion Assistant:** Diane Scholer

**Lay Worship Leader and Lector:** Ann Santoni **Altar Guild:** Diane Scholer and Amy Norris

#### Calendar of Events for the Week of April 21:

**Sunday, April 21 -** Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship in Fellowship Hall (10am), New Member Class (following Worship)

**Monday, April 22 -** Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)

**Tuesday, April 23 -** Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), and Binding Ties Group (10am)

Wednesday, April 24 - Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Riverside/Normal City Assoc. Meeting (7pm)

**Thursday, April 25 -** Stephen Ministry Training (9:30am)

**Friday, April 26 -** Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am), Church Office Closing at Noon, and E-Connect Link 1 Retreat in Louisville, KY

**Saturday, April 27 –** Open Hands Food Distribution (8:30am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am) and E-Connect Link 1 Retreat in Louisville, KY

#### Flowers at the Altar:

The flowers at the altar are given by Jim and Marla Suding in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. (If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

#### **Prayer Requests:**

We invite you to send us any prayer requests that you want included in our weekly emails or the Holy Trinity Prayer Chain. Send requests to: <a href="https://holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com">holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com</a>.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Rick Rowray

**Jennifer Worley** 

Nancy Parkison

Karen Huff

Solom and Mary Miller

Shelle Richardson

Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Helen Merz

Angie Kidd and her son, Evan

Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law

Matthew Santoni

Roberta Debolt

Chuck Cook

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Dan Havnes

John Paul Metzcar

Mary Broughton

For all who are sick and suffering

\*Please stand as you are able.

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries for April 21-27, 2024:

Birthdays:

April 22 - Jaren Summers

April 27 - Nohemy Corado Orellana

April 27 - Kim Futrell

#### Anniversaries:

April 21 - Tony and Carmen Costello

April 27 - Neal Lambert and Denise Amschler

April 27 - Jim and Marla Suding

#### **New Member Classes:**

We will be having New Member Classes on April 21, April 28, and May 5 after worship, and we plan to officially welcome our new members on May 12. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

#### Church Office Hours on Friday, April 26:

We will be closing the church office at Noon on Friday, April 26. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, April 29. Regular office hours are Monday-Friday from 9am to 4pm.

### Phase 2/Part 2 of the Building Renovation Has Begun!

The front entrance and access to the lift have been blocked. The temporary main entrance has been moved to the East side of the building facing Pauline Street.

Worship will be in Fellowship Hall for a while as they work on the front entrance.

Please be aware that Jenni will have signs up directing people to the office and that the office may move to the east side of the building as needed during the week.

During the construction time we ask that you watch for signs for directions and safety cautions. During the week if you come to the church we ask you to avoid the construction area as much as you can for your safety and the safety of the construction crew.

#### **Patience and Prayers:**

We ask for your patience and prayers. It is never easy to go through a renovation and there will be a lot going on at the church during the renovation, that will, at times, interrupt our regular schedule. Please keep the construction crews, building team and all who are involved in the renovation in your prayers. If you have any questions or comments, please talk with Larry Wood or John Scholl.





1 hand towel (approximately 16'x 28')

1 wash cloth

1 wide tooth comb

1 toothbrush

1 toothpaste

1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

1 plastic soap container

1 deodorant (men or women)

1 razor (men or women)

#### Wish List for Donations Food Pantry or Micah Homeless Day Center

Vienna Sausages (pop tops) Beanie Wienies (pop tops) Tuna/Chicken Spam/Ham Canned Soups/ Broths

Canned Soups/ Broths
Canned Vegetables
Canned Dinners (pop tops)
Beef / Cheese ravioli
Beefaroni
Lasagna
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Chili, Etc.

Condiments Gravy mixes/jars

Hot Sauce Soy Sauce Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise Picante/ Salsa

Picante/ Salsa Salad dressings Spices Syrup Peanut Butter Jars /powdered To go packs Canned Fruit

Canned Fruit Individual Fruit Cups Cookies Snack packs

Individual servings boxed Family Packs Pasta & Rice Side Dishes

Pasta & Rice side Disnes
Bags of white or brown rice
Boxes of grits and oatmeal (individual packets)
Cold Cereal Cold Cereal
Snack bags of assorted chips
Juice boxes

MICAH CENTER WISH LIST Underwear – No white pre Men's (S-M-L-XL-XXL)

Women's (S-M-L) вгаs Women's jeans or pants Men's jeans (W30-42; L32-34) Deodorant

Deodorant Men's & Women's Foot powder (few) Antibiotic ointment Rain gear/ponchos Back Packs

Body wash Hygiene kits 1 hand towe 1 wash cloth 1 wide tooth comb

1 toothbrush 1 toothpaste 1 har of soan (bath size in wrapper)

1 deodorant (men or women) 1 razor (men or women) Tents
Batteries all sizes
Backpacks

Tarps Flash lights Insect repellent Foot and hand warmers Snacks...crackers and assorted chips Cases of Ramen noodles, chicken or

CLEANING SUPPLIES—Clor