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Sunday, April 16, 2023 Second 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.**

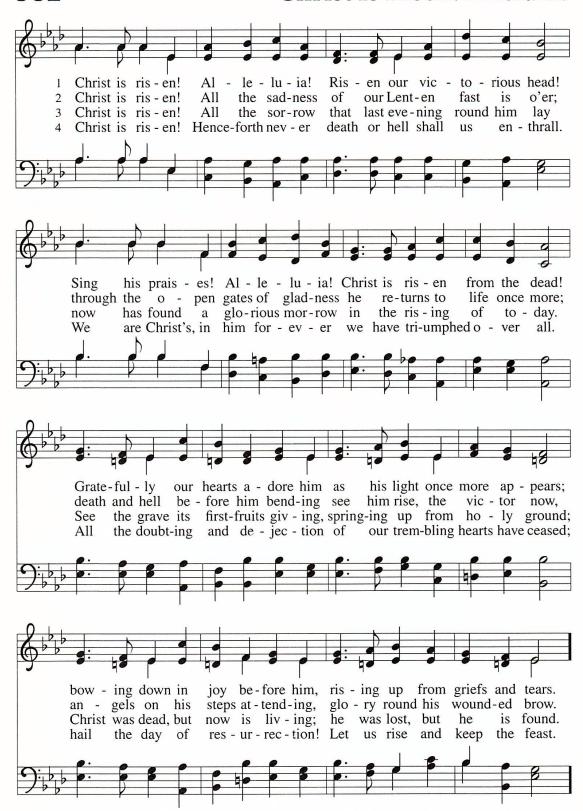
Opening Hymn: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

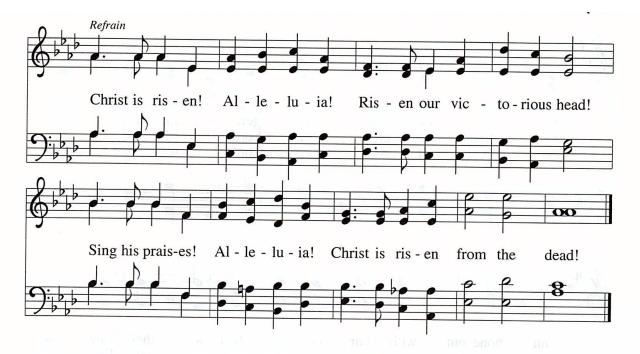


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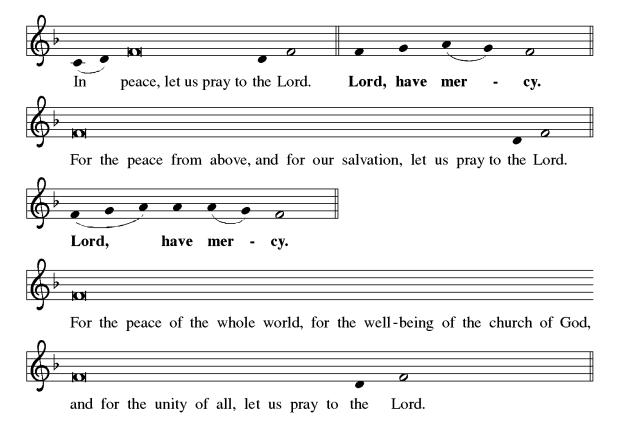


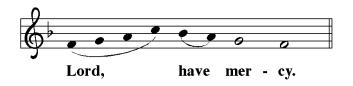
Greeting

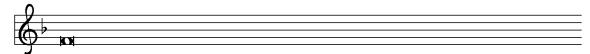
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie





