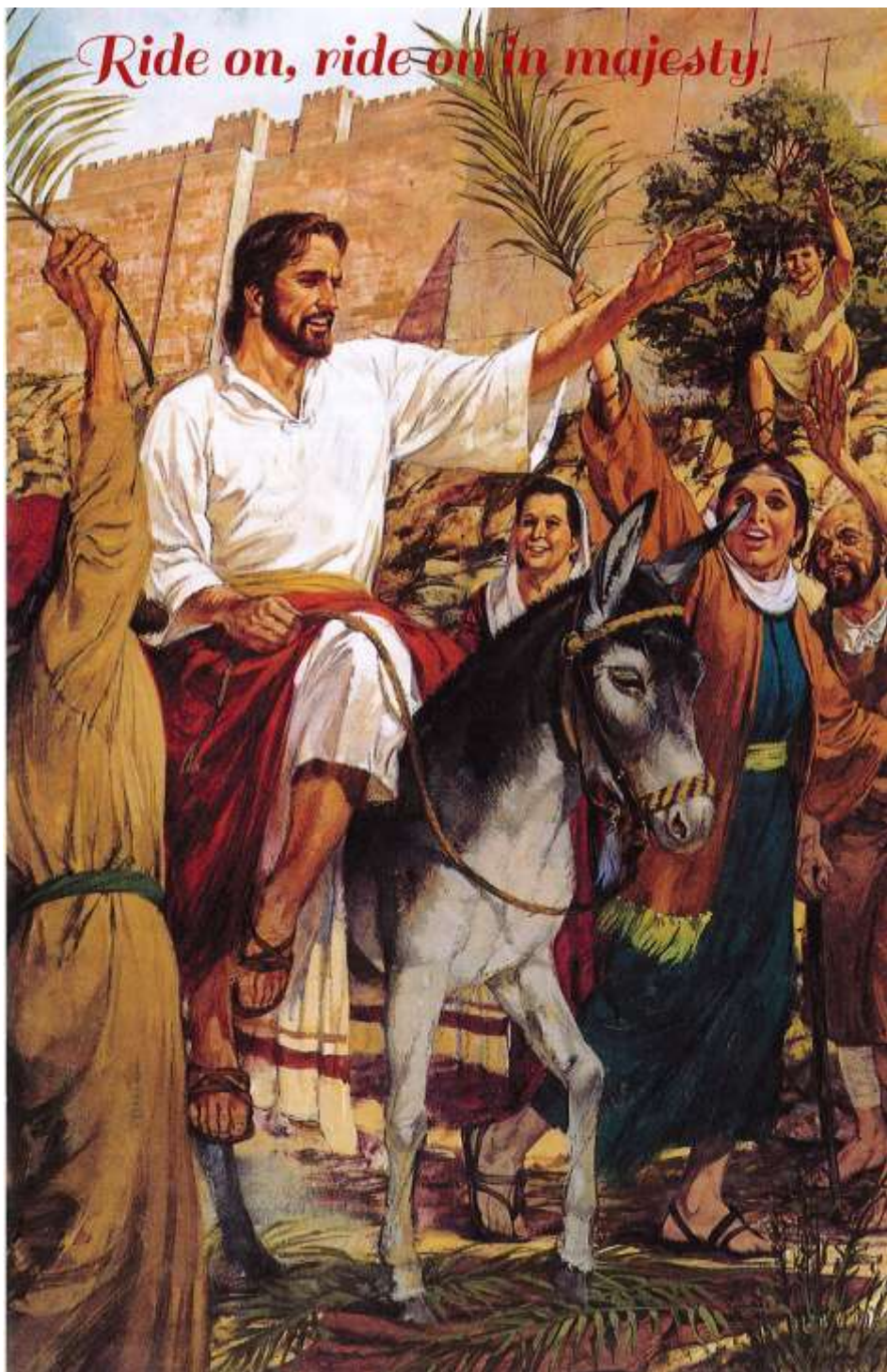


Ride on, ride on in majesty!



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Reader This Week: Jeffery Bennett

Reader Next Week: Marlene Rangnow

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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.

