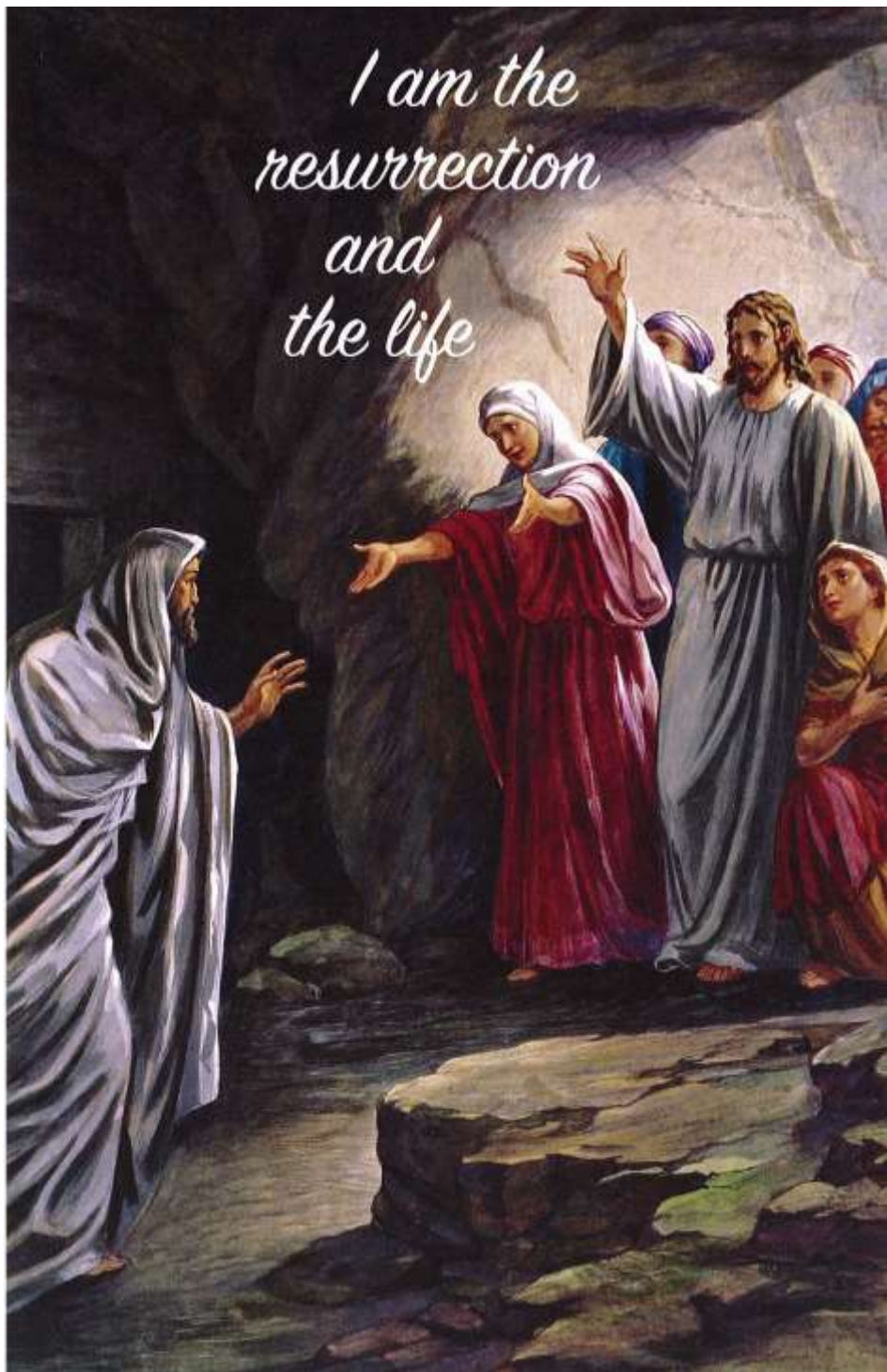


*I am the  
resurrection  
and  
the life*



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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

April 2, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Greeter Next Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Reader This Week:** Kernell Mortiz

**Reader Next Week:** Jeffery Bennett

**Acolytes This Week:** Carlie Parsons

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank

**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 #294 *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

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: Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived

and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**<sup>2</sup>If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**

<sup>3</sup>For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.

