

Born of water  
and the Spirit John 3:5



## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Second Sunday in Lent**

March 12, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Dickie & Cathie Bettge

**Greeter Next Week:** Candy Cowley

**Reader This Week:** Jeffery Bennett

**Reader Next Week:** Marlene Rangnow

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays

**Large Print Bulletins** are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

**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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #377 *“Lift High the Cross”*

page 78-79: KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

**All Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, 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

Genesis 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who

had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

## RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**<sup>6</sup>So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**<sup>8</sup>The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts

righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Stand page 83: GOSPEL VERSE “Return to the Lord”

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe

if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #453 *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

Stand page 83: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 96: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

page 96: OFFERTORY PRAYER

page 97: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #107 *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 3/12</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
<b>Mon 3/13</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Tues 3/14</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wed 3/15</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
<b>Thurs 3/16</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Fri 3/17</b>	<b>Office Closed ~ St. Patrick's Day!</b>	
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
	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.*

**Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

**Offering:** General \$326.00 **Attendance:** 39

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

**Offering:** General \$1,481.00, MOM \$260.00, Organ \$20.00, NALC \$154.00, Youth \$20.00, Sunday School \$50.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Church Reno. \$590.00 **Total: \$2,595.00**

**Attendance:** Worship- 75 Sunday School- 12 Adults, 5 Children



## **Mission of the Month of March:**



### **House of Dreams**

#### **Mission Statement**

The House of Dreams is a Scholarship Program for homeless women and their children.

The heart of the program is to embrace and strengthen their potential equipping them for a better future. Each resident will be provided with a room and living space for them (and their children if they have children), food, on-site day care and on-site guidance 24/7. They will participate in an Intern Program learning marketable skills that will allow them to become self-sufficient.

The home will be a Christ-centered home of second chances, promoting self-sufficiency, emphasizing teamwork in a compassionate, caring, positive and encouraging environment.

Women will be able to sustain themselves based on improved skills and technical skills taught at House of Dreams. They will learn honor and a healthy self-respect to maximize personal growth and save children from a life of dependency, crime, poverty and hopelessness.

The home will be able to house 13 to 15 women, and have two paid staff members.

House of Dreams is a 501C3 organized under the leadership of Faith Family Church in Victoria.

Col. Mike Petrash is the Administrator (not paid)

# LENTEN



## Lenten

St. John Mid-Week Lenten Services will be Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 7:00 pm.

### Soup & Sandwich Supper

Come join us for fellowship Wednesday March 29th at 6:00PM.

We will be serving soup and sandwiches for supper before church. A sign-up sheet will be located in the back of the church to bring sandwiches and cookies. The Parish Life Team will supply the soup. We hope to see you there!



### Church Picture Directory

Pictures for the Pictorial Directory will be taken April 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM and April 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet for picture times will be located in the back of the church. Volunteers are needed to assist with signing people in during picture times. There is a sign-up sheet to help out as you can. Thank You to those who can help! There will be no charge to the church, and each member will receive a free 8x10 and Pictorial Directory. Everyone will have the option to order other photos for a fee. If you are interested in serving on a committee to put the directory together, please contact Terri Jank at (361)550-9827.



### Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!



## Church Renovation Fund

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.



## Reformation + Refocus + Renewal

Women's Gathering

South Texas Mission District

North American Lutheran Church

April 8, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration/continental breakfast

3:00 p.m. Coffee/dessert bar, dismissal

Donna Pyle, Artesian Ministries LLC

Speaker and Bible Study Leader

Music \* Reformation Moments \* Deutch Marktplatz

Be Informed Be Inspired

Welcome Lutheran Church

3636 FM 109, Brenham, TX 77833

Registration: \$20.00 accepted thru March 18, 2017

\$25.00 after March 18<sup>th</sup>

(Includes lunch/refreshments)

For additional information contact:

Geraldine Johnson

Geraldine@reagan.com or (979)203-3131

Or see more info. on the Narthex bulletin board

(\*please make a copy if you wish to fill out a registration form)



*Need a  
Ride?*



## Sunday School

Need a ride to Sunday school? Sometimes parents need that extra hour of sleep. Let us pick up your kids! Call or text Kathy Dunn at 361-275-4322 or Wanda Hays at 361-648-4033.



**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 - U.S. Air Force,  
Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada  
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
John Otto - USMC, Bahrain  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force

**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
Nate Boehl  
Hunter Jacob  
Glynn Yurick  
Mike Meyer



**Nursing Homes:** Arlen Mueller - Yorktown Nursing & Rehab

**Homebound:** Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg, 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.

# Lent 2

*March 12, 2017*



## **Second Sunday in Lent**

Our God is faithful and his promises are trustworthy and true. In return for his abiding love, He calls us to faithfulness to him. Abram was called away from home to start life anew under the protection of God. His faithful obedience to the Lord is lifted up as an example by St. Paul thousands of years later as the apostle teaches the church in Rome to rely on God, who will lead them in all of his ways.