

# *St. John's Lutheran Church*

*March 24, 2024*

*~ PALM 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

The Announcements/Birthday Celebrations/Anniversary Recognitions

Organ Prelude –

Lighting of Candles: Acolyte – Mason Harper

*Opening Prayer*

**\*The Opening Hymn –**

**All Glory Laud and Honor (LBW #108)**

**\*Call to Worship – *Blessing of the Palms (taken from Psalm 118)***

L: We use these palms as a visual sign of us proclaiming the majesty of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! With these palms, we give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever.

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: We along with Israel say, “His love endures forever!” and all who fear God say, “His love endures forever!”

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: With you, Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

**P: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

L: You, O Lord are our strength and our might. You Lord have become our salvation!

**L: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

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 – Ashley Detwiler*

*Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Isaiah*

Isaiah 23:6

You keep him in perfect peace **whose mind is stayed on you** because he trusts in you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Hebrews*

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 –**

**Walking on Water!**

**\*Hymn-**

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (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 –**

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (LBW #441)**

**\*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**

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

### Upcoming Dates

**TODAY – Bible Study Following Worship**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> – We Care Meals**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service – 7 p.m.**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fellowship Easter Sunday BEFORE Worship!** – Please join us Easter morning at 9:00 a.m. for coffee/cookie fellowship before our service.

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**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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**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”.

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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.

# "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15

1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,  
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.  
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"