

St. John's Lutheran Church

April 14, 2024



STEPPING OUT

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 – Jaelyn Rockwell

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

Crown Him With Many Crowns (*LBW #170*)

***Call to Worship**

L: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

P: The One who calls us,

L: The One who equips us,

P: The One who loves us without end.

L: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

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 – David Lang

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

Joshua 24:14-15

14 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Romans and 1st Corinthians

Romans 12:3-8

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues[a]? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

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**

Mark 1:29-31

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. 31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message –

Stepping Out: Raised Up to Serve

***Hymn –**

There is Balm in Gilead (WOV #737)

***The Prayers**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn –**

O, Jesus I Have Promised (LBW #503)

***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, the family of Lori Krug, 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
4/14/24	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 14th – Evening Worship – 6:30 p.m.

April 27th – We Care Meals

April 27th – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

April 28th – Fundraising Committee Meeting – following worship

May 4th – Mother/Daughter Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

May 11th – We Care Meals

May 19th – Senior Recognition Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Bible Study Today – Please note there won't be "Begin" Bible Study today immediately following worship. We will be using the book – "Begin: A Journey Through Scriptures for Seekers and New Believers".

Evening Worship – Please join us this evening for worship at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Treasurer – Please be advised that effective, May 1st, 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.*

Men's Fellowship Breakfast – The next men's fellowship breakfast will be held on **Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m.** Please be sure to sign up on the back table. Any questions, please see Jerry Shetler or Randy Turiano.

Fundraising Committee Meeting – There will be a Fundraising Committee Meeting on **Sunday, April 28th, immediately following worship.** If you have already signed up for the fundraising committee, please mark your calendars to attend. If you haven't signed up and would like to join this committee, please plan to attend the meeting.

Committees! – The committees will be planning meetings shortly. Please watch for more information.

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.

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).

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).

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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://sarahjanephoto.com/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.