



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45AM

*All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!*

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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*As the prelude begins, please observe a period of  
silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.*

**PRELUDE:** "The Lord's My Shepherd" (Brother James' Air),  
setting by Raymond Haan (b.1938)

*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the  
promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those  
"who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true  
for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

The \* indicates when the congregation stands, if able.  
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

## **WELCOME**

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your  
Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and  
grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**    Our Father, by Whose Name                      **ELW #640**

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.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



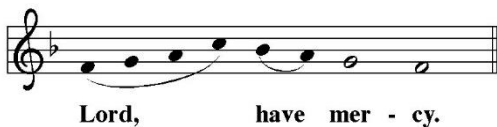
Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

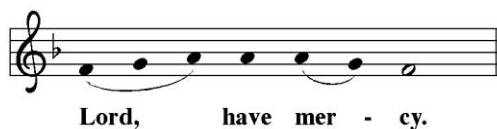


Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



## This Is the Feast

*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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - 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.

## **\*SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

*Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.*

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days  
of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

*Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life.*

*Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.*

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

### \*GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

The Lord's My Shepherd

**ELW #778**

**SERMON**

Pastor Jake Lehman

*(Please stand)*

**\*CREED**      *Apostles' Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended into Hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

### **\*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(please be seated and take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.)*

## OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "Andante Religioso" from Organ Sonata No. 4, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

11:00 - "The Lord's My Shepherd" (*Brother James' Air*), setting by Roger Price (b.1955)

*Please stand as we begin singing "Let the Vineyards"  
and the elements are brought forward*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come." The music ends with a double bar line.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with some ties. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en 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 who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more varied than the previous hymn, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, Mighty Lord, gracious Father...until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, gracious Father...the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers...now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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**

*(Please be seated)*

### Lamb of God

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

**HOLY COMMUNION** by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

*Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.*

8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction please kneel, as able, at the rail.

11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction


*Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: 8:30 - "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" William B. Bradbury (1816-68), setting by Victor Labenske (b.1963), Jen Gatz, Piano

11:00 - "Andante Religioso" from *Organ Sonata No. 4*,  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

*(Please stand)*

### **\*THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

### **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

**ELW #879**

**\*BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Spring" from *The Four Seasons*,  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

*All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!*

*\*Nursery is available for children 5 yrs and younger at each service. The nursery is located on the south side of the building adjacent to the new gathering space.*

**OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:**

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

**ALTAR GUILD:** Teri Koretsky, Holly Wohlfert

<b>WELCOME TEAM:</b>	8:30	Paula Sportel, Teri Koretsky
	11:00	Tom & Joy Kuhs

<b>LECTORS:</b>	8:30	Carol Knoch
	11:00	Heidi Albertson

<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	8:30	Jaxon & Avner Grubaugh
	11:00	Kaitlyn Albertson, Jacob Zimmermann

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau, Linda Ward, David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, John Johnson, Reuben Mellum.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Sun	May 11	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00AM All Sunday School classes 9:45 Parent small group 10 Church Council 12:15
Tue	May 13	Clothes Closet 10-2 Loaves & Fishes pantry 11-1 C.F.T. 11-12:30
Wed	May 14	Men's Bible Study 7am Ladies Lunch 11:20 Meeting of the Men 5-6:30
Thu	May 15	C.F.T. 5:30-7 Sacred Harp 6-8
Sat	May 17	Youth & Family Ministry Movie Night 5:30-8:30
Sun	May 18	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00AM Stewardship Opportunities Day Plant Swap Adult Sunday school 9:45 Children/family Sunday school spring festival 9:45 Sons of Norway 2-5

### **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Member Interest:** If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. We will be having a New Member Orientation and Reception this spring!

**First Communion Class - June 1** If you have a child who is interested in taking their first communion, or one who has been taking communion, but you feel could benefit from a class, they are invited to join us for a first communion class on Sunday June 1 from 9:45-10:45. The students will then receive first Communion at the 11:00am worship that day (or another time if they prefer). This class is typically geared toward 3rd-5th graders, but is open to any age. Please let Pr. Jake know if you plan to attend!

***Spring Festival:*** Children's Sunday school, families and parents groups will have our last classes for the school year Sunday May 18 with our annual end-of-year party in the courtyard from 9:45 -10:45AM.



**Stewardship Opportunities Day - May 18, 2025** On Sunday May 18th we are holding an opportunity to get to know those members who currently volunteer so selflessly on our behalf. In the gathering area at 9:30 -10:30, and after the 2nd service, we will have tables set up with displays and information on Trinity's many ministries, guilds, circles and committees. Please stop by and share insight and consider the possibility of providing your time and unique talents for one of our many groups. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Plant Swap on May 18!** Spring is here and it's time to start planning for the Trinity plant swap on May 18! Get your seeds, seedlings and plants ready. Tables will be available in Fellowship Hall between services.

