

# *St. John's Lutheran Church*

*February 25, 2024*



## ***STEPPING OUT***

***Thank you for worshipping with us today.***

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PO Box 222  
Tyrone, PA 16686

\* = Please stand as you are able

The Call to Worship on the Bells

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Peyton Harper

*Opening Prayer*

**\*The Opening Hymn –**

**In the Morning When I Rise (WOV #777)**

**\*Call to Worship –** *(inspired by John 1: 38-39, John 1:46)*

L: Come and see, come and see!

**P: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.**

L: Come and see, come and see!

**P: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus**

L: Come and see, come and see!

**P: We come to follow Jesus**

L: Come and see, come and see!

**P: We come to deepen our relationship with God.**

L: Come and see, come and see!

**P: Yes, Lord we come to follow you!**

L: God, in His steadfast love and through the Salvation of His Son, Jesus, makes us His Children. Walking in the assurance that we are part of the body of Christ, let us confess our faith in Him.

**\*The Apostle's 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.**

\*L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offertory**

**\*Offertory Response**

**The Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise Him All Creatures Here Below*

*Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***The Liturgy of the Word – Aidan Luther***

**Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Isaiah  
Isaiah 30:15**

15 This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength,  
but you would have none of it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of 2 Timothy***

**2 Timothy 1:7**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Response –**

\*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

***Matthew 14:23b-26***

23 Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord

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

***Message –***

**STEPPING OUT: What’s On The Water?**

**\*Hymn-**

**Open My Eyes That I May See (*See Bulletin*)**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**\*The 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.**

**\*Hymn –**

**Be Thou My Vision (WOV #776)**

**\*St. John’s Mission Statement**

L: As a reminder of God’s goodness to us, we proclaim the Mission of our church together. Collectively,

**C: We praise God for all His bountiful blessings. We desire to grow together in faith and love, acknowledging that we are a family, a congregation, and a community.**

\*Benediction—

*The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells*

\*Extinguishing of Candles -

*Organ Postlude*

***Prayer Requests For:*** Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, Lori, Joe, Joyce, Georgette, Barb, John, Cody, Bob, Dave, The Lardieri Family, The Brua Family, Jim, Matt, Elaine, Ernie, Jaxon, Judy, Mary, Mike, The Kost Family, Bonnie, Janet, Sally, Jeff, Brian, Judy, Tom, Jason, Joyce, Albert, Carly and Justin, Jaclyn, Bob, Sr., Jill, Lana and Andrea, Kelsi, Fred, Sr., Kathy, Ken, Mary Lou, Curt, Sue, Kim, Wendy, Linda, Mark, Peggy, Sarah, Dalton, Nico, Michael, First Responders, Members of our Military and their families, Cancer treatment patients and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church.

***If you would like anyone added (or if someone can be removed) please let Carey Williams (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank You***

*Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Pastor Sharon Erb is our vacancy pastor. Please feel free to contact her at 814-935-1968. Please note that Drew Baker is also available if you would like to reach out to him as well. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085.*

Give to St. John’s online for a one-time or a recurring gift using the church’s website:

[www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com](http://www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com)

Scroll down the home page and click on the PDF “Online Giving DIRECTIONS” for more information. Click on the “Online Giving Web Site” link to create a free profile and get started.

Or give through the mail. Please send checks made out to “St. John’s Lutheran Church” to:

St. John’s Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 222  
Tyrone, PA 16686

Please include your name and envelope number if applicable. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Upcoming Dates**

**TODAY – Gob Fundraiser Forms & Money Due**

**TODAY – Easter Flower Order Forms Due**

**TODAY – Bible Study Following Worship**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Men’s Breakfast**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Any donations of Tide Pods & Fabric Softener/Dryer Sheets for Warming Center Ministry**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – We Care Meals**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> – Gob Delivery (Time TBD)**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – We Care Meals**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service – 7 p.m.**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.**

**Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule**

| <b>March</b>       | <b>Reader</b>          | <b>Acolyte</b>         | <b>Count Offering</b>            |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>3/3/24</b>      | <b>Jim Fleck</b>       | <b>Rachel Pedersen</b> | <b>Ryan Fleck / Joy Williams</b> |
| <b>3/10/24</b>     | <b>Rylee Fleck</b>     | <b>Colin Luther</b>    | <b>Ryan Fleck / Joy Williams</b> |
| <b>3/17/24</b>     | <b>Lee Anne Ayers</b>  | <b>Wyatt Lannon</b>    | <b>Ryan Fleck / Joy Williams</b> |
| <b>Palm Sunday</b> | <b>Ashley Detwiler</b> | <b>Mason Harper</b>    | <b>Ryan Fleck / Joy Williams</b> |
| <b>Easter</b>      | <b>Chad Pedersen</b>   | <b>Aidan Luther</b>    | <b>Ryan Fleck / Joy Williams</b> |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Flowers – ORDERS DUE TODAY!!!** Order forms for Easter Flowers are on the back table. Please complete your order form with payment and return to either Carey or Kathy Williams. **Order Deadline is Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

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**St. John's February Gob Sale to Support Outreach Ministry – ORDERS DUE TODAY!!!**

- **ORDERS & MONEY DUE: TODAY**
- **DELIVERY:** March 14<sup>th</sup> – time? TBD but it will be after 4pm
- **COST:** \$3.00 Per Gob and we make \$1.00 on each
- **SUPPORT:** This fundraiser will be to support our Outreach Ministry
- **QUESTIONS:** See Heidi Shetler

If you have any questions, please reach out to Heidi Shetler at 814-327-1995(cell) or [heidishetler2@gmail.com](mailto:heidishetler2@gmail.com). I have no doubt we can beat last year's total. **Let's try to reach 500 units to help support our Community Outreach!** Thank you for your participation.

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**Bible Study TODAY** – Immediately following worship. If you are interested in joining bible study for approximately 45 minutes after worship, please plan to stay. We will be using the book – “Begin: A Journey Through Scriptures for Seekers and New Believers”.

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**Sunday Evening Bible Study** – Adult Bible Study will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Drew Baker (814-932-4085), or Jerry & Heidi Shetler (814-327-4808 / 814-686-2347).

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**Men's Breakfast – March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – There will be a men's breakfast on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up on the back table. Any questions, please see Jerry Shetler or Randy Turiano.

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**Altoona Warming Center** – More than 50 unsheltered persons have found a warm and safe place to spend the night since the Warming Center opened on January 8 at Overflow Church in Altoona. In addition to safety and warmth, our guests are finding prayer partners, a listening ear, access to addiction and mental health counseling, job opportunities, physical health assessments, essential personal care items, information about meals and warming locations, a hearty breakfast, and hope in Jesus. About a dozen of our guests have become part of the Overflow Church family and are now regularly attending our community meal and Bible study as well as our Sunday services. More than 100 volunteers from area churches are participating in this effort with the assistance of agency personnel, city and county government, and the Altoona Fire Department. About a dozen people are on site each night serving between 15 and 20 unsheltered guests. This effort is nothing less than a miracle straight from the heart of God who brought all these elements together as only He can do.

In order to help, we are collecting Tide Pods and fabric softener/dryer sheets through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring your donations in by **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Drew for more information.

