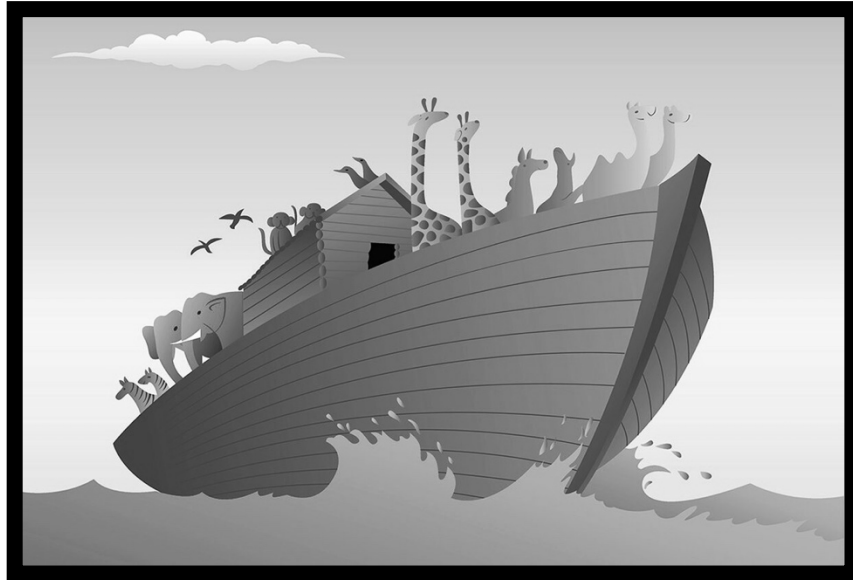


St. John's Lutheran Church

May 12, 2024



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The Call to Worship on the Bells

Lighting of the Candles – Acolyte – Wyatt Lannen

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

Great is Thy Faithfulness (LBW #165)

***Call to Worship (Psalm 25)**

L: We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

C: Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

L: We wait for you.

C: Lead us in your paths of truth.

L: Do not remember our failures.

C: Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

L: You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

C: We lift up our souls to you, and praise you always.

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.

***The Prayers**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Offertory

***Offertory Response**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Doxology

The Liturgy of the Word – Lauren Fleck

Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Genesis

Genesis 5:32, 6, 7:1-7

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

6 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. 5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. 11 Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14 So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.” 22 Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

7 The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. 2 Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, 3 and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. 4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.” 5 And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. 6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. 7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Hebrews

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

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 24:36-44

36 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Message –

Wise Words from Mrs. Noah: God Equips Those He Calls!

***Hymn –**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (see bulletin)

***Communion**

1 st Corinthians 11:26-29 tells us... “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves”

L: As we enter into this time of Communion, a time of remembering Christ as the Son of God, the sacrificial lamb, the very one who would take away the sins of the world, let us reflect on what He has done for us. For, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us now confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and through the redemption found in Christ, has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

L: With joy, we have the assurance that as a redeemed child of Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives us of all our sin and grants us newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

Communion prayer:

P: Let us pray, Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness the table is now set. We offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

** When our brothers and sisters gathered in worship, they heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared in the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing is brought to us yet again, so that we may share in these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.*

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with the assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are given for you.

Now gathered at the Lord's Table, we celebrate with thanksgiving that "in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, He 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

**Congregation will be dismissed by pew to receive elements at the altar. Should you not be able to travel to the altar, the elements will be brought to your seat.*

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Father God, having partaken of the great remembrance of your sacrifice for us, we praise you for you are the giver of all good things. Today we reflect upon the call that you have placed on each of our lives. Whether it be a call to serve, a call to prayer, a call to teach, preach, or nurture, we ask you to grant us wisdom, confidence and courage to work together as your body to bless the community and world around us. As you did with Noah and his family, give us boldness to proclaim the truth of your love and grace. In Jesus Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn –**

***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 words of Paul taken from Hebrews 13:20-21, [20](#)Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, [21](#)equip you with every good thing to do His will. And may He accomplish in us what is pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

The Dismissal from Worship on the Bells

**Extinguishing of Candles –You are entering the Mission Field! To Follow Him is to Tell of Him!*

Organ Postlude

Prayer Requests For: Madeline, Gwen, Mikey, Terry, Jamie, 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.

