

*St. John's Lutheran Church*

*April 28th, 2024*

*feed my sheep*



***STEPPING OUT!***

***FEED MY SHEEP!***

***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

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Rachel Pedersen

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

*Opening Prayer*

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*The Opening Hymn –

**This is My Father's World (LBW #554)**

\*Call to Worship

L: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

**P: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.**

L: The Good Shepherd has given His life for us.

**P: We come today, thanking Jesus for His witness and His teaching.**

L: We are called as His disciples to share this good news with others.

**P: We come today ready to celebrate, to praise God and to share the Good News.**

L: Jesus Asks "Do you love me?"

**P: We boldly answer, YES!**

L: Feed My Sheep.

**P: Lord, Help us follow your command and empower us as we Feed Your Sheep.**

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 – Carrie Grassi*

*Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Deuteronomy and Proverbs*

**Deuteronomy 15:11**

11 There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

**Proverbs 19:17**

17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of James and Galatians*

**James 1:27**

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

**Galatians 6:1-10**

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. 4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load. 6 Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor. 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Response –**

\*L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

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

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

L: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Message –*

**Stepping Out: Feed My Sheep!**

*\*Hymn –*

**Throw Out the Lifeline (*See Bulletin*)**

*\*The Prayers*

**Congregational Prayer**

**C: God, please give us a heart of love for Jesus and his sheep or church. Holy Spirit, show us how to be people that feed Jesus' sheep. May we take your command to serve you with all we have seriously. Give us the strength we need to be obedient to your calling. In Jesus Name, Amen.**

*\*Hymn –*

**Jesus Saves (*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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**Reader/Acolyte/Offering Schedule**

| <b>May</b> | <b>Reader</b>   | <b>Acolyte</b>  | <b>Count Offering</b>             |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5/5/24     | Remington Fleck | Colin Luther    | Charlene Detwiler / Randy Turiano |
| 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**

**TODAY! – ALL Committee Meetings – following worship**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – Church Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – Mother/Daughter Dinner – 6:00 p.m.**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> – We Care Meals**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> – Senior Recognition Service**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> – We Care Meals**

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

**Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – Faith Night @ Altoona Curve (more details to follow)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Good Samaritan Fund – April** – This month we are collecting for the **Central Blair Recreation Scholarship Program**. This program helps give children of low/moderate income families the opportunity to participate in activities and sports sponsored by the Central Blair Recreation Commission (CBRC). They feel that recreation, at any level, gives children a positive outlook on life. CBRC also believes socialization through recreation is important for the development of our youth. 100% of your donation goes to the Scholarship Program. Each \$30 donation sponsors a child in a sport or activity. Please prayerfully consider donating to this wonderful mission to help give children the opportunity to participate in an activity or sport.

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**TODAY!!! - Committee Kick Off Meetings** – Attention everyone! ALL committees will meet today, **immediately following worship**. If you haven't signed up and would like to join a committee, please plan to attend the meeting. Moving forward, we will hold meetings the months when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (unless the committees decide to meet more frequently).

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**Mother/Daughter Dinner** - The Mother/Daughter dinner will be **May 4 at 6 o'clock at St. John's**. This year our theme will be jewelry. We ask that you wear a piece of jewelry that is special to you (gift from mother-grandmother-friend as an example). We will be making a bracelet that evening. We ask that you bring a dish for the meal. Meat and dessert will be provided. Please sign list if you plan to attend.

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**Treasurer** – Please be advised that effective, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Carey Williams will be taking on the Treasurer's position, 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.*

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**Senior Recognition Service** – We will recognize our graduating seniors during worship on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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).

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**Mark Your Calendars!** – **August 18<sup>th</sup>**! – Please mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be joining the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church for a joint worship and picnic at Fort Roberdeau. This is also the same day as Faith Night @ the Altoona Curve. More details will follow on these events.

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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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**Children's Sunday School** – Children's Sunday School resumed 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://sarahjdanephotoagency.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 Charlene Detwiler or Drew Baker. In addition, if you have someone to be added to the prayer chain, please let Charlene or Drew know.

## 728 Jesus Saves!

Proclaim his salvation day after day. Ps. 96:2

1. We have heard the joy - ful sound: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 2. Waft it on the roll - ing tide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 3. Sing a - bove the bat - tle strife: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 4. Give the winds a might - y voice: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

Spread the ti - dings all a - round: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Tell to sin - ners far and wide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 By his death and end - less life, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Let the na - tions now re - joice— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

Bear the news to ev - ery land, climb the steep and cross the waves;  
 Sing, ye is - lands of the sea; ech - o back, ye o - cean caves;  
 Sing it soft - ly through the gloom, when the heart for mer - cy craves;  
 Shout sal - va - tion full and free, high - est hills and deep - est caves;

on - ward! 'tis our Lord's com - mand; Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 earth shall keep her ju - bi - lee: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 sing in tri - umph o'er the tomb: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 this our song of vic - to - ry: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



# Throw Out the Life-Line

SOUL WINNING

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Edward S. Ufford, 1851-1929

Edward S. Ufford, 1851-1929  
Arr. by George C. Stebbins, 1846-1945

1. Throw out the Life-Line a - cross the dark wave, There is a broth-er whom  
2. Throw out the Life-Line with hand quick and strong: Why do you tar - ry, why  
3. Throw out the Life-Line to dan - ger fraught men, Sink - ing in an - guish where  
4. Soon will the sea - son of res - cue be o'er, Soon will they drift to e-

some one should save; Some - bod - y's broth-er! oh, who then will dare To  
lin - ger so long? See! he is sink - ing; oh, has - ten to - day—And  
you've nev - er been: Winds of temp - ta - tion and bil - lows of woe Will  
ter - ni - ty's shore; Haste then, my broth - er, no time for de - lay, But!

REFRAIN

throw out the Life-Line, his per - il to share?  
out with the Life-Boat! a - way, then, a - way! Throw out the Life - Line!  
soon hurl them out where the dark wa - ters flow.  
throw out the Life-Line and save them to - day.

Throw out the Life-Line! Some-one is drift - ing a - way; Throw out the

Life - Line! Throw out the Life-Line! Some one is sink - ing to - day.