

Sunday, April 14, 2024 Third 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!

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*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 Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Kids Word: Amy Norris

Our first reading is from Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

Psalm 4: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation, which is in bold print.)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Our second reading is from 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

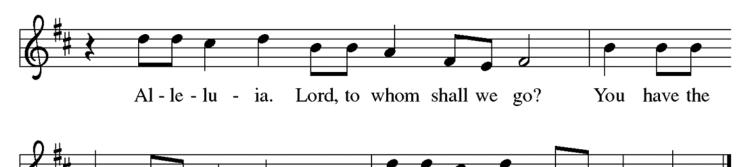
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation (setting 3 in the ELW)



words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*Easter Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

- P The holy gospel according to Luke beginning with the 24th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

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

Sermon - Rev. Doug Ferguson

*Hymn of the Day "As We Gather at Your Table" ELW 522

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- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. be - hold your im - age still in the world you died we save. join with saints and an - gels as to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

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*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.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God our healer, 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.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. 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.

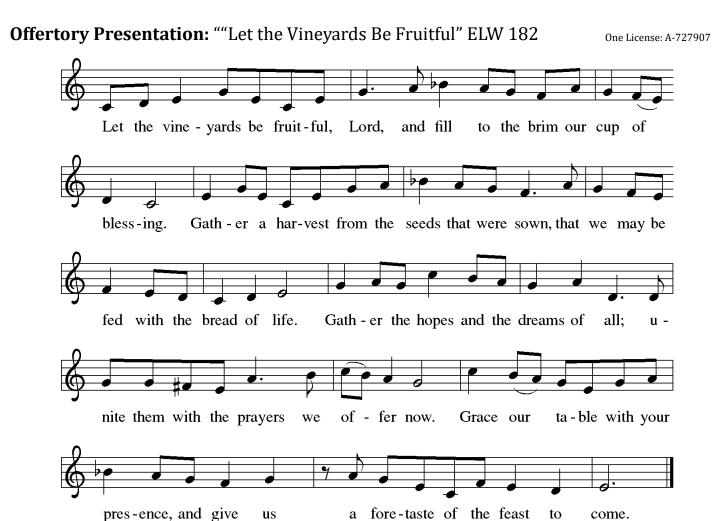
Offering:

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:



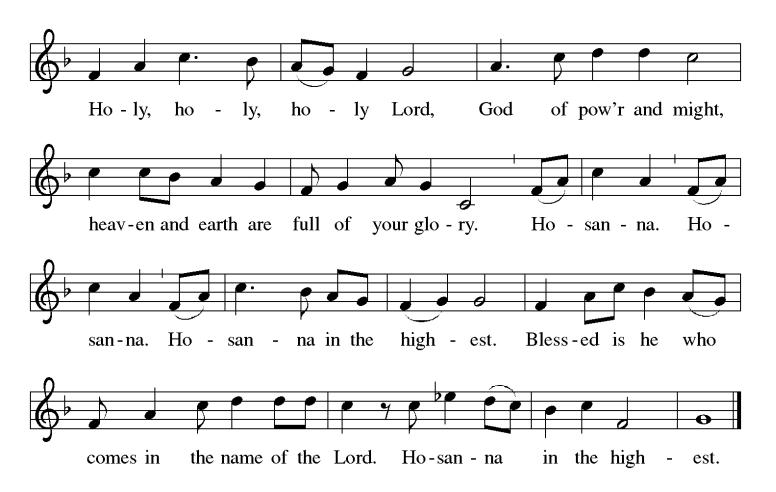
*Offering Prayer:

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 The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- 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.

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.

- 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.

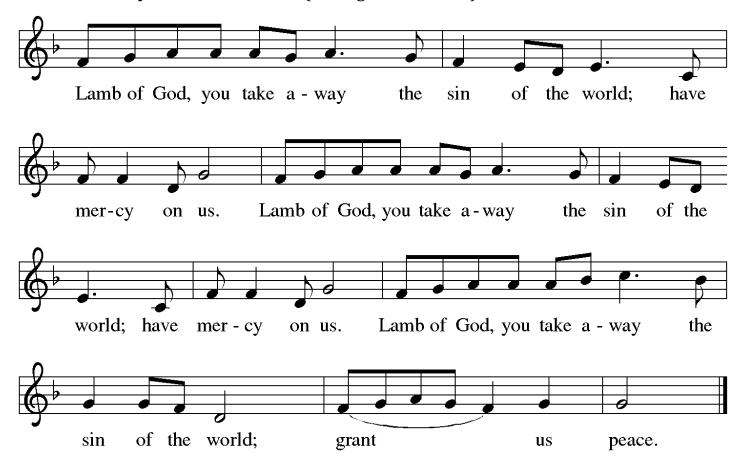
*Lord's Prayer:

- 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.

