

## Prayer Page

### Entrusting into God's Care

- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Those suffering after storms and during the pandemic
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

### Healing

- Dave Johnson - recovering after surgery
- Gloria (granddaughter of Kim Neuhaus) - personal issues
- Merlin (grandfather of Dathan Hinrichs) - health issues
- Oliver (friend of Rick Heller) - ICU after car accident
- Joanne - cancer
- Stephen Stepanek - brain cancer treatment
- Mickie Sjullie - recovering after broken ankle
- Bonnie Breiholz - recovering after surgery
- Janelle Dunbar - recovering after surgery
- Doug Knutson - immunotherapy treatment
- Bonnie Bubke - personal issues
- Chuck Stoelting - recovering at Garnet Place
- Kim Neuhaus - recovering at home after surgery
- Rick Foreman - recovering at home after fall
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Ethel Doehrmann - cancer treatment
- Abi Clark - health issues

### Homebound

- Larry & Sharon Easler - Summit Pointe, Marion

### Mourning, friends and family of

- Aiden (cousin of Kierra Penney) - died 4/16
- Michele (sister of Melissa Loney) - died 4/10
- Don (father of Angie Pfeil) - died 4/8

### Serving Our Country

- Ben (son of Kroemers) - serving IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - serving IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, deployed to Poland
- Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - Guard, deployed in Poland

**Chancel Flowers** are given by Phil and Michelle Hedtke in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

## Servants of Worship

	Sunday, April 23	Sunday, April 30
<b>Elder</b>	Karl Hoech	Phil Hedtke
<b>Usher (8:30)</b>	Pete Larson	Randy Schmith
<b>Usher (11)</b>	Darrell Chiavetta	Greg Dunn
<b>Greeter (8:30)</b>	Ed & Gloria Schumacher	Joy the Comfort Dog
<b>Greeter (11)</b>	Tom & Debbie Mills	Joy the Comfort Dog
<b>Lector (8:30)</b>	Arlen Breiholz	Rick Thorington
<b>Lector (11)</b>	Emily Kroemer	Dave Johnson
<b>Video (8:30)</b>	Chris Frampton	Mitch Myers
<b>Video (11)</b>	Stephanie Chittick	Mike Diers, Charles Clark
<b>Sound (8:30)</b>	Ken Cook	Nicholas Williams
<b>Sound (11)</b>	Aaron Moffett	Darin Elm
<b>Acolyte (8:30)</b>	Ella Bricker	Tristan Bond
<b>Acolyte (11)</b>	Natalie Heller	Landon Oja
<b>Nursery (11)</b>	Emily Kroemer & Abi Clark	Rebecca Ballstaedt & Carolyn Zimmerman
<b>Coffee</b>	Schmiths	Kirkpatrick

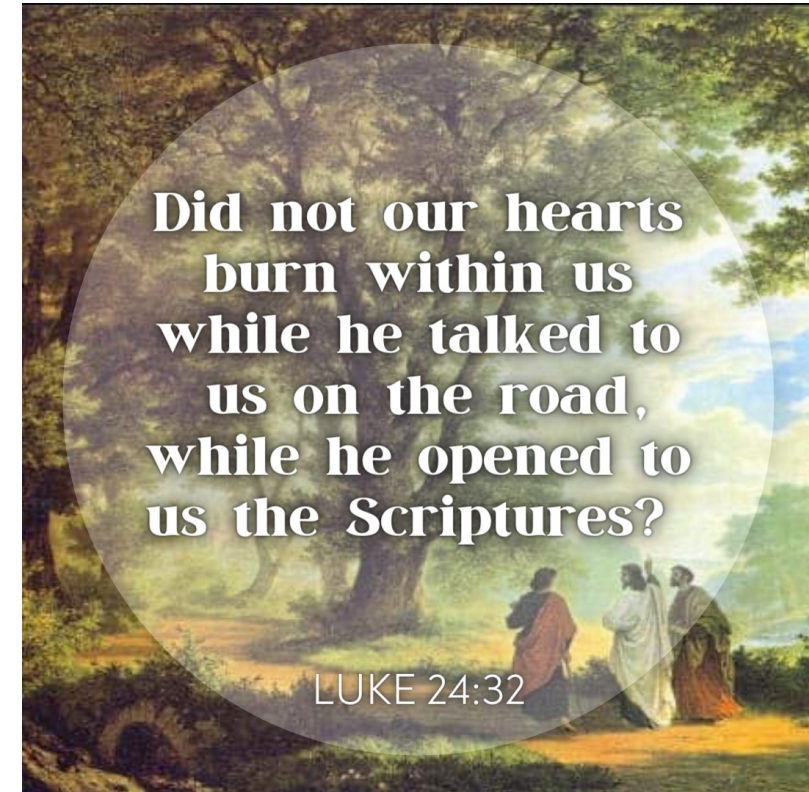
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**April 23, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**8:30 Service**

