

At early dawn ...
they found
the stone
rolled away

Luke 24:1-2

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Resurrection of Our Lord

March 27, 2016

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Johnny Jank

Reader Next Week: Kernell Moritz

Acolytes This Week: Michele Motley & Seth Wendel

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: John Swannack

Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.



MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #151 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (*sung*)**

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant

vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, {the women} went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the

tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*sung*)

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #551 "*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*"

Stand p. 64: NICENE CREED

p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: "Let the vineyards..."

p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)

p. 71: LORD'S PRAYER

p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: "Thank the Lord . . ."

p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/27	Resurrection of Our Lord
7:30 a.m.	<i>Easter Sunrise Service</i> <i>Following will be a pancake breakfast</i>
9:15 a.m.	Resurrection Egg Hunt
10:15 a.m.	Easter Worship
Mon 3/28	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tue 3/29	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 3/30	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 3/31	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 4/1	Office Closed
Next Sun	Second Sunday of Easter-No Communion
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	Worship



Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Offering: General \$408.50 MOM \$75.00 Total: \$483.50

Attendance: 29

Sunday, March 20, 2016:

Offering:

General \$3,050.75 MOM \$155.00

Sunday School \$8.00 Youth \$20.00 Organ \$60.00

Total: \$3,293.75

Attendance: Worship-116 Sunday School- 20 Children, 18 Adults

St. John's Mission of the Month:



Mission of the Month of March: **Warriors Weekend**

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes.

- 500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate.
- Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend.
- There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.
- One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

For more information, please go to their website at:
www.warriorweekend.org



Youth News

If any youth (Grades 2-5) would like to attend Camp Chrysalis this summer, please talk with Dawn Otto.

If you are older than 5th grade and have not been contacted about camp, please see Dawn also.



MS150 Bicycle Ride

The BP MS 150 is the largest non-profit event of its kind in North America with 13,000 cyclists, 3,000 volunteers and countless supporters and spectators. It is a two day bike ride beginning in Houston and cycling to LaGrange, then from LaGrange to Austin. The ride totals over 150 miles. Beth Reinecke is riding in the MS150 this April and needs your help. If you are able, please consider donating to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. The link to her page is below. Thank you in advance for your support. <http://bndfr.com/485zR>



Acolytes

Please sign up for the 2016 year. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We currently only have one Sunday filled for April. Thank you to those who have signed up.

Church Under The Trees

Please join us Sunday, April 10th at 10:15am for Church Under The Trees and a pot luck lunch after church. Each family is asked to bring a meat dish and a side dish or dessert. The church will provide tea, paper goods & plastic ware. Hope to see you there!



Grave Decoration

To be held at Kilgore Cemetery on April 3rd

The Kilgore Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting and grave decoration service at 3 p.m. on April 3rd at the Kilgore Cemetery, located at 214 Kilgore Road, Goliad. The grave decoration service will be led by John Dellis, Minister of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander, and the annual meeting will follow. The cemetery and its connecting grounds are the site of the former St. Paul's Lutheran Church, which closed as a congregation in 1954. Former members, families and friends of St. Paul's and the Kilgore Community are invited to attend the service.

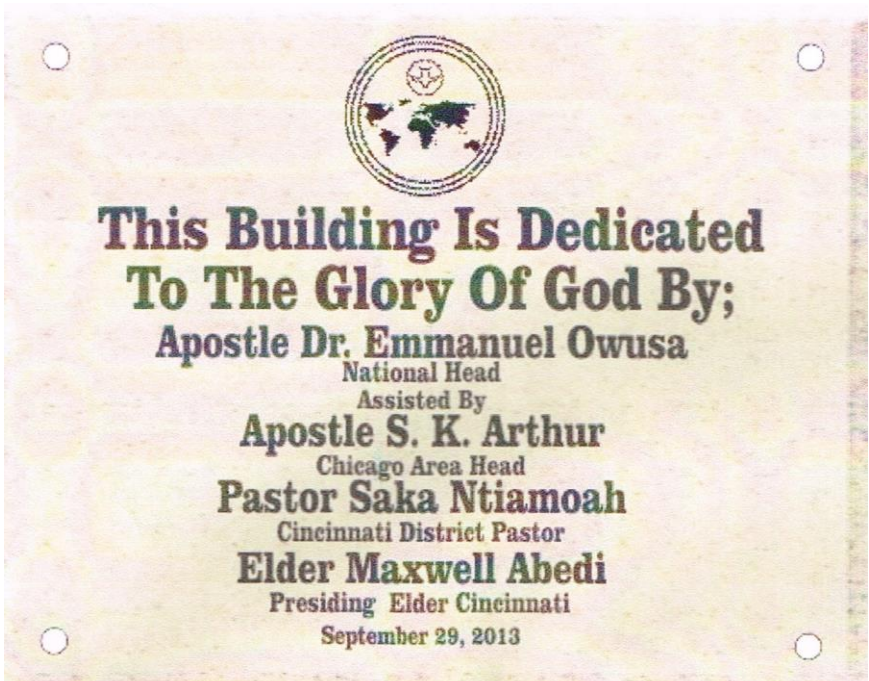
Prior to the Sunday service, families are encouraged to clean and decorate family grave sites.



There will be no Communion next Sunday, April 3rd.