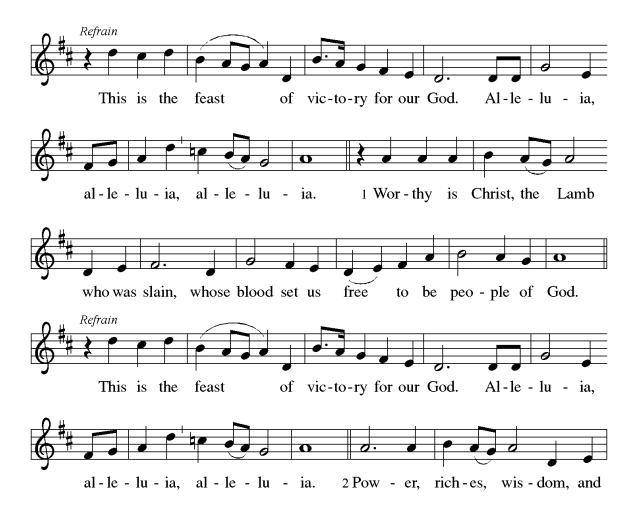


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,





This is the Feast





Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

- ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Thine Is the Glory

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Thine Is the Glory

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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 to 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.

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders (*especially*). Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

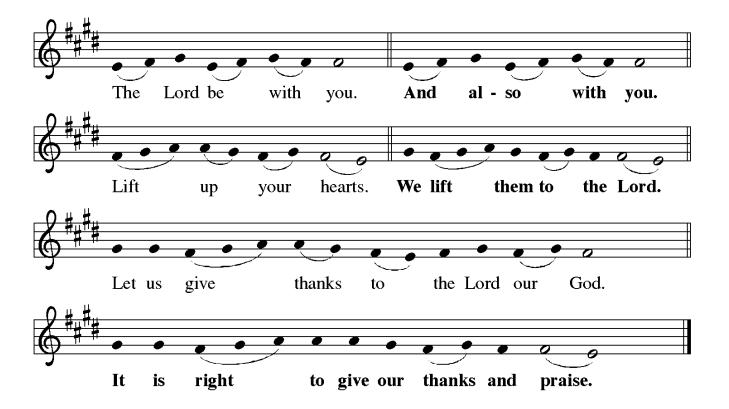
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love (especially). Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. 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 Meal

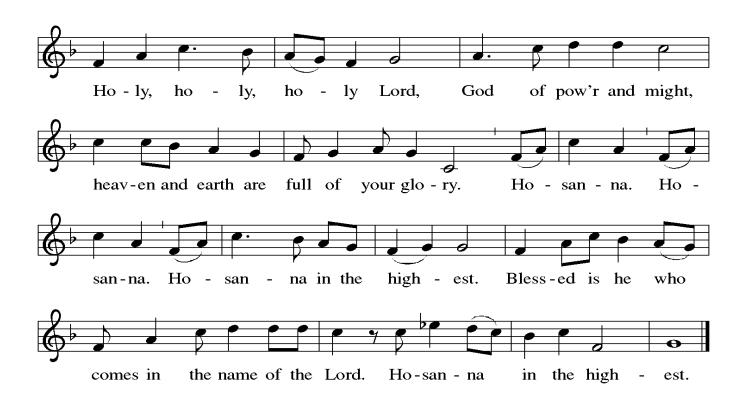


Preface

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 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.

The Lord's Prayer

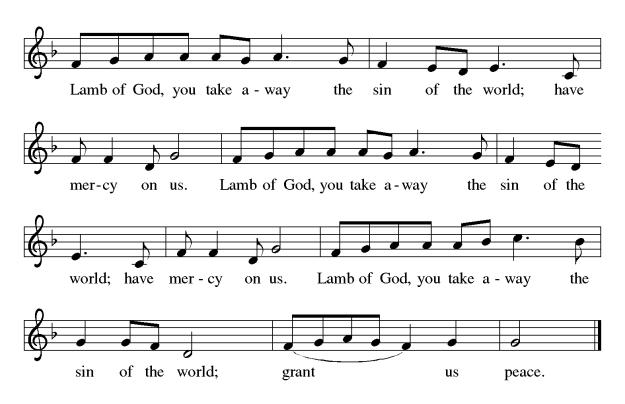
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Communion

