

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eucharistic Matins

April 27th & 28th 2024

5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

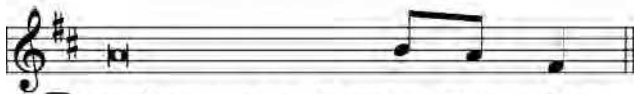
+ Service of Preparation +

Please Stand as you are Able & Face the Back of the Nave

Call to Worship



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



G and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



G make haste to help me, O Lord.



G Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Pastor: Jesus said, I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again:

People: **Lord of Heaven, we gather in this place to know Your presence and Your love, now and always.**

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the light. Anyone who knows Me knows God.

People: **Eternal Christ, we pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.**

Pastor: Jesus said, when the Spirit of truth, comes, she will guide us into all truth.

People: **Holy Spirit, move us to worship whole-heartedly, believing and following where You lead, now and always.**

Pastor: All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's Name and to be refreshed by God's goodness;

People: **And none are turned away.**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Ever-gracious and loving God,

People: **From generation to generation, You call faithful women and men to be willing servants of Your truth. You fill us with strength and hope, yet often we don't think it's enough. We pray both for great faith and for easy lives, but we know the two seldom go together. Forgive us our limited vision and our feeble trust, that we may rejoice in Your unending grace even in the times of deepest suffering. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ..in the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

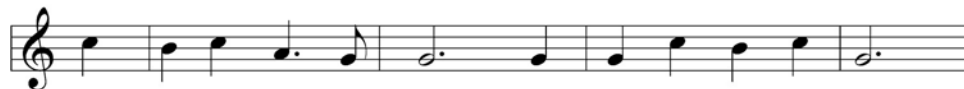
The Cross will Process During the Hymn

Hymn ~ When Morning Gilds the Skies (vv. 1, 4-5)

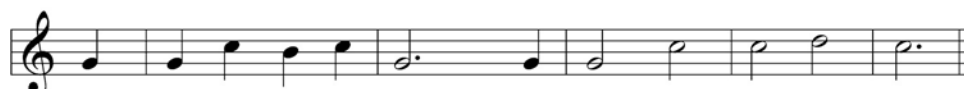
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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur - few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Please Be Seated

Children's Message

Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 22

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill | fill my vows.

²⁶ **The poor will eat and be satisfied;**
those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts | live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn | to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations will bow | down before *him*,

²⁸ **for dominion belongs | to the Lord**
and he rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will | feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep them- | selves alive.

³⁰ **Poster-** | **ty will serve him;**
future generations will be told a- | **bout the Lord.**

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn: the Lord has done it!

D **Glory be to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the | Holy Spirit;**
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will forever | A-men.

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-7

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Abide in me and I will abide in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ Abide with Me (vv. 1-4)

LSB 878

1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bid with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.

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Message

- 5 *I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!*
- 6 *Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

Please Stand

Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

Offering

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- *Place your giving in the basket during offering.*
- *Text to Give, simply text Give to 1-877-618-0062*
- *Online giving at <https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis>.*
- *Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis,*



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
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Ways to Give

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Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attender, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect... "trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"

+ Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ;

to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Preface and Proper Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right... ..evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

(DS II)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

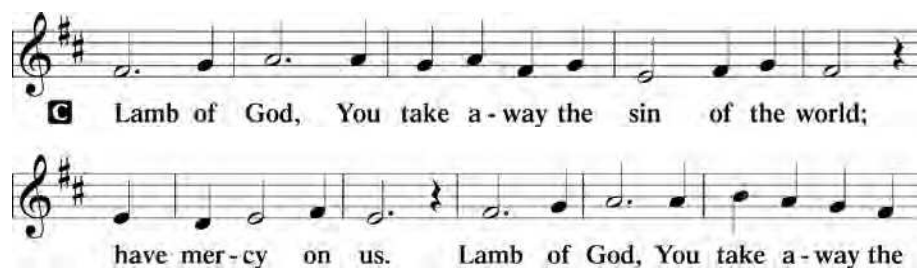
The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

(DS II)



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ In Holy Conversation

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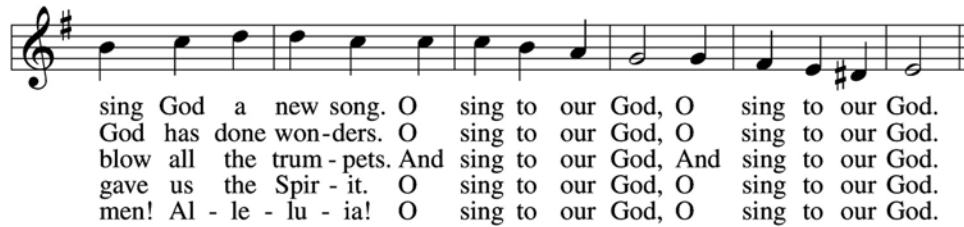
1 In ho-ly con-ver-sa-tion We speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho-ly con-ver-sa-tions Be-gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho-ly con-ver-sa-tion, In si-lence or by word,
And at His in-vi-ta-tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
We bring our sup-pli-ca-tions And words of thanks and praise.
In ev-'ry sit-u-a-tion Through Je-sus, we are heard.
We come, His will o-bey-ing, As chil-dren bring-ing needs;
With care our Fa-ther lis-tens To ev-'ry thought ex-pressed,
So let us pray se-cure-ly, Ex-press-ing hopes and fears
And to sup-port our pray-ing, His Spir-it in-ter-cedes.
Then an-swers our pe-ti-tions In ways He knows are best.
With con-fi-dence that sure-ly Our Fa-ther ev-er hears.

