



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**Sunday, April 23, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

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## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
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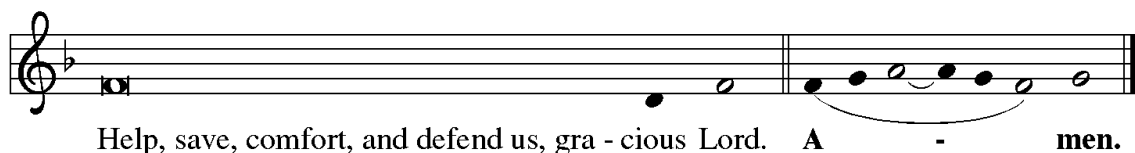
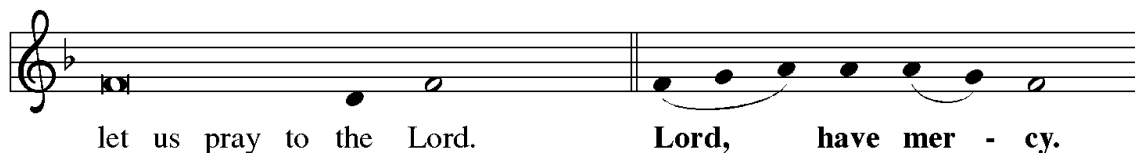
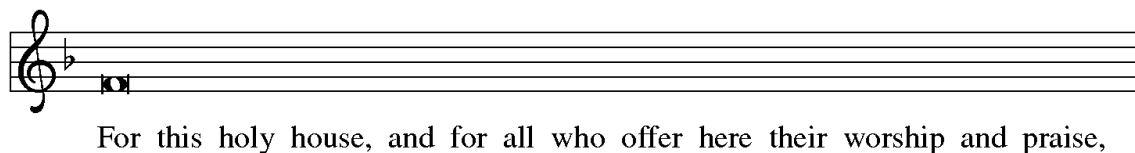
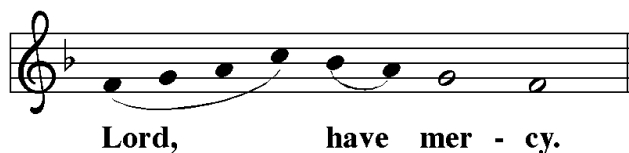
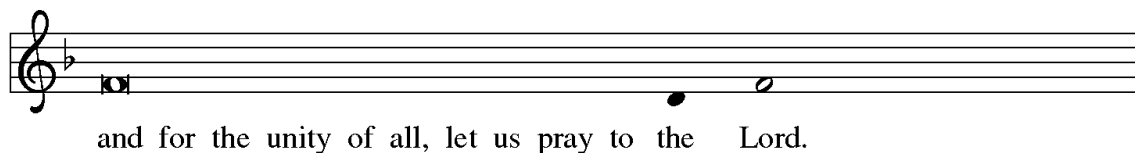
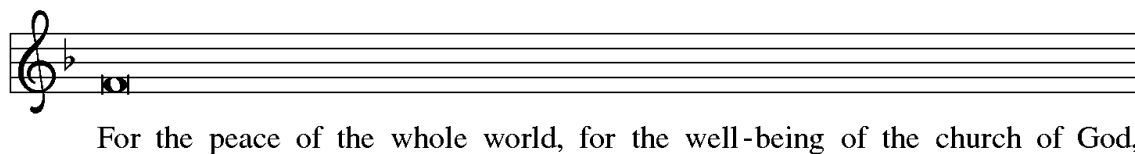
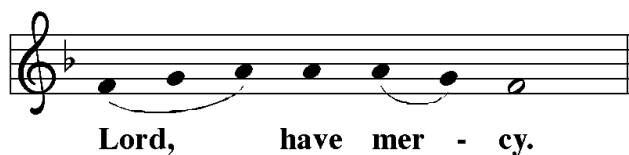
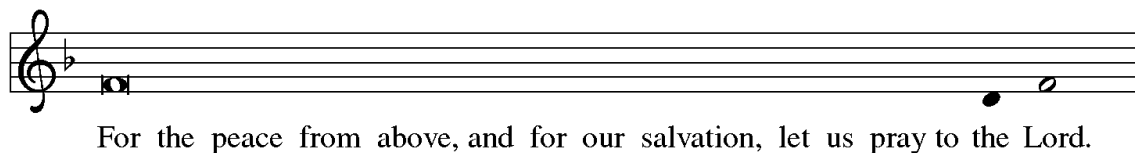
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
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## Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie



