

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, May 4th, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water: Lake Erie, Sandusky Bay, Cold Creek, Mill Creek and other waters close by Your steadfast love fills the earth. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

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Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

No. 977



Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Hymn of the Month: Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

No. 721

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to

proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm: Psalm 30

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

- ⁶ While I felt se-cure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
- ⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- ⁸ I cried to you, O LORD;
 - I pleaded with my Lord, saying,
- ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."
- ¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹² Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you ¹thanks forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

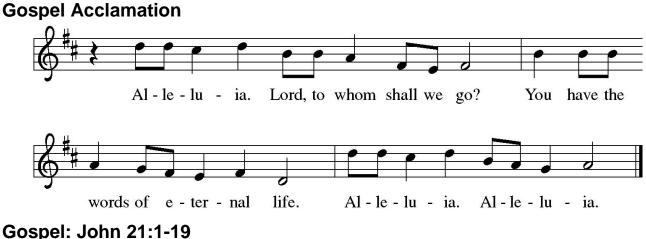
¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might

forever and ever!"

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



The holy gospel according to John, Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

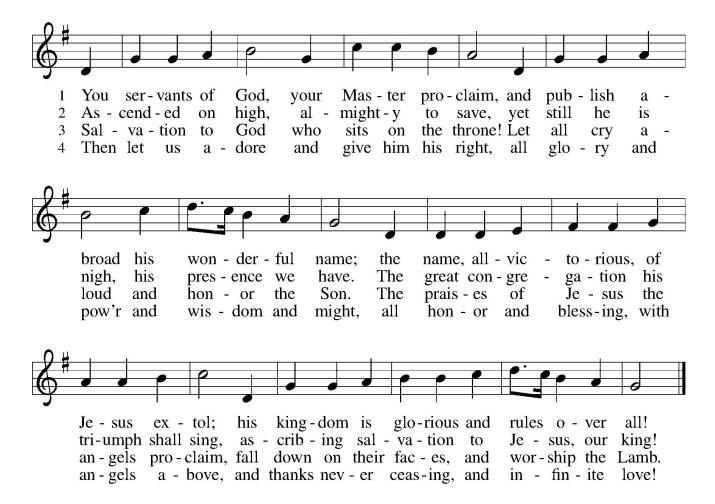
Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: You Servants of God

No. 825



You Servants of God

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almightv. 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 of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries (*local bodies of water may be named*) so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place (*specific ministries may be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

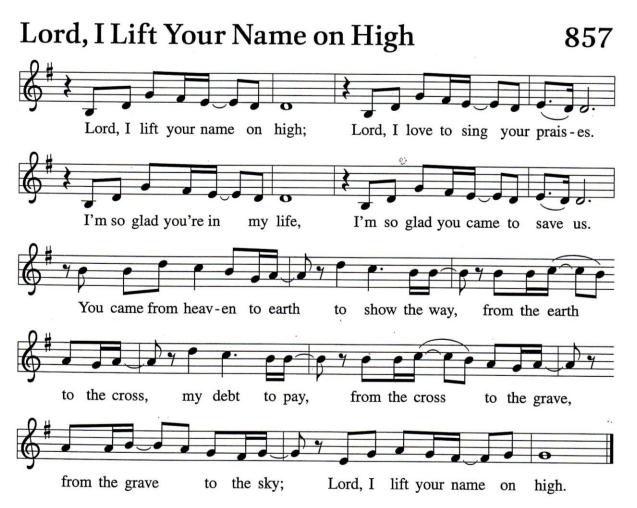
Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places (*especially Monica, mother of Augustine*). May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: Lord I Lift Your Name on High (sing twice) No. 857



Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

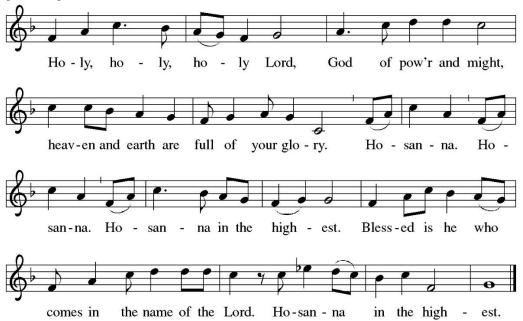
The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Preface

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

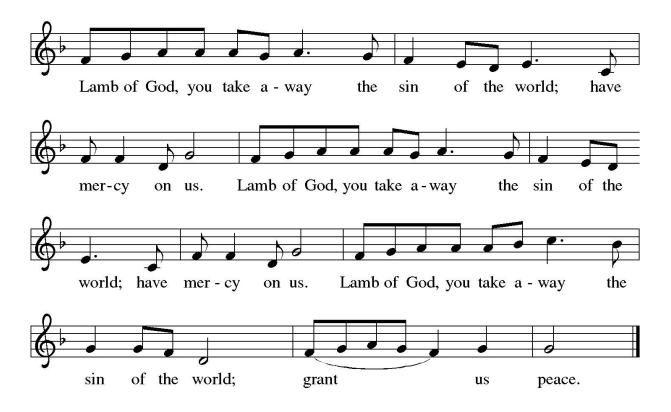
With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat

No. 465



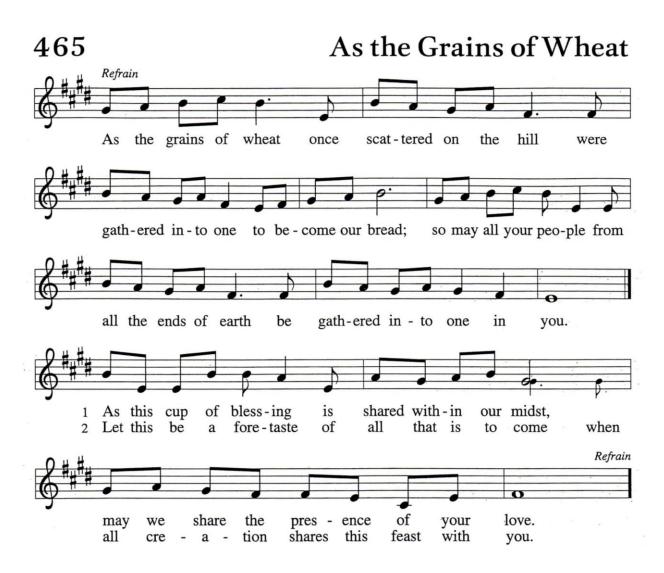


Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Alleluia Sing To Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus 0 Sing Al - le lu ia! to Je sus; his the scep - ter, 1 or - phans 2 Al - le lu ia! Not are we left in as 3 Al - le lu ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our 4 Al - le -5 Al - le lu ia! King ter nal, Lord nip e om -0 lu -0 Sing _ scep - ter, ia! to Je sus; his the his Al - le - lu his the throne; ia! the tri - umph, his the Al - le - lu sor - row now; ia! he near us; faith be is Al - le - lu food, our stay; ia! here the sin - ful flee to we own; Al - le - lu ia! born of Mar - y, earth your tent Al - le - lu his the throne; ia! his the tri - umph, his the Hark! The vic - to ry a - lone. songs of peace ful Though the cloud from lieves, nor ques - tions how. sight re -In - ter - ces day day. friend of you from to sor, with - in foot - stool, heav'n your throne. you As the veil a - lone. Hark! The peace - ful vic - to ry songs of Zi thun - der like might - y "Je -on a flood: sus when the for ceived him ty days were o'er, shall our sin - ners, earth's re deem - er, hear plea where the our great high en - tered, robed in flesh, our priest, here on Zi - on thun - der like might - y flood: "Je sus a re - deemed us by his blood." of ev - 'ry tion has out na for - get hearts his prom ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? a - cross the crys-tal sea. songs of all the sin less sweep eu - cha-ris - tic earth both priest and vic tim in the feast. of ev - 'ry tion has re - deemed us by his blood." out na -

Dismissal.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00	
Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Joyce Patterson
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Sally Warner & Fred Wobser
Acolyte:	Lincoln Smith
At 10:30	
Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Candy Beatty
Communion Assistant:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Chrissy Nielsen & Bill Bertsch
Acolyte:	Natalie Thompson

April Altar Care: Pat Wiedenheft & Carrie Killingsworth

PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by natural disasters in California and North Carolina; FAITH members, including, Patsy Troike; the people of St. Peter, Norwalk, and their interim pastors Cathy Schibler and Phil Gardner; The ministry of Nehemiah Partners in providing activities and services for Sandusky youth and their families.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft and family, Ken & Carrie Killingsworth and family, Rob & Melissa Wiedenheft and family, in honor of Pat Wiedenheft's birthday on May 7th.

ATTENDANCE: April 27th 56 + 26 = 82

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

General Fund \$3,560.00 Building Improvements: \$330.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am

Stop by the upstairs gathering room after service to enjoy this **month's cookies** provided by the youth, as a thank you to your generous fundraising!

Tuesday, May 13th at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church is a presentation of the life-changing experience of Beth and Dan Rice. In 2020, Dan was hospitalized, placed in an induced coma, and on life support. Given the slim chances of his survival, Beth turned to her faith for strength. This is their story of Dan's miraculous recovery, God's healing power, and where God is leading them today.

A **FREE COMMUNITY DINNER** will take place at Castalia's Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 14th at 5:00pm — 6:00pm. The menu is ham in mac & cheese, coleslaw, bread, and dessert. Delivery available for shut-ins, please call 419-357-3672.

A **FREE CONCERT** "Praise II" performed by Firelands Chorus Inc. will take place on Friday, May 9th & Saturday, May 10th at 7:30pm, at Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky. Doors will open at 7:00pm. You won't want to miss this music event directed by Jeffrey Kearney and accompanied by Cathy Nye!

On Saturday, May 10th, 2025, the letter carriers of Sandusky Post office, USPS, and the Sandusky Rotary Club will hold their **Stamp Out Hunger food drive**. Please place a non-perishable food item in a bag by your mailbox on May 10th. Last year, over 21,000 lbs of food was collected and distributed to local food banks!