

St. John's Lutheran Church

March 17, 2024



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

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Wyatt Lannen

Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

Great is Thy Faithfulness (WOV #771)

***Call to Worship – based on 2nd Corinthians 5:7**

L: Today, we have heard Jesus calling...

P: And We Step Out.

L: We walk by faith

P: And We Step Out!

L: We look behind to that which was once comfortable

P: And We Step Out!

L: Out of the places of familiar, into the unknown

P: And We Step Out...

L: Because Jesus is there, calling “Come”

P: And so We Step Out!

L: It is different, but we trust Him...

P: In Faith, We Step Out!

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**

The Doxology

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Liturgy of the Word – Lee Anne Ayers

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

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of 2nd Corinthians

2nd Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

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 14:26-29

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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message –

Taking The First Steps!

***Hymn-**

Trust and Obey (*see bulletin*)

***Prayers of the People**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn –**

Be Thou My Vision (WOV #776)

***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 -**

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

March	Reader	Acolyte	Count Offering
Palm Sunday	Ashley Detwiler	Mason Harper	Ryan Fleck / Joy Williams
Easter	Chad Pedersen	Aidan Luther	Ryan Fleck / Joy Williams

Upcoming Dates

TODAY – Bible Study Following Worship

March 23rd – We Care Meals

March 28th – Maundy Thursday Service – 7 p.m.

March 29th – Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you! – Special thanks to Heidi Shetler for organizing the Gob Fundraiser! We appreciate you!

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!

Bible Study TODAY – Immediately following worship. If you are interested in joining bible study for approximately 45 minutes after worship, please plan to stay. We will be using the book – “Begin: A Journey Through Scriptures for Seekers and New Believers”.

Pie & Praise – Please mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Pie & Praise to be held on **Saturday, April 6th 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!!

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

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).

Sunday School Today – Sunday School will resume in January. If you have any questions, please see Jeanne Fleck.

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/>

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

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Now you are the light in the Lord. Live as children of light. Ephesians 5:8

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick - ly
3. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His

sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear
rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross
al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows And the joy He be - stows
side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go;

Refrain

And with all who will trust and o - bey.
Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.
But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, For there's
Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.

TEXT: John H. Sammis
MUSIC: Daniel B. Towner

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