## Cantical of Praise



## Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],  
<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving**  
**and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD’s house,**  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

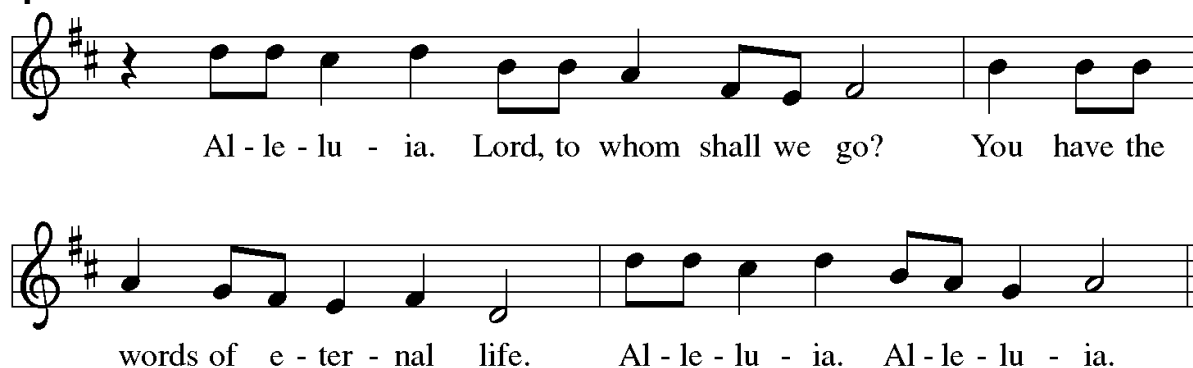
<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What

things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## **Children’s Message**

## **Sermon**

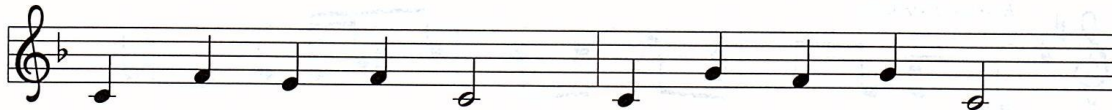
**Hymn of the Day: Day of Arising**

**No. 374**



## Day of Arising

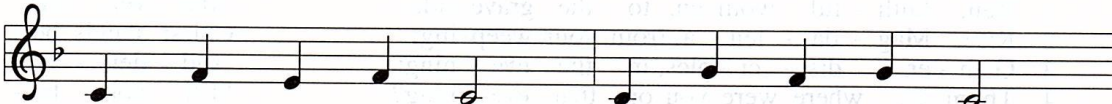
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1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Alternate tune: BUNESSAN



## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he was 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 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the  
world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in  
the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet.  
Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the  
field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen  
those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives (*like Toyohiko Kagawa,  
whom we commemorate today*). Help us keep the needs of those most  
vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are  
disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of  
those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for  
anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day (*especially*). Hear us, O  
God. **Your mercy is great.**

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort  
anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are  
not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our  
ministry together. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints (*especially*). As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