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**IF: Gathering 2024** - Grace Baptist is excited to host the IF:Gathering 2024 event again in Tyrone! Several churches are working together to make this event a success and we hope you will join us! This is the 10th year for the IF:Gatherings and our 2nd year of hosting in Tyrone! We believe God has big things in store for the women in our community! This link is a video about IF:2024 - <https://youtu.be/34KnF7aHI-U> IF:Gatherings started in 2014 and have reached thousands of women! If you want to read more about their mission, vision, etc. please visit their website- <https://www.ifgathering.com/> This link is the registration link that is specific for our gathering, please use this link or the QR code which will direct you to this link so that you will be registered for our local event. <https://forms.gle/YfMSZS9FEozxKsTq5> This will be a recording of the event being held in Texas, which will include worship, teaching, and break out sessions. There will be snacks provided on Friday

evening, breakfast treats Saturday morning, and lunch on Saturday. Each attendee will also receive a small gift. Tickets will cost \$30 plus a small handling fee of about \$2 per ticket.

**Location:** Grace Baptist Church 2308 Adams Ave Tyrone, PA 16686

**Schedule:** Friday March 22nd doors open @ 5:30 p.m., event will run from 6:30-10  
Saturday March 23rd doors open @ 8:30 a.m., event will run from 9-5

**Cost:** \$30 per person (plus a handling fee of about \$2) which includes your ticket, lunch, snacks and a small gift!

**Who is invited?** Women ages 14+, from any church and background are welcome!

**Please register by March 10, 2024**, so we can prepare for food, etc.

If you have any questions please email- [tyronefaithcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:tyronefaithcommunity@gmail.com)

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**Good Samaritan Fund** – The Good Samaritan Fund Recipient for the month of February is for Joe Lawson. Joe and his wife, Angel, live in Altoona and Joe was recently diagnosed with Stage 3b Lung Cancer. He is currently receiving chemo treatments to shrink a mass before he can have surgery. He is unable to work during his treatments so his wife, Angel, is currently the sole provider for their family. Angel was also involved in a car accident in January which resulted in them having to get another vehicle. Please pray for healing for Joe and for his family during this difficult time they are going through.

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**Treasurer Position** – Lori Cushion has decided to retire from the Treasurer’s position. If you are interested in becoming the church treasurer, please see a council member. This is a paid position. The candidate does not need prior experience to apply for this position. Duties of the treasurer include: tracking offering for members, preparing and taking deposits to the bank, paying monthly bills, preparing monthly and year-end reports for council review, preparing the budget, and reconciling monthly bank statements. *Thank you, Lori, for all your dedication and hard work over the years. We truly appreciate all that you have done for St. John’s.*

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**Sunday School Today** – Sunday School will resume in January. If you have any questions, please see Jeanne Fleck.

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**Directory Pictures** – For those of you that had your picture taken by Sarah Dane for the directory, please find the link to view them. Note: Please click on the heart by the photo you would like to be placed in the directory. <https://sarahjdanephotography.pixieset.com/stjohnschurchdirectorypictures2023/>

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**We Care Meals** - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, some recipients are elderly, young, home bound, recovering from illness or accident, or just could use a good meal and a smiling face delivering the meal. If you know of “**ANY ONE**”, please contact Jeanne Fleck.

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**Good Samaritan Fund Recipients** – The Good Samaritan Fund was established to help anyone in need. If you know of anyone (individuals/families/missions), please pick up a form on the back table, complete it and put it in the offering plate or in the basket on the back table.

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**Prayer Chain** –There is a prayer support chain in place. If anyone would like to commit to praying and being part of the chain, please contact Terri Shultz or Charlene Detwiler. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Terri or Charlene know.

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**Blessing Box TRANSITION** – The Blessing Box has been a great ministry especially during COVID. However, it hasn’t been used as much lately so Council has decided to remove the Blessing Box outdoors and have a basket set up to collect for the Tyrone Food Bank. Please note: if you know of a family with a specific need, please let a member of Council know. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

# 112 Open My Eyes, That I May See

G D7 G

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth you have for me;  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth you send so clear;  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where;

B7 Em B7 Em A7 D

place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - lock and set me free.  
 and while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.  
 o - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with your chil - dren thus to share.

G D7 G

Si - lent - ly now, on bend - ed knee, read - y I wait your will to see;

G7 C D7 G

o - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 o - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 o - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!