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

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Stand p. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #108 *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

p. 78-79: KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ^{9a}Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are
consumed.**

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a
dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute
me.

**¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving kindness save me."**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:1-27:66

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.

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

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” ³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.” ⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.” ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him. ¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. ²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they

were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." ²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same. ³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I

will kiss is the man; seize him.”⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed him.⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.”⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me.”⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left him and fled.⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered.⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end.⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death,⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward⁶¹ and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’”⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?”⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy.”⁶⁶ What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him,⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.”⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.”⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed.⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of

Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor. ³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." ¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. ⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" ⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary

Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. ⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

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

Stand page 85: 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 97: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

page 97: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #458 “*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/9 Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 4/10 Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting

Tues 4/11 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 4/12 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

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

1:30 p.m. Quilters

6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thurs 4/13 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

6:15 p.m. Altar Guild

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Fri 4/14 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Next Sun Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service/Pancake Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Resurrection Egg Hunt

10:15 a.m. Easter Worship~HE is Risen!

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, April, 2 2017

Offering: General \$3,467.00, MOM \$325.00, OSC \$20.00, Cemetery \$5.00, Sunday School \$15.00, Church Reno \$441.00, NALC \$100.00, Organ \$20.00, **Total: \$4,393.00**

Attendance: Worship- 97 Sunday School- 17 Adults, 18 Children

Mid-Week Lenten Service, April 5, 2017

Total Offering: \$501.00 **Attendance:** 31



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.

Grave Decoration Sunday & Church at The Cemetery

You are invited to attend St. John's annual Grave Decoration service on April 30th. The service will be held next to the cemetery and the historic Old Stone Church under the scenic live oak trees. A pot luck lunch will follow. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or desert to share. So bring your lawn chair and invite your friends and family for this special service honoring all those Saints who now rest here at St. John's cemetery.



YOUTH Meeting

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday, April 12 from 6-8 pm**. We will be planning our Sunrise Service for Easter morning. Please try to attend. Any parents that would like to help with the Easter pancake breakfast, please call Dawn at 361-550-9167. Volunteers are needed.

Easter Schedule

Thursday, April 13th

7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday Service*

Friday, April 14th

7:00 pm - *Good Friday Service*

Saturday, April 15th:

10:00 am - Youth Group will practice and decorate for Easter.

Easter Sunday:

7:00 am - All Youth Group Members participating in the Sunrise Service, need to be at the Old Stone Church.

7:30 am - Sunrise Service/Pancake Breakfast

Youth Group will host a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish House after Sunrise Service, before Sunday School. Everyone is welcome! During the Sunday School hour, we will have a Dramatic Re-enactment of the first Easter and the Empty Tomb. Parents are encouraged to see this exciting presentation.

9:15 am - Annual Resurrection Egg Hunt. Remember, eggs signify new life in Jesus! You can bring an Easter Basket or we will have some Easter bags.

10:15 am - *Easter Worship~HE is RISEN!*

~Please come and help us celebrate Easter, the cornerstone of our Christian Faith. Bring a friend! Kathy Dunn and Wanda Hays, Sunday School Leaders~



Save the Date for Summer Day Camp July 31st through August 4th

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



QUILTERS

Quilters

Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits need to be turned in on the Parish House stage before or on Wednesday, April 12th. Thank you, Norrean Sager (361)275-6029

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is meeting at 6:15 this Thursday to practice stripping the altar.



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:



WORK DAY
at the
CHURCH

- **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.

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

Need a Ride?



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.





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.



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Palm/Passion Sunday

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Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

As Holy Week begins, we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus' life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring hosannas. By the end of the week he is betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence carried out on a cross between two thieves.



“The only reason they (Christians) must suffer is that they steadfastly adhere to Christ and God’s word, enduring this for the sake of Christ. No people on earth have to endure such bitter hate. “No one has compassion on them; they are given myrrh and gall to drink when they thirst. And all of this is done... because they want to have none but Christ and no other God.”

*-Martin Luther-
Church & Ministry III, LW 41*