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# ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024 10:00 AM

#### THE DAY

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

#### **PRELUDE**

Partita on This Joyful Eastertide

Theme

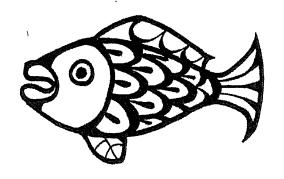
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Mvt. 2: Siciliano

Mvt. 5: Allegro-Toccata

setting: P. Bouman

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Congregational responses (**G**) in bold print.

# **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

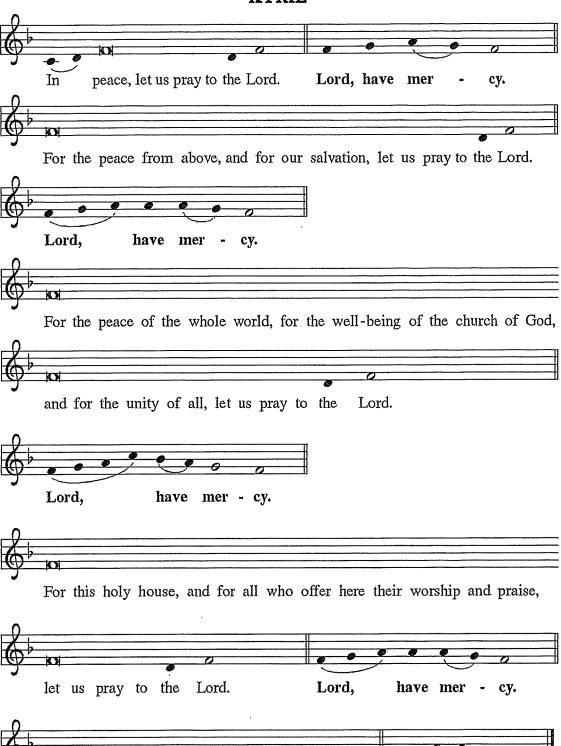
  Silence for reflection.
- P Almighty and merciful God,
- We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the desires of our own hearts, we have ignored your covenant of love for us, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord, as we confess our faults. Forgive us as we turn to you in repentance.
- In His goodness, God promises forgiveness in Jesus Christ for those who come before Him in confession. We are given time for the amendment of life and joy in His presence now, and forever.
- C Amen.

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- 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.



# **KYRIE**



men.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

# HYMN OF PRAISE





# PRAYER OF THE DAY

See Today's Readings insert

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

The Prayer of the Day is read.

Please be seated.

# FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

See Today's Readings insert

The reading concludes:

A Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

## Psalm 4

# Read responsively; see Today's Readings insert

#### SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

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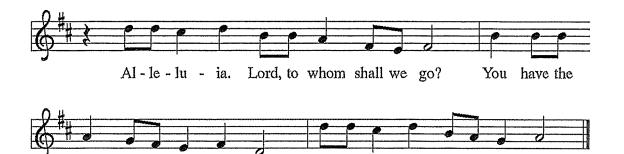
The reading concludes:

A Word of God, Word of life.

words of e - ter - nal

C Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



# GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48

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

# See Today's Readings insert

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

life.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

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

#### **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

377—Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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#### THE NICENE CREED

P Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P 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.

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:

P God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

**P** ...and living Lord.

C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P 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.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

- **P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say "Peace be with you," or similar words.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

368—With High Delight Let Us Unite

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Offerings can be placed in the plates at both exits. If you need assistance, please speak to an usher and they will be glad to help.

# With High Delight Let Us Unite



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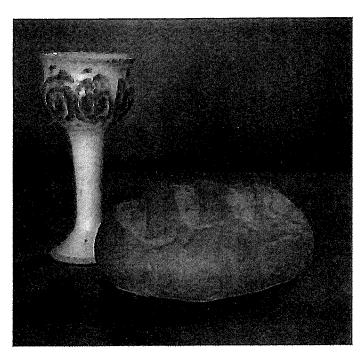
# HOLY COMMUNION

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

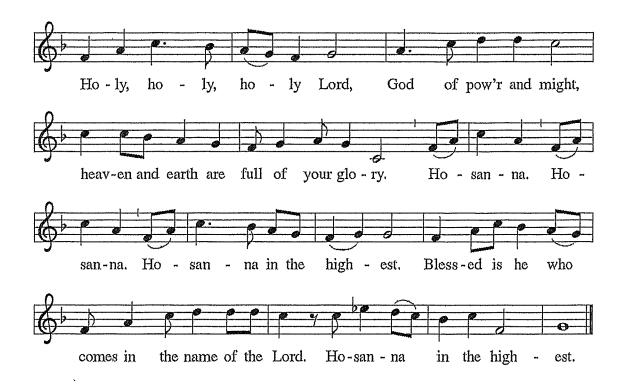
- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**

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:



# **SANCTUS**



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.