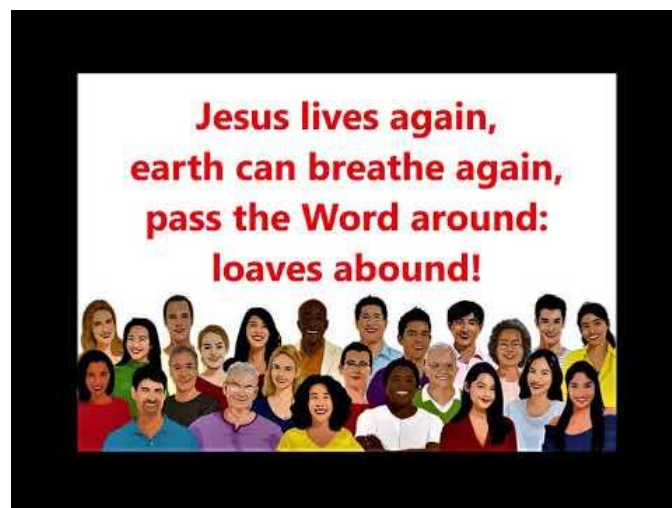
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever and forever.  
Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**No. 674**



# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

## *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**DONATIONS TO OUR “PENNY JUG”** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING’S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Carrie Wiedenheft
Usher:	Roy Patterson
Acolyte:	Mariska Farlow

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Charles Howard
Acolyte:	Mason Russell

April Altar Care:	Pat Wiedenheft
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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Jim Bertsch in celebration of Alice Bertsch's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 25.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Millie McCready, broke her foot;  
For all directly or indirectly effected by earthquakes, blizzards, tornadoes, and  
flooding, Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis;  
FAITH members, including; Paul Wiedenheft;  
our brothers and sisters in Christ in the congregations of the Sandusky area;  
teachers, administrators, and staff of the schools of the greater Sandusky area.

## ATTENDANCE

April 16, 2023: 42 + 29 = 71

### This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
TUESDAY	Carol on Vacation	Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting (rescheduled)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Unity Service Youth will be leading us in worship Cookies, Milk, & Coffee	9:00 am only After Worship

**UNITY SUNDAY - APRIL 30 - ONE SERVICE - 9:00 AM** Our confirmation students and the Sunday School kids will be participating in this fifth Sunday service by doing the readings, prayers, and a short skit in place of the sermon. Centered around the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, the children will help us to see a different side to the meaning of this Psalm. A 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm challenge will take place during the month of April amongst the kids, and it may be a good time for everyone to brush up on learning or re-learning the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. So, on this UNITY SUNDAY, let's all come together to worship and praise God for all that He has done and continues to do for us daily!

**COOKIES, MILK, & COFFEE** will be offered after the Unity Service on April 30. Please come and share some fellowship with each other.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS** **(Last two weeks)**

General Fund - \$10,010.50

Building Improvements - \$882.50

#### **Eastern Conference Women of the ELCA**

Spring Gathering

*Theme: "Women of the Bible"*

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church  
243 Benedict Ave., Norwalk

Cost \$10 payable at the door - Lunch provided.

Offering for the day will be distributed:

½ to The Inspiration Station (Hispanic Children Tutoring)  
½ Women of NWOS

In-kind gifts will be donated to St. Peter's Blessing Box

**\*Items needed:** peanut butter (individual packets or small jars), soups, tuna, boxed meals (mac and cheese, hamburger helper, etc.), cleaning supplies, dish soap, personal care items (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)

RSVP by May 2<sup>nd</sup> to St. Peter's office 419-668-2856





# The Community Mission Committee is holding a non-perishable food drive for

Grace's Food Pantry

for the month of April

Some suggested items are:

Cans of Soup

Canned Pasta (like SpaghettiOs, Ravioli)

Pasta Noodles

Peanut Butter

Jelly

Cereal

Tuna/Hamburger Helper

There is a basket to place your items in the  
education hallway.



**BLOOD DRIVE** at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 205 Main Street, Castalia in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, go to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: CUC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**REMEMBER** there is First Aid Equipment in the “old cry room/nursery”. There is an AED unit in the cabinet along with supplies for diabetics. The room also has a land line that can be used to call 911. The church address and emergency numbers are posted by the phone.