

St. John's Lutheran Church

March 31, 2024
~ EASTER SUNDAY ~



STEPPING OUT

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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Tyrone, PA 16686

* = Please stand as you are able

The Call to Worship on the Bells

L: Christ Is Risen!

P: He is Risen, Indeed!

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Aidan Luther

Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (LBW #128)

***Call to Worship –**

L: The tomb is empty & darkness has lost!

P: We dance in the light of His resurrection!

L: No more do we have to fear!

P: No more does worry reign!

L: He is victorious & so are we!

P: Because of His victory, we are free!

L: Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

P: Praise the Risen Lord! Hallelujah!

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**

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Doxology

The Liturgy of the Word – Chad Pedersen

Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Job and Psalms

Job 19:25

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

Psalm 18:35-36

You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand supported me,
and your gentleness made me great.
You gave a wide place for my steps under me,
and my feet did not slip.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Romans 10:1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. 2 For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. 3 Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. 5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew and Luke

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

Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. 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." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little

faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” 8 Then they remembered his words 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Special Music by Karen Mogle

No Stone

Message –

Saved! Walking in Victory!

**Hymn –*

Victory In Jesus (see Bulletin)

**The Prayers*

L: Our hearts cry out to you, our Savior, Redeemer and Friend...

P: Jesus, today we celebrate your resurrection. You conquered death and defeated the grave; because of it, we are free! Thank you, Jesus, for your victory! Thank you, Jesus, for giving your life so I could be free. O praise the name of the risen King, who found me worthy of His suffering. Who willingly chose to give His life so I might walk in freedom. Praise the one who set me free and gave me victory! For you are alive! Help me to be alive in you! In Jesus Name, Amen.

**Hymn –*

Christ Arose (See Bulletin)

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

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.

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Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

April	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
4/7/24	Madison Harper	Emily Pedersen	Heidi Shetler / Deb Beauchamp
4/14/24	David Lang	Jaelyn Rockwell	Heidi Shetler / Deb Beauchamp
4/21/24	Ryan Fleck	Peyton Harper	Heidi Shetler / Deb Beauchamp
4/28/24	Carrie Grassi	Rachel Pedersen	Heidi Shetler / Deb Beauchamp

Upcoming Dates

April 6th – Pie & Praise – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

April 10th – Council Meeting – 6 p.m.

April 13th – We Care Meals

April 27th – We Care Meals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Samaritan Fund – The Good Samaritan Fund Recipient for the month of March is for the Bellwood Blue Angels Program. This volunteer program collects money all year to help provide Christmas gifts for local foster children, as well as families in need. Last year they provided gifts, along with winter coats, to approximately 225 children in need.

They also are affiliated with the Helping Hands Thrift Shop in Tyrone. The Thrift Shop accepts gently used household items, clothing for adults and children, and toys. If you have anything to donate to the Thrift Shop, Pat Endress has kindly offered to drop items off. Please bring them to church and she will take care of getting them there. Thank you very much Pat!

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**Pie & Praise** – Please mark your calendars for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pie & Praise to be held on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** We are looking for donations of pies, as well as helpers. There is a sign up on the bulletin board in the entranceway of the church. If you are willing to donate pies and/or help with the even, please be sure to sign up!!! Thank you in advance for your help!!

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Committee Sign-Up Forms – If you are interested in joining a committee, please sign up on the back table.

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

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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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**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.

# Christ Arose 357

*It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. Acts 2:24*

1. Low in the grave He lay- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the  
2. Vain - ly they watch His bed- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they  
3. Death can - not keep his prey- Je - sus, my Sav - ior! He tore the

*Refrain  
faster*

com - ing day- Je - sus, my Lord!  
seal the dead- Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a  
bars a - way- Je - sus, my Lord! He a - rose,

might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose! He a - rose a vic - tor from the

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!  
He a - rose! He a - rose!



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# Victory In Jesus

@GodsWordBlesses



1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - lor came from glo - ry,  
 2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing,  
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,



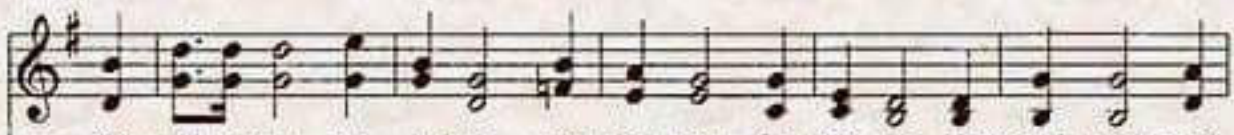
How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;  
 How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;  
 And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;



I heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,  
 And then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"  
 A - bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,



Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.  
 And some - how Je - sus came and bro't to me the vic - to - ry.  
 And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.



O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er, He sought me and



bo't me with His re - deem - ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my



love is due Him, He plunged me to vic - to - ry, be - neath the cleans - ing flood.