Memorial Plaques

There are 20 beautiful live oak trees in the Mission Valley Cemetery. Many of us have loved ones who are now at rest in this historic cemetery, which dates back to 1867. Several of the newer trees have been paid for by families of a deceased loved one. In return, the cemetery association has purchased a beautiful plaque in memory of their loved one to be placed on their tree. If your family would like to “sponsor” a tree in memory of someone, the cost is \$250. The plaques will be ordered by the cemetery association and will be delivered to your home. If you are interested, or have questions or comments, please contact David Gisler at (361)935-0640. Actual size of the plaque is 8”X6”. Below is a sample of a plaque with different wording. They are a tan sandstone made for outside conditions. The plaque will say "In memory of John Doe by the Doe family" or something similar engraved on them. These will be done however the family wants them.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - Reserves, preparing to deploy

John Otto - USMC, Norfolk, VA

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, preparing to deploy

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, USS Philippines

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, preparing for Boot Camp



Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart

Adam Womble

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg and Bette Jo Haun

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

St. John Meyersville

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Easter Lily Meaning



The Easter season is masked with several legends and folklores about the lily and its religious significance. Easter Lily is the traditional flower of Easter and is highly regarded as a joyful symbol of elegance, beauty, spirituality, hope, and life. In Christendom the lily has come to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus because of its delicacy of form and its snow white color. But have you ever wondered about the history and significance of this symbolic Easter flower, which adds elegance, grace and fragrance to millions of homes and churches during the spring time. Every year, on the first Sunday after the first full moon, churches are filled with exquisite Easter lilies. Churches at Easter time grace the altars and surround the cross with Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This importance rests even more clearly on a legend that the blood of Jesus, as it fell from the cross, was by a miracle transformed into flowers which filled heaven and earth. The popular Easter lily we use today to celebrate the holiday is referred to as 'the white-robed apostles of hope.' These beautiful trumpet shaped white flowers were brought to the United States in 1875 from Japan by an American tourist and named after the florist who made it popular. The flower retells the resurrection story with its life cycle. These snow white flowers symbolize new life and hope. The bulb of these flowers buried in the ground represents the tomb of Jesus and the glorious white trumpet-like fragrant flowers which grow from the bulbs symbolize His life after death. The snowy white color stands for the purity of the Divine Savior and the joy of the resurrection while the trumpet shape signifies Gabriel's trumpet call to rebirth and new life.

Easter Lilies



In Memory of

Parents, Clarence & Hertha Weise by Bruce A. Weise

Grandparents, Carl & Annie Weise by Bruce A. Weise

Grandparents, Emil & Helena Dittfurth by Bruce A. Weise

Ralph Egg To the glory of God by Helen Mae Egg

Talbert & Karen Wendel by Jason, Michelle, Kerilyn & Brooke Wendel

Francis & Lillian Obsta by Jason, Michelle, Kerilyn & Brooke Wendel

E.F. Schorre (Pop Schorre) by the Terry & Pam Haun Family

Johnny & Jeffrey Haun by the Terry & Pam Haun Family

Ralph Egg by His Family, To the Glory of God by Laurie Pokluda

Clarence "Sonny" Meyer by Mike, Tammy & Family

Marla Hartman To the Glory of God by Her Family

Reuben Gohmert To the Glory of God by His Family

Sylvia Manning To the Glory of God by The Manning Elite T&T Team

Elmer & Gladys Reinecke by Leroy & Beth Reinecke

Easter Lilies



In Memory of

Bert Gisler by Leroy & Beth Reinecke

Ruth & Charlie Moore by The Moore Family

Patty Ohrt by Dean Ohrt

Michael Bartosh by Dianna Bartosh

Herbert & Martha Spinks by Dianna Bartosh

*Edward & Lucille Ruschhaupt To the Glory of God by Archie &
Virginia Abrameit*

*Charlene Ruschhaupt Magee To the Glory of God by Archie & Virginia
Abrameit*

William Gras by Kenneth & Betty Diebel & Family

Quinton Haun To the Glory of God by Clay Haun & Family

Delmar J. Diebel by Dorothy Diebel & Family

J. Gus & Iris Jank To the Glory of God by Mitchell & Terri Jank

Roy & Barby Keel To the Glory of God by Mitchell & Terri Jank

Wanda Diebel Brown by Evelyn Diebel

Fred D. Diebel by Evelyn Diebel

*Tommy Gohmert To the Glory of God by Sandy Gohmert, Jennifer &
Stacey*

Easter Lilies



In Memory of

Reuben Lee Gohmert by Joie & Jimmy Caskey, JoLeah & Julie

Pa Haun by Nikki Nagel & Boys

John G. Bodden Jr. by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ruschhaupt by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Easter Lilies



In Honor of

Virgie Gohmert by Joie & Jimmy Caskey, JoLeah & Julie

Grannie Jo & Grandpa Bryan Stubbs by Nikki Nagel & Boys

Iris & J. Gus Jank by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Spinks by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

My Husband & Son, Pat & Tristan by Wanda Hays

My Parents, Clifton & May Dell Jacob by Wanda Hays

Easter Lilies



In Honor of

Helen Mae Egg To the Glory of God by Kathy & Blake Dunn

Betty Jacob by Will & Heather Roeske

Our Grandchildren by John & Margie Swannack

The People of St. John's by Pastor & Alma Suggs

Easter Lilies



To the Glory of God by

The Old Stone Church Committee ~ 12 Easter Lilies

Arlen & Barbara Mueller ~ 2 Easter Lilies

Marv & Norrean Sager ~ 2 Easter Lilies

Cathie & Dickie Bettge ~ 2 Easter Lilies

The Otto Family ~ 1 Easter Lily

Resurrection of Our Lord

March 27, 2016

Easter Day (Year C)



A new day has dawned on the creation! Jesus is alive; death was unable to hold him in the grave. God has done a new thing. Each Easter the story of Christ's resurrection from the dead greets us anew. With awe and wonder, we hear the good news of the empty tomb with new ears and full hearts. This event that happened so long ago continues to impact humanity with God's unbreakable promise of new life.