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Hymn ~ O Sing to the Lord

LSB 808

1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir-it. O shout to our
5 For Je-sus is Lord! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! For Je-sus is
Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And
God, Who gave us the Spir-it. O shout to our God, Who
Lord! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! For Je-sus is Lord! A-



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Prayer

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Hymn ~ *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise* (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

LSB 680



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Thanks to Trinity Community for Fellowship and Friendships
by April and Larry Pawlowski*

Worship Leaders



Ministers:	<i>The People of Trinity Lutheran Church</i>		
	<i>5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>8:15 a.m.</i>	<i>10:15 a.m.</i>
Preacher:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Presider:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Joshua Steele</i>	<i>Joshua Steele</i>
Children's Message:		<i>Josh Hatcher</i>	<i>Josh Hatcher</i>
Lector:	<i>Allen Helms</i>	<i>Luke Eatherton</i>	<i>Bob Kurtz</i>
Acolyte:		<i>Luke Eatherton</i>	<i>Ian Drescher</i>
Organist:	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>	<i>Jeff White</i>
Cantor:	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>	<i>Nicole Heerlein</i>
Communion Prep:	<i>Dianne Davis</i>	<i>Dianne Davis</i>	<i>Dianne Davis</i>
Communion Servers:	<i>Allen Helms</i>	<i>Sue Fiehler</i>	<i>Joshua Blasingame, Doug Dick, Grace Dick, Paul Weinhold</i>
Usher:	<i>Phil Koehr</i>	<i>Phil Koehr, Paula Wike</i>	<i>John Carroll, Ken Horvath, Kay Weber</i>
Greeter:			<i>Sue Brax</i>
Livestream:			<i>Hayden Koeltzow, Paul Koeltzow</i>

SONday School Music: *Rebecca Carroll*

SONday School Leaders: *Kay Weber and Paula Wike*

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TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!
We pray that your time with us today is uplifting
and encouraging as we follow Jesus together as
God's people.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here
to help you connect both with Christ Jesus and
with our ministry. If we can be of help to you in
any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Worship Services -

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday at 8:15 & 10:15 a.m.

SUNDAY

SONday School 9:15 a.m. Parish House 1st flr.

Confirmation 9:15 a.m. Parish House 3rd flr.

Adult Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

MONDAY - SATURDAY

Soup Window 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Parish House, 3rd flr./Zoom

Women's Lunch 11:30 a.m. Café Nova

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Parish House 3rd flr.

Trinity Handbells 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony

Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony

Next Weekend

Sunday

SONday School 9:15 a.m. Parish House 1st flr.

Confirmation 9:15 a.m. Parish House 3rd flr.

Eat Out Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Family Picnic 11:30 a.m. Soulard Market Park

GIVING

There are many ways to Give:

Online giving: We have migrated to a new e-giving platform, PushPay. **Please discontinue giving through Vanco or BluePay.** To give online one time or to set-up recurring giving go to <https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis> to access the new platform. If you have any questions, please call the church office 314-231-4092 x2.

Text to Give: Text "Give" to 1-877-618-0062

In Person: Gifts of cash or check payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church" can be given in all worship services.

Mail: You can send your gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Souland Street, St. Louis, MO 63104

Altar Flowers - Altar flowers can be and are more than mere ornaments. They are the expression of our love for God as well as a means of glorifying his name in all the earth. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular Sunday to mark a special life event such as birth and birthdays; anniversary of a wedding, baptism, confirmation; the memory of a loved one; or as a thanksgiving for life's blessings, call or email the church office (314-231-4092 x2, or office@trinitystlouis.com). You can also reserve a Sunday online on Church Community Builder or sign up in the back of the sanctuary. Altar flowers are \$50 for two vases.

CONGREGATION

Financial Stewardship Report - As of March 31, church income is below budget by \$34,336 and is 8.5% lower than income for the comparable period ending March 2023. The current period net operating loss is \$25,918. The table below excludes any budgeted donations and expenses for debt service.

	2024 YTD ACTUAL	2024 Budget	Variance	2023 YTD
Member Contributions	\$116,154.	\$147,360	\$(31,206.)	\$131,660.
Community Care	2,799.	11,065.	(8,266.)	2,450
Other donations*	5,136.	0.	5,136.	1,535.
TOTAL INCOME	\$124,089.	\$158,425.	\$(34,336.)	\$135,645.
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$150,007.	158,425.	(8,418.)	\$174,659.
Net Income (loss)	\$(25,918.)	0.	\$(25,918.)	\$(39,014.)

