

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Celebration of Creation in Christ Sunday &
The Blessing of Animals
October 4, 2026***



“Let There Be... “ by Lauren Wright Pittman (2016)

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Worship Assistant C: Congregation P: Presider

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.

Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

A: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

C: The Holy One's love is new every morning.

*GATHERING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879)



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Blessed be the God ☩ of all creation.

C: And blessed be God's holy Name forever.

P: Let us pray. Most present, loving, good Creator, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of the human world;

C: In following You, Most Holy One, we delight in shared life with your whole Creation in perfectness of joy; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.)

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: *Genesis 1:20–22a, 24–26a, 28, 31a*

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. . .

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind.” . . . God blessed them. . .

God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please remain seated.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 3)

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 12:22–32*

P: The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Christopher Drummond

*(Please stand as you are able)****HYMN OF THE DAY: How Great Thou Art****(ELW 856)**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

***PROFESSION OF FAITH (South Indian)**

P: We believe in God,

C: Who creates all things,

who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,

who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,

who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,

the malnourished one, the climate refugee,

who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,

who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,

who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.

(Please remain standing)

***LITANY OF ALL CREATION**

A: O God, Creator the universe, out of joy you breathed life over the void and brought forth every kind of living creature. On this celebration of Creation in Christ, we especially give you thanks for our pets, who reveal to us your joy and loving-kindness. *(Pause)*

At this time, I invite you to name out loud, or in the silence of your hearts, the names of those animals for whom we care... *(Pause)*

You are now invited to name those animals no longer with us whom we remember in love... *(Pause)*

A: Grant that all your creatures may serve you with thanksgiving;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

A: Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

A: Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

A: Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

A: Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

A: Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

A: Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

A: Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

C: Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

P: Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see.

C: We lift up in prayer all those who are ill or experiencing any distress, especially *Lisa, Betty, Lou, Jackie, Anne, Phyllis, Jackie, Lois, Maureen, Jean, Eileen, Linda, Joan, Harry, John, Dolores, Bill, Nikki, Suzie, Annie, Marie, Hugh, Jack, Johnathan, Sonya, Donna, Shirley May, Stephen, Nick, Harry, and Scott*, as well as those whom we now name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts. (Pause).

P: Hear our prayers and supplications as we lift them to You.

C: Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Parent, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

(Please be seated for the Offering and The Great Thanksgiving.)

OFFERING:

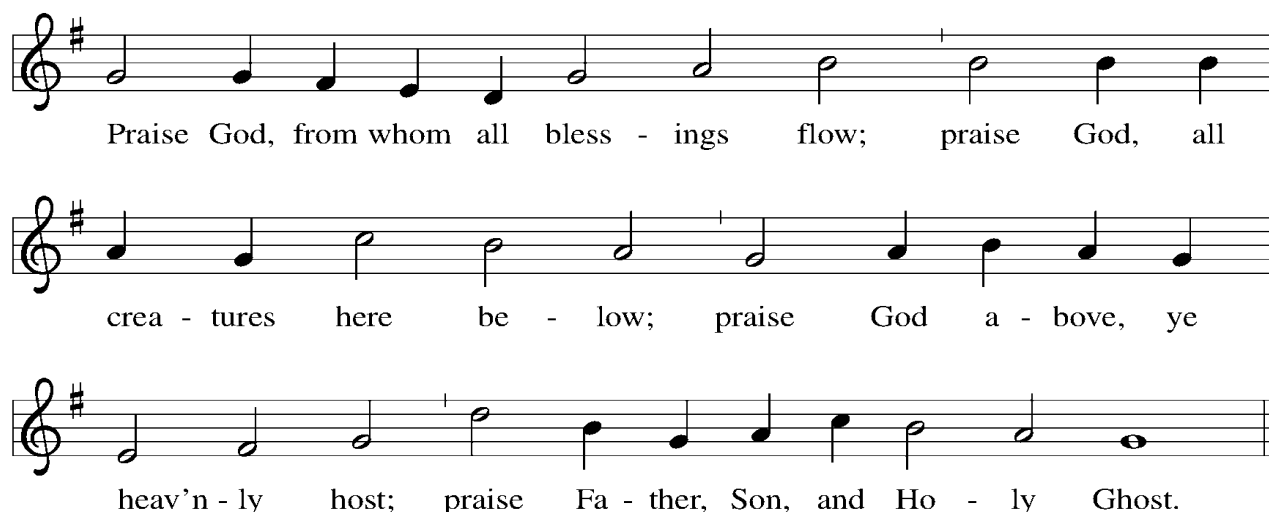
A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

As the Offering is presented at the Altar, we sing:

DOXOLOGY

(ELW 885)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.