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Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

May	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
5/19/24	Lori Cushion	Mason Harper	Charlene Detwiler / Randy Turiano
5/26/24	Madison Coleman	Jaelyn Rockwell	Charlene Detwiler / Randy Turiano

Upcoming Dates

May 19th – Senior Recognition Service / Potluck Luncheon Following

May 25th – We Care Meals

May 22nd – Meeting with Bishop Paula – 6:30 p.m.

June 5th – Church Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

June 8th – We Care Meals

June 22nd – We Care Meals

June 22nd – MS Bike Rest Stop @ St. John's – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

July 13th – Strawberry Festival

July 15th – 18th - Vacation Bible School! (Mark your calendars!)

**Aug. 18th – Joint Worship & Picnic with Sinking Valley Presbyterian
@ Fort Roberdeau (more details to follow)**

Aug. 18th – Faith Night @ Altoona Curve (Sign up form on back table)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendars! May 22nd – 6:30 p.m. – Bishop Paula will be meeting with us to discuss the growth of St. John's on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. We encourage you to attend!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! MS Glimcher Keystone Country Bike Ride Rest Stop, Saturday, June 22nd – We are excited to announce that St. John's will be a rest stop for the Annual MS Glimcher Keystone Country Bike Ride Rest Stop again this year. They are looking for volunteers to help with this. It's a fun way to volunteer and support the bike riders who are raising money for the MS Society. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Travis Hughes via email: travis.hughes@nmss.org or phone: (585) 271-0970.

Good Samaritan Fund – May – This month we are collecting for Heather Irvin who is a wife and mother of 5 children. She was first diagnosed with leukemia in 2018. On April 10th, she was told she was cancer free, only to be informed two weeks later that the leukemia has returned. Heather will need a stem cell/blood marrow transplant. She is currently in the hospital in Pittsburgh receiving chemotherapy that will be intensified before the transplant. Once she receives the transplant, she will have a 30-day hospital stay and will then need to live near the hospital for 100 days. Please keep Heather and her entire family in your prayers as they have a long road ahead.

Senior Recognition Service – We will recognize our graduating seniors during worship on **Sunday, May 19th**. We will be recognizing the following Seniors: Ally Black / Lauren Fleck / Remington Fleck / Rylee Fleck / Maverick Fleck / Madelyn Rockwell. (Please note: If we missed any graduating seniors, please be sure to let Drew know).

Luncheon Following Service – There will be a potluck luncheon following the service, please sign up on the back table for a side dish to share. Meat and dessert will be provided.

Mark Your Calendars! – August 18th! – Please mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 18th. We will be joining the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church for a joint worship and picnic at Fort Roberdeau beginning with worship at 11:00 a.m. This is also the same day as Faith Night @ the Altoona Curve. More details will follow on these events. **Please note: Worship will not be held @ St. John's at 9:30 a.m. We hope to see you at Fort Roberdeau at 11:00 a.m. with our friends from Sinking Valley Presbyterian.**

Faith Night @ the Altoona Curve – August 18th – In order to get an idea of how many tickets we need for Faith Night, please be sure to sign up on the back table. Tickets are **\$9.00/person**.

Treasurer – Please be advised that effective, May 1st, Carey Williams is the new Treasurer, in addition to the Secretary position. If anyone is interested in the Secretary's position, please see the job description below:

Secretary Job Description – *Attends monthly council meetings and takes minutes. Types minutes and agenda for monthly council meetings. Receives weekly bulletins from worship leader, adds acolyte, reader, prayer list and announcements. Copies and emails the bulletin to congregation weekly.*

Favorite Hymns – If you have a favorite hymn, please be sure to put it on the list on the back table.

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).

Children's Sunday School – Children's Sunday School resumed in January. If you have any questions, please see Jeanne Fleck.

We Care Meals - We Care Meals, providing free meals for people in the Community on the 2nd and 4th 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.

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.

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 Charlene Detwiler or Drew Baker. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Charlene or Drew know.

Slowly

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the
 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and
 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and
 4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my



Pot - ter; I am the clay Mould me and make me Aft - er Thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just
 wea - ry, Help me, I pray! Pow - er—all pow - er—Sure - ly is
 be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it Till all shall



will, While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.
 now, As in Thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow.
 Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me!