Communion Hymn: "Eat This Bread" ELW 472 (Repeat)

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*Post Communion Blessing

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:

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

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*Blessing:

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674

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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!



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

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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

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*Dismissal:

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

Announcements for April 14, 2024

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Essilee Smith

Ushers: Roger Hollands and Dick Elias

Greeter: Sue Elias

Lay Worship Leader, Lector and Communion Assistant: Becki Bergs

Altar Guild: Diane Scholer and Amy Norris

Calendar of Events for the Week of April 14:

Sunday, April 14 – Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship in Fellowship Hall (10am), and Super Sunday Children's Ministry at Lutheran Church of the Cross (4pm)

Monday, April 15 - Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, April 16 - Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), and Binding Ties Group (10am), and Project Stepping Stone Meeting (7pm)

Wednesday, April 17 - Thrivent Workshop and Dinner (5:30pm) and Better Together Wellness (6pm)

Thursday, April 18 - Stephen Ministry Training (9:30am)

Friday, April 19 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

Saturday, April 20 - Open Hands Food Distribution (8:30am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Flowers at the Altar:

(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: holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

John and Marcia Kelly and family

Pr. Jerry, Amy O'Neal and family

All who were affected by the recent tornado/storms in central Indiana

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 Haynes

John Paul Metzcar

Mary Broughton

For all who are sick and suffering

Thank you for your prayers for Susie Peterson's cousin, Allison and new born baby girl, Haley. They are doing great! Praise the Lord!

*Please stand as you are able.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April 14-20, 2024:

Birthdays:

April 20 - Dick Elias

Anniversaries:

April 18 - Steve and Sue Donnellan

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.

Thrivent Workshop: Your Legacy: Family, Church and Charity

Are there people and organizations you care about and want to help financially? Learn strategies for leaving a legacy.

- Explore spontaneous, intentional and strategic/planned giving.
- See examples of people who have established legacy gift strategies.
- Learn about foundations for charitable giving.

This workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 900 W White River Blvd, Muncie, IN on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM. It's hosted by Michelle L Walker, CFP®, FIC, CLTC® and Sam Campbell. Please call (765) 212-2307 or email janis.segedy@thrivent.com to reserve a place for yourself and a guest. Dinner will be served.

No products will be sold.

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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.



Personal Hygiene Kit Items



- 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

Canned Meats

Vienna Sausages (pop tops) Beanie Wienies (pop tops) Tuna/Chicken

Spam/Ham

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

Jelly

Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise

Picante/ Salsa

Salad dressings

Spices

Syrup

Peanut Butter

Jars /powdered To go packs

Canned Fruit

Individual Fruit Cups

Cookies

Snack packs

Individual servings boxed

Family Packs

Pasta & Rice Side Dishes

Bags of white or brown rice Boxes of grits and oatmeal (individual packets)

Snack bags of assorted chips

Juice boxes

MICAH CENTER WISH LIST

Underwear - No white preferred Men's (S-M-L-XL-XXL)

Women's (S-M-L)

Women's jeans or pants

Men's jeans (W30-42; L32-34)

Deodorant

Men's & Women's

Foot powder (few)

Antibiotic ointment

Rain gear/ponchos Back Packs

Body wash

Hygiene kits 1 hand towel

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)

Batteries all sizes Backpacks

Tarps Flash lights

Insect repellent

Foot and hand warmers

Snacks...crackers and assorted chips

Cases of Ramen noodles, chicken or

beef

Tuna-canned or tuna to go

CLEANING SUPPLIES—Clorox cleaner or Lysol disinfectant cleaner, paper towels, dish liquid, toilet paper, laundry deter-

Super Sunday Community Ecumenical Children's Ministry Sunday, April 14 at Lutheran Church of the Cross

Super Sunday Community Ecumenical Children's Ministry on Sunday, April 14 at Lutheran Church of the Cross from 4pm-6pm. Kids in Pre-K through fifth grade are welcome to come dressed as their favorite superhero (or as themselves) as we explore how lessons from Spiderman can deepen our faith. Kids will enjoy a snack, craft, faith-based discussion and games.

This is the last of an ongoing series in partnership with the following churches: First Presbyterian, Community of Hope, St. Andrew Presbyterian, and Lutheran Church of the Cross. Parents/caregivers: Please register your child(s) upon arrival at Lutheran Church of the Cross. You are welcome to stay, but you can also drop off your child.