

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, March 31, 2024
Easter Festival Divine Service

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

Thank you to all who donated Easter flowers for today's service. If you wish to take your plant(s) home after the 9:30 AM service, please find what you ordered. Any flowers remaining will be planted around the church grounds to beautify our next Easter. A list of donors is found on the back page of this bulletin.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #153 "Alleluia! Jesus Lives" Public Domain

Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the
 2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed
 3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
 4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death
 ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,
 fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here
 ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner
 Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -
 Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er
 Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.
 to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
 his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.

Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

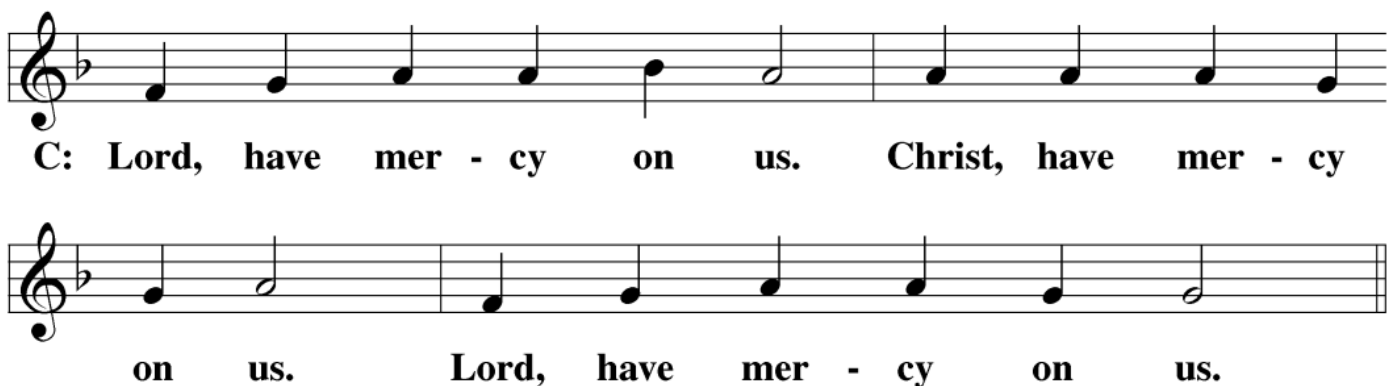


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his

authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

(In place of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, we sing Hymn 265, “*This is the Feast of Victory.*”)

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This Is the Feast of Victory

Dignus est Agnus

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|------|-------------|------------|-----|-----------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Wor - thy | is | Christ, the | Lamb | who | was | slain, | Whose |
| 2 | Pow - | er, | rich - es, | wis - dom, | and | strength, | And | |
| 3 | Sing | with | all the | peo - ple | of | God, | And | |
| 4 | Bless - | ing, | hon - or, | glo - ry, | and | might | Be to | |
| 5 | For | the | Lamb | who | was | slain | Has be - | |

Refrain



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all
the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he
might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118 “This is the Day” Stephen

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Refrain: This is the day! This is the day that the Lord has made!
Alleluia! Let us rejoice and be glad! Rejoice and be glad! **Repeat**

1. Thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God’s mercy endures for
ever; Let the house of Israel say: “God’s mercy endures for
ever!” **Refrain**

2. Hand of the Lord has triumphed. God’s right hand is exalted. I
shall not die, but I shall live, declaring the deeds of the Lord.

Refrain

3. Stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. These things the Lord has done' it is wonderful in our eyes.

Refrain

4. (Gospel Acclamation Verse) Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice. Let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Choir sings)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of seven notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and G4 (quarter). The notes are connected by a single line, indicating a continuous melodic phrase. Below the staff, the lyrics 'C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!' are written in a simple, sans-serif font.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Alleluia! Christ Has Risen” (Choir sings)

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Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia. Christ has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia, alleluia.