* non-recurring donations such as RMD, Thrivent Choice, Memorials

School Renovation- status update. A loan with LCEF has been approved and the loan will be executed as soon as some final paperwork is completed. This paperwork includes, but is not limited to, an appraisal, a Builder's Risk insurance policy, and finalization of the General Contractor contract. These final steps should be completed in April. A Steward Account, at LCEF, has been set up to hold monies pledged to the project, which will ensure funds earmarked for the project are not commingled with the church's general funds.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Adult Bible Study – Meets at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary led by Seminarian Joshua Steele.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study – Join us Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (social time 9:45) "Liturgy of the Ordinary" by Tish Harrison Warren, book can be purchased from Amazon. Meet in person, Parish House, 3rd flr. or check your Trinity Weekend Enews to sign up online for Zoom.

Women's Lunch – Join us Tuesday, April 30 at 11:30 a.m. at Café Nova, 5611 S. Kingshighway Blvd.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study – Join us Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish House, 3rd flr meeting room led by Pastor Albers.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Picnic: Sunday, May 5 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. families with children around ages ten (10) and under are invited to Trinity's Family picnic! Bring your own bag lunch and enjoy an early afternoon of fun and play at Souland Market Park, Lafayette Ave. and 8th Street, right in front of the Market and a block north of Trinity's campus.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SONday School - For children 3 years to 5th grade, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House, 1st flr., opens with music led by elementary school music teachers Katy Moll and Rebecca Carroll and Trinity's Minister of Music, Jeff White. Summer break begins May 26.

Youth Confirmation Class – Youth Confirmation Class – Youth 6th grade and older are invited to participate in Confirmation. Sundays 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Parish House, 3rd flr. (Rite of Confirmation will be Sunday, May 19)

Lutheran Schools Scholarship- The St Louis Metro, has over 40 different wonderful Lutheran Schools for families to choose to attend. You can check them all out at: <https://lesastl.org/schools/>. Trinity offers scholarships to our members attending Lutheran Schools. The Scholarship application deadline is July 1, 2024. <https://trinitystlouis.com/scholarship/>. Contact Paula Wike for more information.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Festivals and Celebrations" - a Hymn Festival. In celebration of Music at Trinity, as well as commemorating the 10th anniversary of the installation and dedication of our 52-rank Schantz pipe organ. Celebratory hymns from the Church Year's major festivals and hymns of praise will be sung by congregation and choir, accompanied by organ, piano, brass, and handbells! Trinity's Organist, Jeff White, will be joined by guest conductor Dr. Cathy Benton and members of Band Together, the Gateway Ringers, and our own Trinity Sanctuary Choir and Handbell ringers. The celebration starts at 3:00 PM Sunday, June 2, 2024, and it is free and open to the public, though a free-will door offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendar for these upcoming fellowship events

- *Eat Out Sunday* - The first Sunday of every month is Eat Out Sunday! Join us Sunday, May 5, sign up in the back of the church or check Trinity Weekend Enews to RSVP online.
- *Lunch N Learn* - Join us Wednesday, May 15 at 11:30 a.m. for a Lunch N Learn with honeybees without getting stung. Beekeepers Bill & Brenda Wilson and Seminarian Adler Rickords presenting live from Wilson's backyard to the Parish House, 3rd flr meeting room, sign up in the back of the church or online. (will be rescheduled if inclement weather).

For more information contact Joyce Binder, Sue Fiehler, or Mary Marth

SPIRITUAL CARE

Spiritual Direction: Our ministry team is available for Spiritual Direction by appointment on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Spiritual Direction is distinct from Counseling and offers a time of scriptural and personal reflection rooted in discernment and prayer. For more details, along with a list of trusted counseling partners, please visit www.trinitystlouis.com/spiritualdirection. To schedule an appointment, please email our Operations Manager, Brenda Wilson at office@trinitystlouis.com.

*If you need immediate emergency pastoral care, please call 314-231-4092 x3.

COMMUNITY CARE

Community:

Soup Alley Food - *1140 meals served at Soup Alley for the month of March: Daily average of 44 meals.*

Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Saturday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

Items to donate:

- PB&J & Meat Sandwiches
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- **Large and X Large t-shirts, hoodies, and underwear.**
- **NO Women's or Children's clothing at this time.**

If you are able to bring any of these items to Trinity for distribution, please schedule your drop-off through the church office by emailing office@trinitystlouis.com. Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by appointment.

PRAY

Birthdays ~ April 27 – May 3

Steve Albers	April 28
Jennifer Hertel	April 28
Beth Riemer	April 28
Lilah Denson	April 29
Larry Pawlowski	April 29
Jenny Scholl	April 29
David Simpson	April 30
Nicholas Carson	May 1
Melissa Giuntoli	May 1
Gweneth Korn	May 1
Emma Wilkerson	May 1
Donna Oakes	May 2

Parish Community

Phil Nenaber
Zachary & Kirsten Nenaber
Penelope
Rose Nester & Jim Heine
Bob & Linda Newcomb
Kyle & Ashley Newson
Brooklyn & Maren Mae
Nancy Nietz
Nancy Nihás