**<sup>4</sup>I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**

<sup>5</sup>My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**<sup>6</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

<sup>7</sup>With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not

belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Stand p. 83 GOSPEL VERSE: "Return to the Lord"

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45 [46-53]

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the

house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, [<sup>46</sup>but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup>So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. <sup>48</sup>If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." <sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." <sup>51</sup>He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup>So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #385 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 4/2</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 4/3</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 4/4</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
<b>Wed 4/5</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 4/6</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 4/7</b>	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
	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.*

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

**Offering:**

General \$941.00, MOM \$270.00, Cemetery \$40.00,  
Sunday School \$16.00, Church Reno \$448.00,  
NALC \$20.00    **Total: \$1,735.00**

**Attendance:** Worship- 88 Sunday School- 9 Adults, 14 Children

**Mid-Week Lenten Service, March 29, 2017**

**Offering:** General \$635.61, Church Reno \$2,030.00

**Total: \$2,665.61    Attendance: 38**



**\*\*\*Attention Acolytes: Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!\*\*\***



## Mission of the Month of April:



### Mission Statement

### Water Missions International

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

**Mission:** Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

**Vision:** Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions by 2017.

We will celebrate Water Sunday April 23, 2017 at St. John's.



### Church Picture Directory

**ATTENTION!** Pictures for the Pictorial Directory are being postponed until the fall due to lack of participation.

### Church Under The Trees

We will be having church under the trees April 30<sup>th</sup>. A pot luck lunch will follow. Please bring a main dish & a side dish or a dessert to share. Thank you!



### 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.

### 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.





## Thank You

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude to all who supported Team Hunter in the bracelet fundraiser. We were overwhelmed by the support and response from the congregation. Your generous gifts will aid with the costs of food, travel and lodging expenses. We have never seen such loving, kind and generous people. Your prayers have kept Hunter going and help sustain his little heart. We cannot thank you enough. God bless each of you and please keep him in your prayers.

Pat, Wanda and Tristan Hays, Clifton and May Dell Jacob

## Thank You

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frances Hartmann and her family would like to thank everyone who attended, sent cards and wishes, thoughts and prayers for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on March 11, 2017. It made her day very enjoyable. Thank you very much. Thank you, Kurt Hartmann, Jr.



## Save the Date for Summer Day Camp July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>

Four Camp Counselors from Luther Hill in LaGrange will lead our youth in Worship, Music, Activities and lots of fun. Day Camp is open to youth ages 5 through 12. All older youth are needed to help as Junior Counselors. Contact Kathy Dunn for more info: 361-275-4322

## SAVE THE DATE – Sat., April 29, 2017 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON Spring Workday

We are planning a spring workday and encourage everyone to participate. There are a lot of odd jobs around the Church, pariah hall, parsonage, and grounds that are hard to contract out, but need to be done. Please consider giving one Saturday morning of your time to help us care for God's House. The following are jobs that need to be done:

- **Brush removal along east property line fence.**
- **Trim trees.**
- **Pressure wash & paint pump house.**
- **Pressure wash church building.**
- **Fix drainage problem on west side of church.**
- **Basement Clean-up.**
- **Banister at parish hall needs painting.**



If you cannot be there on the Saturday of workday, but would like to undertake a project on your own, please see one of the property team members. With more daylight in the evenings, it may be better for some to work in the evenings. Please contact a property team member if you see other areas around the church, parish hall, parsonage, and grounds that need our attention. Property team members are as follows: Dickie Bettge, chm, Marv Sager, Pastor John, Clay Haun, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt, and Will Roeske.



**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 5

*April 2, 2017*

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**



Today we are reminded of the blessed promise that God brings life out of death. Whether it is breath to dead, brittle, dry bones or hope for those stuck in sorrow and despair, new life emerges by God's mighty hand. Jesus demonstrates this power to those around him as he raises Lazarus from the dead after four long days. This miracle foreshadows his own impending death and resurrection.