P 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with he Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

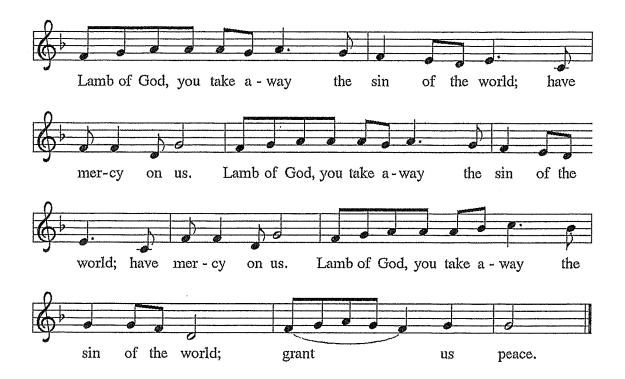
Amen.

# 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.



# AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



# **DISTRIBUTION**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that in this holy meal Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the elements. <u>Please come forward with hands extended</u> to receive the host (wafer) from the presiding minister, and wine from the communion assistant. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available on the table at the center aisle. <u>If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward with your hands crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.</u>

# **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

# C Amen.



# POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P 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.

#### **BLESSING**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- 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

366—The Strife is O'er

**VICTORY** 

# The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



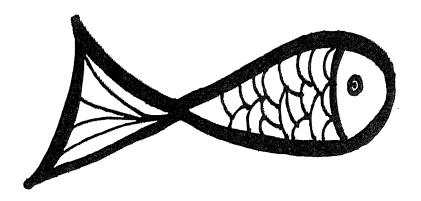
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#### DISMISSAL

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

# **POSTLUDE**

Partita on This Joyful Eastertide, Mvt. 4: Festive-setting: P. Bouman



The altar flowers are presented in memory of George B. Gaul and John E. Schuler by Diane Gaul.

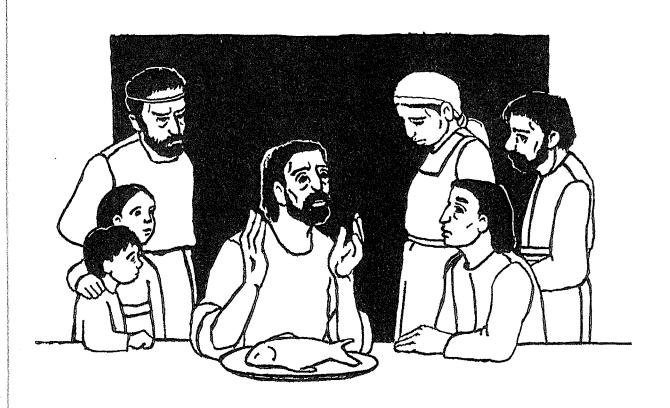
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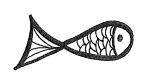
Hearing assistant devices are available upon request. To borrow a device for the duration of the service, please talk to an usher.

#### AN ABBREVIATED SERVICE ON YOUTUBE LIVE

The livestream broadcast of this worship service concludes before the distribution of Holy Communion because the Lutheran church teaches, "Concerning the Lord's Supper it is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Lord's Supper and are distributed and received there." (Augsburg Confession "X. Concerning the Lord's Supper"). A recording of Holy Communion could be occasion of the use of the sacrament by individuals without the community gathered "there."

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# Today's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

# Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.** 

# First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

[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? <sup>13</sup>The 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. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God

raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And 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.

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

# Psalm

Psalm 4; tone 8



Answer me when I call, O God, defender I of my cause; you set me free

when I was in distress; have mercy on me

and I hear my prayer.
2"You mortals, how long

will you dishon- or my glory; how long will you love illusions

and seek | after lies?"

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders <sup>1</sup> for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me I when I call.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and | do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices, and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying,

"Who will show us | any good?"

Let the light of your face
shine upon | us, O Lord.

continued

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness <sup>1</sup> in my heart, more than when grain and <sup>1</sup> wine abound. <sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie | down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.

# Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

# Cospel

Luke 24:36b-48

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?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

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

TODAY'S READINGS April 14, 2024

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Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS						
	April 14	April 21				
Announcements & Lector	Joanne Frantz	George Freestone				
Livestream	Mark Blatt Vic Dykty	The Frantz Family				
Communion Assistants	Vic Dykty Joanne Frantz	Becky Cunnius Joy Frantz				
Ushers	Vic & Anne Dykty Joanne Frantz	George Freestone Doug Heydt Alison Wilkins				

# **WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

Bonnie Arner

Nancy Melcher

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Altar Care

3/31/24, 10am 3/31/24, online

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**NOTE:** The online service numbers are accurate as of the Tuesday after the service. The number of views may have increased after publication.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT						
Sunday, April 14	9:00 am	Sunday School				
	9:15 am	Common Ground Presentation				
	10:00 am & livestream	Easter 3				
	11:15 am	Prayer Group				
	6:30 pm	Council				
Monday, April 15		Office Closed, Becca available remotely				
	1:00 pm	Quilting				
·	6:30 pm	Women's AA				
Tuesday, April 16	8:00 pm	Men's AA				
Wednesday, April 17		Newsletter Deadline				
•	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting				
	6:30 pm	First Communion Class				
	7:00 pm	Evangelism				
Thursday, April 18	6:30 pm	Bell Choir				
Sunday, April 21	9:00 am	Sunday School				
	10:00 am & livestream	Easter 4				
	11:30 am	Everybody's Birthday Party				
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# NEWS IN THE PEWS

APRIL 14, 2024



#### IT'S A PARTY

We're celebrating a birthday...YOUR birthday!

Join us **next Sunday**, **April 21 at 11:30am** for food, party games, and birthday cake as we celebrate everybody's birthday. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex or contacting Becky East.

Don't miss out on the fun! We hope to see you there!



# IT'S TIME FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING DRIVE!

Are you switching your clothes around for the spring and summer? Do you have extra clothing you do not need anymore? Do you have too many shoes? You're in luck! Our annual spring and summer clothing drive is back!

We are looking for donations of lighter weight clothing, as well as shoes for our drive. Bring your items to the church and place them on the tables below the signs in Memorial Hall. The drive will be held through the end of April. Donations will be split between Common Ground Recovery Ministries and Hope Rescue Mission.

We appreciate your support!



# PRAYER REQUEST CARDS FOR OUR PRAYER TEAM

Prayer is the most powerful tool we have to connect with God, but the power of prayer grows if shared among the congregation. In the Narthex, we have cards available for prayer requests. We invite you to write your name and who you would like us to pray for on the card and place it in the basket. Prayer cards will be collected each week.

We also invite you to join us in the Rose Room on the second Sunday of each month and we can pray together for all of the needs brought to our attention.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Powers.



#### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Many children, especially those who attend worship regularly, are eager to have the opportunity to commune with their family and the congregation. A class of instruction for those who would like to receive their **first Holy Communion** will be offered this Spring. Learning about the Lord's Supper will help them become more involved in the worship life of the congregation. Generally, children in third grade and above are encouraged to attend this class, but it is ultimately a family decision at what age a child receives their first communion.

Students will attend five 45-minute classes before receiving their first Holy Communion at worship on Sunday, May 12. Classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15pm. The first class is **Wednesday**, **April 10** at 6:30pm. A parent or guardian is requested to attend class with their child.

Please call or email the church office to register your child(ren) for the course. Fell free to call or speak to Pastor Irwin if you have any questions.



First Communion

# Advent Lutheran Church Breakfast Before Worship Session "My Trip to Ghana" by John Brewster 28 April 2024 8 AM



**Advent Lutheran Church** 

Our Director of Music, John Brewster, as part of his seminary program took a trip to Ghana - and will discuss that and have some "show and tell" items too!

All members of Advent, and friends of the congregation, are welcome to attend a Breakfast Before Worship (BBW) session at Advent, sponsored by the Men's group on April 28th, 2024 at 8 AM - prior to worship.



**Food Donations** 

Breakfast will be provided, and a free will offering will be taken to defray the cost. To ensure the proper amount of food, we are requesting your RSVP - either via <a href="this online Google Form">this online Google Form</a>, George Freestone's mobile (484) 529-0234, or via filling out the paper RSVP form on a pub table in the Narthex. Your feedback is requested by April 21st, 2024. The session will be held in Memorial Hall.

Please direct any questions to George at his mobile above, or at <a href="mailto:freestga@gmail.com">freestga@gmail.com</a>.

# FREE LITTLE PANTRY

Our Free Little Pantry on Noble St. is being used regularly. If you can chip in to help restock the pantry, we would appreciate it! You can donate food, or you can also donate money or gift cards (Aldi's or Redner's) that our pantry volunteers can use to go and purchase food for the pantry.

Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings when you come to worship or can be dropped off at the church office during regular hours. Thank you for helping to keep our neighbors fed!