Verse: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor: He has made him ruler over the works of his hands, He has put all things under his feet.**Refrain**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #156: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" Public domain

EASTER

156 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes
 in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -
 bliss un - told, Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
 e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 God's own Son In love for me has won.
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

BE SEATED

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER SUNDAY

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into
a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from
the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made
alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to
life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to
sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in
adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the
dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!
Amen.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your

Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



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EASTER

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Morning Breaks upon the Tomb



1 Morn - ing breaks up - on the tomb; Je - sus
2 You who are of death a - fraid, Tri - umph
3 Chris - tian, dry your flow - ing tears; Chase your



scat - ters all its gloom. Day of tri - umph through
in the scat - tered shade. Drive your anx - ious cares
un - be - liev - ing fears. Look on his de - sert -



the skies, See the glo - rious Sav - ior rise.
a - way; See the place where Je - sus lay.
ed grave; Doubt no more his pow'r to save.

Text: William B. Collyer, 1782–1854, abr.

Tune: INNOCENTS (77 77) French melody, 13th century.

EASTER

157

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3 But the pains which he en - dured,
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross,
Who en - dured the cross and grave,
Now a - bove the sky he's King,
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host,

Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss,
Sin - ners to re - deem and save,
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 14th century, st. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, st. 1-3, alt.
Tune: EASTER HYMN (77 77 with Alleluias) *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, alt.

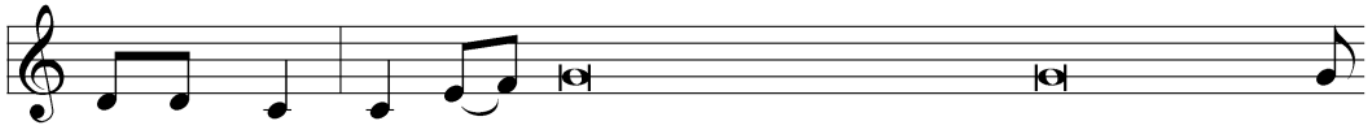
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

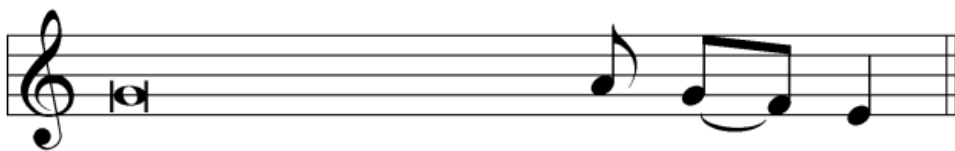


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: #152 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (see last page) Public Domain except for descant. Descant not played, sung, or printed.

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I Know that My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr.
 Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

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Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Ron Bude

Cantors in order of appearance: Senior Choir; Kai Pearce (T), Lois Bude (S), Scott Beckerman (B), Stephanie Wright (A), and Mark Castellese (T)

Bells: Jan Jacobi (S) and Becky Lohrmann (A); **Basses (B):** Jim Cutler, Damon Pearce, Ed Jacobi, Van Varner; **Tenor (T):** Steve Jacobi; **Altos (A):** Nancy Winkler, Sara Burcon; **Soprano (S):** Carol Schwartz; **Keys/Director:** Julie Webber (T)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today
 - 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Divine Service, LWMS mites due
 - 8:15 AM Easter Breakfast
 - 9:30 AM Easter Festival Divine Service, LWMS mites due
- Tuesday
 - 7:00 PM All Boards except Elders
 - 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday
 - 10:00 AM Online Bible Class
- Sunday
 - 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving April 7: Altar Guild – Margaret Seppanen; Ushering – Team 3

SERVICE OF LOVE – St. Peter's Church and Preschool has the opportunity to donate to Ypsilanti's Hope Clinic Pantry. We are collecting items until **Monday, April 15**. Please donate **cleaning supplies**: dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, and toilet paper; **baby care items**: diapers, pull-ups, and wipes (no clothes or blankets); **non-perishable food**; and **hygienic items**: tooth-paste, toothbrushes, and dental floss. Please place items in the church narthex or basement or the school hallway. Contact Becky Lohrmann, 734-417-0428 or lohmannr@yahoo.com. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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