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: By Your Hand You Feed Your People No. 469

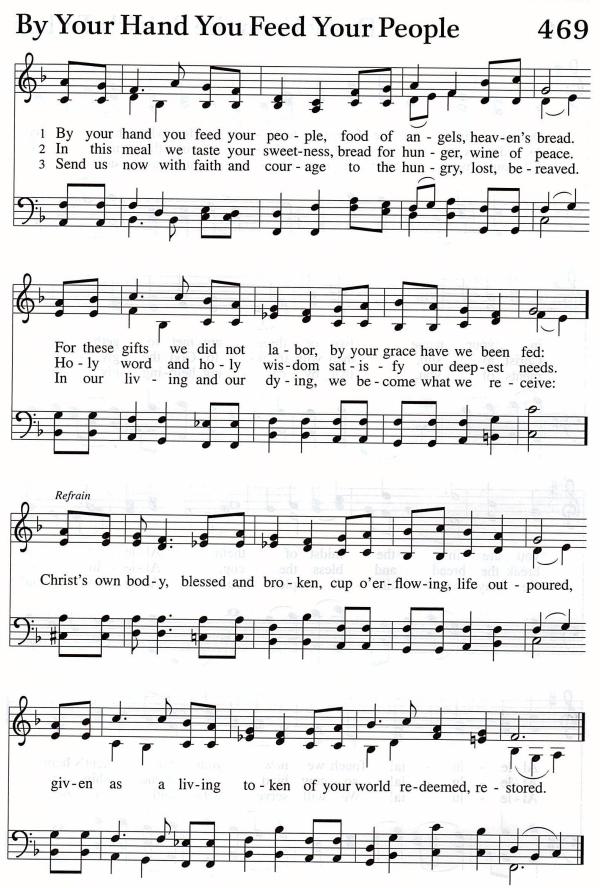


Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

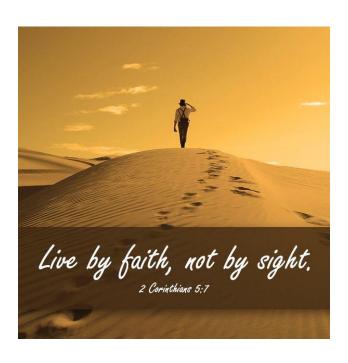
Blessing

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: We Walk by Faith No. 635





Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor: Pastor Ralph Schibler

Lectors: Russ Stephens
Communion Assistant: Millie McCready
Usher: Roy Patterson
Acolyte: Mya Smith

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor: Pastor Ralph Schibler

Lectors: Jim Bertsch
Communion Assistant: Gail Thompson
Usher: Charles Howard
Acolyte: Brock Parker

April Altar Care: Pat Wiedenheft

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by Roy & Joyce Patterson in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 20.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For all directly or indirectly effected by earthquakes, blizzards, tornadoes, and flooding, Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis;

FAITH members, including; Ruby Stierhoff;

the people of Zion, Huron;

the ministry of Care and Share of Erie County in providing food and other assistance to those in need.

ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday, April 6: 25

Good Friday, April 7: 41

Easter Sunday, April 9: 86 + 53 = 139

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.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	Crossroads Meal "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	1:00 pm 7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Worship Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am

LAST DAY TO TURN IN YOUR SURVEYS. Please complete one survey per adult member. The survey can be completed using the paper copy by the drop box or by accessing the anonymous survey online. There is a QR code to scan at the top of the survey or visit: https://www.surveylegend.com/s/4tol If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bango, Congregational Life Chairperson. Thanks for your help! We are looking forward to exploring new ideas for the upcoming year.

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 23rd Psalm, the children will help us to see a different side to the meaning of this Psalm. A 23rd 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 23rd 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!

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.



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.



