

**Man shall not live
by bread alone,**



**but by every word
that comes from the mouth
of God** **Matthew 4:4**

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Jeffery Bennett

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 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #309 *“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”*

p. 78-79: KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

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

P Let us pray:

All: O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 3:1-21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid

themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 32:1-7

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**⁶I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the man will be made righteous.

Stand p. 83 GOSPEL VERSE: “Return to the Lord”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike

your foot against a stone.”⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #439 “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

Stand p. 85: APOSTLE’S CREED

p. 85: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

p. 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 86: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”

p. 87: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 88: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 90: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)

p. 91: LORD’S PRAYER

p. 92: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 92: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”

p. 94: 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 3/5 First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

**Parish Life Meeting after church*

Mon 3/6 Office Closed

Tues 3/7 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Wed 3/8 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor

1:30 p.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 3/9 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 3/10 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Worship

**Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward!*

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.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Offering:

General \$1,042.00, MOM \$290.00, Cemetery \$45.00,
NALC \$25.00, Youth \$62.00, Sunday School \$13.00,
Church Reno. \$523.00 **Total: \$2,000.00**

Attendance: Worship- 102 Sunday School- 18 Adults, 23 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)

Parish Life

The Parish Life Team will meet
today after church.



Church Picture Directory

There was discussion at the church council meeting about the possibility of a picture directory of our congregation. We tentatively have scheduled picture dates for April 12th and 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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. Please share your thoughts and opinions with any council member. Volunteers will be needed on April 12th and 13th at the sign in table, etc. If you are interested in serving on a committee to put the directory together, please contact Terri Jank at (361)550-9827.



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.



Attention Acolytes

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



Acolytes



Lenten

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

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 18th

(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 1

March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

This Sunday's Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry as the Spirit pronounces him "Son of God" and drives him into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. We, too, in our baptism, are pronounced children of God, which means we will face similar trials and temptations as our Lord did. The good news for us is that we will never be alone in our trials; Christ goes before us and remains with us.

