

St. John's Lutheran Church

May 5, 2024



STEPPING OUT!

What's Our Purpose?

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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* = Please stand as you are able

The Call to Worship on the Bells

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Colin Luther

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

Holy, Holy, Holy (LBW #165)

***Call to Worship based on Psalm 95 and Romans 5**

L: O come, let us sing to our God

P: We come to make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: We lift our hearts and voices

P: Both in joy and thanksgiving, for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

L: Come, let us worship this amazing God,

P: we belong to God.

L: We will listen for God's word

P: and we will live in the hope it inspires.

L: Amen

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 – Remington Fleck

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

Psalm 18:46-49

46 The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!

Exalted be God my Savior!

47 He is the God who avenges me,

who subdues nations under me,

48 who saves me from my enemies.

You exalted me above my foes;

from a violent man you rescued me.

49 Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;

I will sing the praises of your name.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-19

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

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message –

Stepping Out: What's Our Purpose?

***Hymn –**

Rock of Ages (LBW #327)

***The Prayers**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn –**

Because He Lives (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: 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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www.stjohnssinkingvalley.com

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Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule

May	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
5/12/24	Lauren Fleck	Wyatt Lannon	Charlene Detwiler / Randy Turiano
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 11th – We Care Meals

May 19th – Senior Recognition Service / Potluck Luncheon Following

May 25th – We Care Meals

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

July 13th – Strawberry Festival

July 15th – 18th - VBS!

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!

Directory UPDATE!!!! – We are in the final stages of completing the directory!! *Please see Heidi Shetler following service to verify your information is correct.* 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/>

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.

Because He Lives

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus,
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er,

he came to love, heal, and for - give,
 and feel the pride and joy he* gives,
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain,

he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives,
 this child can face un - cer - tain days because he lives.

Refrain

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row,

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone,

be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