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

## Order of Service

Divine Service Setting IV (pg. 204)

Musical Prelude	
Ringing of the Bells	
Welcome and Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	
<i>Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living</i>	LSB #479
Invocation	
Confession and Absolution	
Introit	Psalm 133
Kyrie	
Gloria in Excelsis	
Salutation and Collect of the Day	
First Reading	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Epistle Reading	I Peter 1:17-25
Alleluia and Verse	
Holy Gospel	Luke 24:13-35
Apostles' Creed	
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	
<i>Jesus, Priceless Treasure</i>	LSB #743
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church	
Lord's Prayer	
Luther's Morning Prayer	
Benedicamus and Benediction	
Closing Hymn	
<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	LSB #644

## Notes and Announcements

**Food Pantry Spring Cleaning Challenge** - Let's fill the pantry shelves with cleaning products this month! Please donate laundry detergent pods, dish soap, glass cleaner, all purpose cleaner, hand soap, sanitizing wipes, paper towels, and dryer sheets.

**An American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held at Bethany this Thursday, April 27 at 1:30-5:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [bethanycr.org/blood-drive](http://bethanycr.org/blood-drive).

Pastor Erickson is currently leading a **Bible study** examining "A Chaste and Decent Life: An Update to 'Human Sexuality' 1981." This document has been published by our synod this year as an update of its first writing on human sexuality in 1981. While perceptions of human sexuality may change, God's design for it does not. This document and our study will equip Christians to speak of Christ into the darkness of today's culture where so many are falling into confusion and hopelessness. All adults are encouraged to attend this study **Sundays at 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

**Public Examination** of confirmation students will take place next Sunday, April 30 at 9:45 a.m. All are encouraged to attend in the Family Life Center to hear the confirmands affirm their faith by sharing what they have learned in confirmation class.

Each Sunday we need **volunteers in the food pantry**. If you would like to serve, please sign up at [bethanycr.org/food-pantry](http://bethanycr.org/food-pantry).

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at **Serve the Lord Day** yesterday to help care for the maintenance of our facilities!

Thank you for submitting **Hy-Vee receipts for Trinity Lutheran School!** Hy-Vee will give Trinity \$4,400 for April 2022-March 2023 receipts. We are now collecting April 2023-March 2024 receipts.

**Stewardship Note - 1 Peter 1:18-19** – "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God's Word.

## Our Calendar This Week

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) 9:30 am Blood Pressure Check 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 am Coffee Outreach 10:00 am Women's Small Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am Walking for Exercise 6:30 pm Handbells Practice
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm High School Youth 6:30 pm Vocal Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Walking for Exercise 1:30 pm Blood Drive 7:00 pm Christian Faith Class 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study - at Chiavettas'
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am Holy Yoga
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Public Examination of Confirmands 11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) 12:15 pm Board of Education Meeting 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Notes

**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.