

# Thrivent Money Market Fund

# Q1 2024 Commentary

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### **Management**



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Industry: 1993 Firm: 2001 Fund: 2003

## **Executive Summary**

- Since the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) kept the Federal Funds target rate unchanged through the first quarter, money fund yields also remained relatively stable.
- New SEC guidelines for money funds included an increase in the daily liquidity requirement from 10% to 25%, and an increase in the weekly liquidity requirement from 30% to 50% with implementation by April 2, 2024.
- Increased treasury bill supply aided the ability of money market funds to meet the new liquidity requirements, and led to reduced reliance on the Federal Reserve's reverse repurchase program which ended the quarter at less than \$600 billion.

#### Performance factors

For most of the first quarter, expectations of a slowdown in the economy and inflation kept the short-term curve inverted. Since we did not expect an early cut in rates, we avoided buying fixed obligations much below the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). Fortunately, an increase in treasury bill supply led to opportunities to buy treasury bills further out the curve at yields close to or better than the overnight SOFR rate. As a result, we extended to lock in that fixed rate when available leading to a longer weighted-average-maturity (WAM). The fixed-rate purchases extended the WAM from around twenty days at the beginning of the quarter to thirty days by quarter-end. Since expectations for a cut in the Federal Funds target rate have been pushed out further, opportunities to extend may persist, but reduced bill supply may also dampen relative yields.

The treasury purchases also helped the Fund meet the increased liquidity requirements set by the SEC and with required implementation by April 2, 2024. Money market funds were required to have 25% of their assets in qualifying nightly liquidity, and 50% of their assets in qualifying weekly liquidity. Going forward, reduced treasury bill supply may lead to greater reliance on the Federal Reserve's repurchase program, reversing the trend of the last couple of quarters.

#### Portfolio outlook

The outlook for money market fund returns is heavily dependent on FOMC actions to raise or lower the Federal Funds target rate. At its most recent meeting, the FOMC continued to communicate expectations for rate cuts in 2024. However, stronger growth and stickier-than-expected inflation have complicated the outlook for interest rates. We will continue to monitor the data and extend the WAM when the opportunity to do so near current rates allows. Despite best efforts, the increased liquidity requirements from the SEC will make it more difficult for money funds to differentiate on performance going forward. As in any interest rate environment, liquidity and safety will remain our primary objectives..

Average annualized returns (%)	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Thrivent Money Market Fund — S share	1.25	1.25	5.03	2.43	1.79	1.14	1.92

- Expense ratio: 0.36%; Incept. date 12/29/1997

Thrivent Money Market Fund Yield: 7-Day Current Yield is the yield generated by an investment in the Fund over a 7-day period ended on the date of the calculation and expressed as an annual percentage. 7-Day Effective Yield is calculated similarly to the 7-day current yield, except that the effective yield assumes that income earned from the Fund's investments is reinvested and generating additional income. It is expressed as an annual percentage. The yield quotation more closely reflects the current earnings of the Thrivent Money Market Fund than the total return quotation.

7-day current yield 5.02% 7-day effective yield 5.14%

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**Top 10 Holdings** (excluding derivatives and cash) 30.34% of Fund, as of Feb 29 2024: U.S. Treasury Bills: 5.13%, U.S. Treasury Bills: 5.12%, U.S. Treasury Bills: 3.51%, U.S. Treasury Bills: 3.51%, U.S. Treasury Bills: 2.78%, U.S. Treasury Bills: 2.57%, U.S. Treasury Bills: 2.20%, FHLB Discount Notes: 1.87%, U.S. Treasury Bills: 1.86%, Fed Farm Credit Banks Funding Corp: 1.84%

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