

St. John's Sinking Valley

April 5th, 2026

EASTER Sunday



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Tyrone, PA 16686

* = Please stand as you are able

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

L: Christ is Risen!

P: He is Risen, Indeed!

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship:**

***Opening Hymn:**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today! (LBW#128)

***The Apostles Creed**

Offertory

*** The Doxology**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Word of the Lord

Today's Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

9 In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Today's New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

Seek Ye First

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 27:62- 28:15

62 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. 63 “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ 64 So give the order for the

tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

65 “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12 When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13 telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ 14 If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” 15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message-

it*SIGNIFICANT: A Uncommon Assignment*

Hymn-

In Christ Alone

The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn-**

He Lives! He Lives!

***Benediction -**

Organ Postlude –

Prayer Requests For: Phillip, Toni H., Janet H., Ronnie N., Brenda M., Krystal D., 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 and/or removed please let Drew (jesus2thevalley@gmail.com) or Carey (brooke2235@yahoo.com) know. Thank you.

Pastoral Care – For anyone needing pastoral care, Drew Baker is our Worship Leader. Please feel free to contact him at 814-932-4085. Drew’s Email: jesus2thevalley@gmail.com

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 see **Drew Baker**. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Drew know.

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www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

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Reader/Offering Schedule

April	Reader	Count Offering
4/5/26	Remington Fleck	Phyllis Hunter / Howie Overcash
4/12/26	Chad Pedersen	Phyllis Hunter / Howie Overcash
4/19/26	Lori Cushion	Phyllis Hunter / Howie Overcash
4/26/26	Madison Coleman	Phyllis Hunter / Howie Overcash

Events / Meetings / Special Services

April 12th – Council Meeting following Worship

June 13th – Strawberry Social

October 3rd – Tent. FallFest

December 20th – Tent. Christmas in the Valley

We Care Meals

April 11, 2026 ~ April 25, 2026

May 9, 2026 ~ May 23, 2026

June 13, 2026 ~ June 27, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Project Meeting - We're going to meet with the kids April 12th to review the blessing project and prepare for sharing on April 19th. Please let Heidi or Jerry know if you're not going to be there on the 12th so we can make special arrangements, so your child is prepared on the 19th. Jerry and I hope that you're enjoying this project as a family and that it brings you closer to what God calls us to do which is provide blessings upon blessings upon blessings to others. Please reach out to Heidi or Jerry at 814-327-1995 with questions.

Council Meeting – There will be a council meeting immediately following worship on April 12th.

Good Samaritan Fund – March – This month's recipient is John Holmes, a teacher at Tyrone Area High School. He has been diagnosed with a rare cancer. He has been unable to work for the past few months and is running out of sick days. Please pray for John and his family as they navigate through this difficult time.

REMINDER - 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.

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).

Church Directory – The Church Directory is complete! Copies can be found on the back table—please remember to take one. In addition, if you are unable to worship in person and would like a copy mailed, please contact Heidi Shetler at (814) 327-1995.

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

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 Drew or a member of council.