C: Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

(Please remain seated.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God is with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

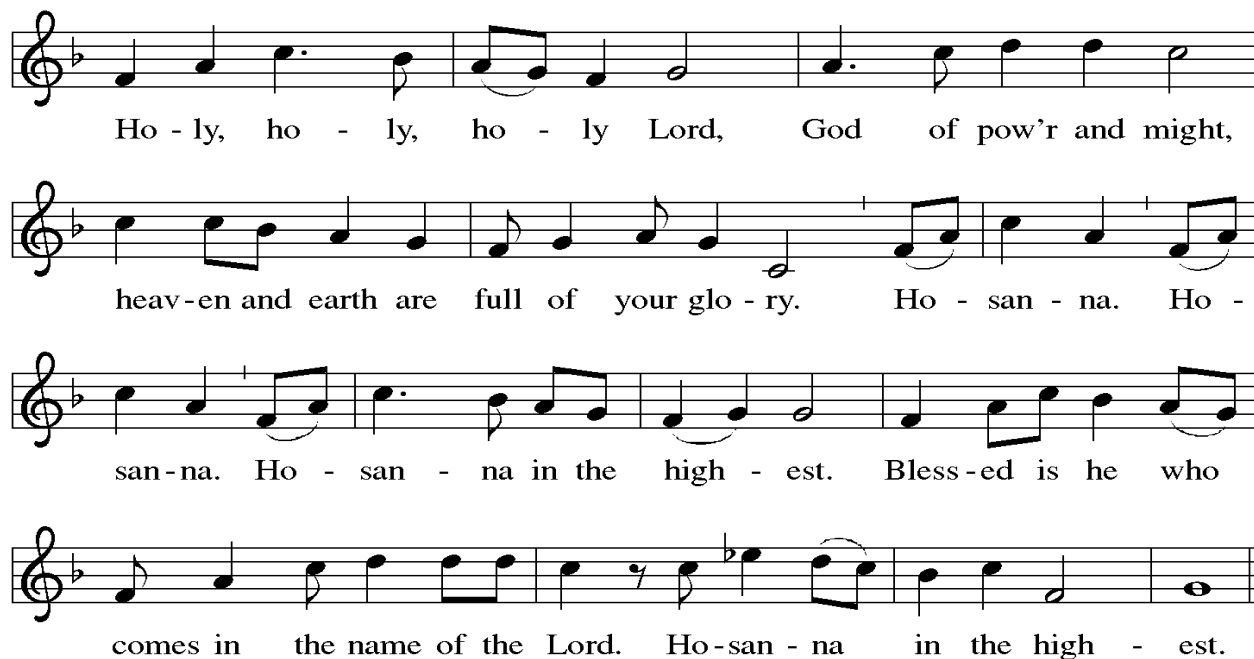
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy [...] And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven: we praise your name and join their unending hymn, as we sing:

(Setting 3)



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.

P: On the night before he died,
 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled ✠ with your heavenly benediction,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life,
**C: Be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.**

P: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION SONG: Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

(Please stand as you are able.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Eternal God,

C: You have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BLESSING

P: Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:
✠ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (ELW 835)



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



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

*DISMISSAL

A: God is love.

C: Jesus teaches us to love.

A: Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us

C: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

A: Therefore, let us go forth rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

+ BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS +

P: God is with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with *blessed* Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis's love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

Those who bring animals for blessing hold or place their hands on their animals in blessing. They are blessed by name by the Presider, using these or other words. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prayer with those who present a photo of them.

P: N., May God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

When all have been blessed, the Presider prays:

P: Let us pray.

God of all creation: We give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and forever. **Amen.**

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Erik Christensen's 25th birthday by his family.

Sep's Income: \$ 7,105

Sep's Expense: \$ 9,510 Average Attendance: 16

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 10/4

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister

Gary P.- Ushers

Crepacks – Counters

Gary P.– Altar

Scheduled to serve 10/11

Greg C. – Assisting Minister

Alan S./Alan D. - Ushers

Greg C. - Counter

Volunteer. - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Oct 5 5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

Tue, Oct 6 5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

Wed, Oct 7 5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

7:30pm - AA (Hall)

Thu, Oct 8 5:00pm – She Moves Fitness (Hall)

7:00pm – AA (Hall)

Sat, Oct 10 10:00am – AA (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sun, Oct 11 10:15am – Worship

12:30pm – Song of Praise

*******PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*******

Healing:

*Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller
Shirley May
Harry Collins
Stephen Colahan
Donna D'Agostino*

*Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Maureen Colahan
John Turner
Nick Img
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas
Scott Ferguson
Johnathan Igoe
Sonya Baxter*

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

ALTAR – We are in need of volunteers for October or November to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

NURSERY SCHOOL MEETING – October 13th at 6:00 in the Meeting Room.

COUNCIL MEETING –October 20th at 7:00 in the Meeting Room.

COFFEE HOUR–Oct 18 after service sponsored by Barb and Meghan.

REFORMATION SUNDAY – Sunday, October 25th. Wear your red!!

TRUNK OR TREAT – Following the service on **October 25th**, starting at **11:30am** in the parking lot. Please bring treats for the trick-n-treaters! Children are encouraged to contribute a canned or boxed food item for local Pantry.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS – There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for special occasions. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

BOTTLE CAPS – We are no longer collecting bottle caps. Thanks for your previous support of this project.



TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 25, 2026

starting at 11:30 a.m.

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(back parking lot)

We welcome the community to join us by bringing the kiddos and/or if you would like to decorate your car and hand out candy. Please email us at holyspiritevents2545@gmail.com if you are bringing your car to participate with handing out candy.

We are asking for donations of non-perishable food for a pantry to help in these difficult times. Please help if you can.



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