**The Christ Clothes Closet** is in need of donations of men's and women's socks of all sizes. Donations may be dropped off in the box located next to the elevator or outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Refugee Families in Need!** Trinity is working with our local refugee services to help provide for new refugee families in Kalamazoo. If you wish to contribute financially to our Kalamazoo Refugees, scan the QR code to make a donation. And if you would like to volunteer time to help our refugee families, please contact Bess Fitzgerald ([bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com](mailto:bess.fitzgerald@gmail.com)) or the church office.



**Ladies Lunch will be May 14 at 11:30am at Four Roses Cafe in Plainwell, MI** (663 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainwell) This is a fun way to meet with old friends and make new connections with each other. All women are welcome! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Jan Forsberg with questions; hope to see you there!

**Youth and Family Ministry Potluck and Movie Night Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-8:30pm** Please bring a dish to pass (main dish, side dish, or dessert) and camping chair or pillow to sit on. First we'll eat some dinner at 5:30pm and then we'll start the movie. We'll vote on the movie that evening. It's the end of the school year and we need a night to relax! Sign up by Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> by emailing me ([hmfuerst@aol.com](mailto:hmfuerst@aol.com)) or on our Facebook page (TLC Family Ministry or TLC Youth Ministry).

**Men's Bible Study** - We will meet next on Wednesday May 14 & 28. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary".

**Sunday Morning Adult Forum** This month we'll be finishing off the academic year with a bit of an Adult Sunday School mix-n-match! We'll start on May 4th by wrapping up our "By Heart" Adult Catechism Study and then we'll have a pair of sessions aimed at answering some broader questions that have come up in the study or other conversation.

First, on May 11th we'll take a look at where our Bible comes from as we delve into the history of how we got from letters and stories composed in the 1st and 2nd centuries to the scriptures that we read today.

Then on May 18th, we'll take some time to look at the broader church and how it operates. You may know that Trinity is part of the ELCA, but what does that mean and why does it matter?...and what does a Bishop do anyway?

Join us for any or all of these sessions in the Lounge on Sunday Mornings at 9:45am!

**Faith Refugia Readers!** We have another date to get together and discuss the book, Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 between services. We will probably be at different points in the book but there is much that can be discussed. Keep me posted if this date will work for you. Maryann Hubbell  
([mahubbell1@gmail.com](mailto:mahubbell1@gmail.com)) 269-341-2056

**Emergency Food Box:** Trinity is partnering with people in our neighborhood to stock the emergency food box located on Oak Street between Cedar and Lovell. Easy open, ready to eat, non-perishable foods such as cans with a flip top lid, ramen, granola bars, crackers, protein shakes etc. should be put in the box designated Emergency Food Box outside the Fellowship Hall. Call Rasma McMullen (269-349-9429) with any questions.

**Quilting supplies and donations needed!** Have you recently discontinued a quilting or seamstress hobby? Have a stash of fabric looking for a home? The Trinity Quilters would happily accept a donation of your fabric to use in the construction of mission quilts. You can drop off fabric at church (just label it for the quilters) or, if you would like a pick-up, contact Teri Koretsky at 779-5632.

**Trinity Picture Directory!** A picture directory proof is available in the Fellowship Hall or Church Office. Please take a moment to review your personal information and correct in the margins any information that needs updating! If you do not have a picture included or wish to change your picture, please submit one to the church office to be added into the directory. We hope to publish the final picture directory by the beginning of June, so please provide updates by May 18

### **Trinity's Loaves and Fishes Pantry Requests:**

Although basic food needs are being met, our pantry clients are most grateful for extras that are not often included in our Loaves and Fishes orders. Adding any of these items to your grocery cart would be appreciated. They can be dropped off in the church office.

- Granola bars or similar items
- Pop tarts
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Snacks (in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)
- Plastic grocery bags

### **Men's Retreat - *New Venue/format!* - Save the Date!**

We're mixing it up this year with a new format for our Men's Retreat! From Sept 19-21 we'll gather up North at a hunting cabin connected to a few Trinity men for a time of fellowship and fun. The cabin is near Baldwin, so just over 2 hours away, and we'll enjoy golf on Friday, relaxed tubing/rafting Saturday, and relaxation, fellowship, and food throughout! Be on the lookout for more details and registration to come soon, but for now, mark your calendar and plan to be there!

### **Electrical Upgrade, Roof and Plaster Repairs Update!**

Many thanks to those congregants who have committed to or made contributions to our upgrade campaign! Since sending our campaign letter, we have received gifts or commitments totaling \$5,738.50. Here's where we stand:

Prior Anonymous Gifts:	\$42,385.60
Trinity Foundation Gift:	\$20,000.00
New Gifts/Commitments:	\$ 5,738.50
Total Received:	<b><u>\$68,124.10</u></b>

Our goal to complete necessary repairs and upgrades is \$100,000.00.

***We need \$31,876.00 more to reach our goal.*** Please prayerfully consider contributing to our building needs by placing your contribution in your Sunday offering and designate "ERPF" in the memo line of your check or on your envelope. You may also contribute electronically through Trinity's Vanco application. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please note: the Pastors will be out of town and the church office will be closed May 19 & 20 due to the annual ELCA synod assembly.