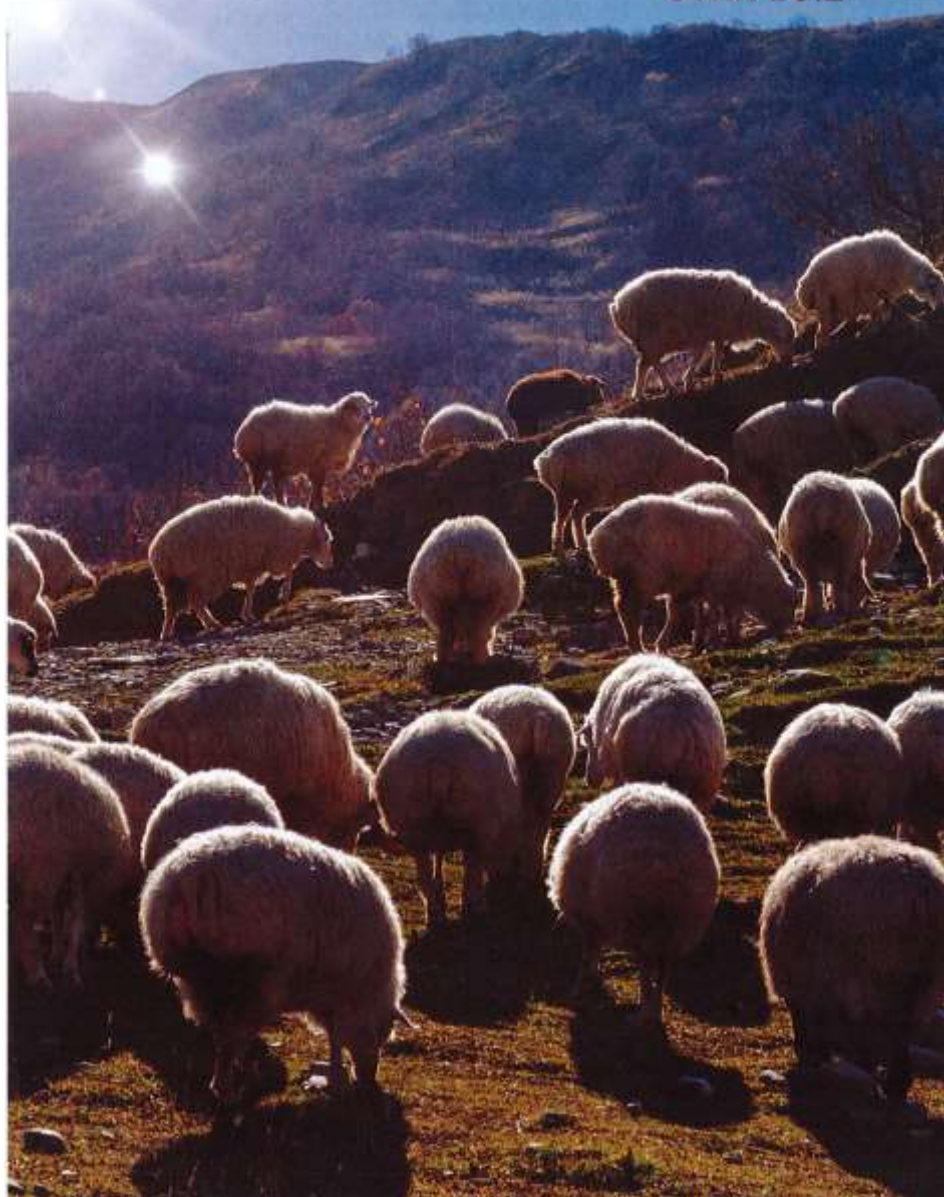


The shepherd of the sheep

John 10:2



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

Greeter This Week: Alfred & Marlene Rangnow

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Volunteer Needed

Reader Next Week: Marlene Rangnow

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Marlee Blain

Altar Guild This Month: May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

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. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #731 "*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*"

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 show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²And {the believers} devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble
me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running
over.

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

¹{Jesus said,} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #770 “*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*”

HOLY BAPTISM (LBW pg. 121)

Stand 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 5/7	Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 5/8	Office Closed
Tues 5/9	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 5/10	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 5/11	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 5/12	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~Happy Mother's Day!~

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 30, 2017

Offering: General \$1,024.34, MOM \$185.00, Sunday School \$50.00, Old Stone Church \$2,215.00, Youth \$520.00, Church Reno \$1,250.50,
Total: \$5,244.84

Attendance: Worship- 85 Sunday School- 3 Adults, 14 Children

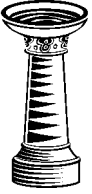
Mission of the Month of May



Christian Warrior's Retreat Mission Statement

Christian Warriors retreat will be held for the second time at the end of October. It will again be held at the El Shaddi Retreat Center in Yorktown. The retreat is a 72 hour spiritual renewal through Jesus for Veterans by Veterans. This year the veterans who went last year will serve as team members. This will be St. John's fourth year to support this retreat which has grown to include a retreat in the Spring also. We hope to have the warriors at worship on a Sunday in the near future to give testimony on their experience at the retreat.

HOLY BAPTISM



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Today we welcome as a member by Holy Baptism *Harper Blaire Light*, daughter of Michael & Melanie Light. Sponsors for her Baptism are Lacey Rains, Sydney Moore & Tye Pressler.

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



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

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.



Acolytes

Attention Acolytes

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



Calling All Graduates!

Graduates

Please send graduating 8th graders, high school seniors & college graduates names to the church office. Either by email: stjohnevlutheran@juno.com, call during office hours (361)277-8653 or leave names in the secretary's box outside of the office door. Thank you.

*Women of the ELCA
Martin Luther Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Coletoville, Texas*

*Dear Sisters in Christ,
The women of your congregation are invited
To join us for*

Bunco and Refreshments

*Sunday May 21, 2017
Registration at 2:00 pm
Bunco will begin at 2:30 pm*

*In the Martin Luther Christian Center
2535 Coletoville Road*

*R.S.V.P.
Monday May 8th
To
Doris Luhn 578-7018
Mary Buesing 550-8823*



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

Homebound: 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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St. John Meyersville
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>
Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Easter 4

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

The focus of the Fourth Sunday of Easter is on the metaphor of the Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the one who lays down his life for his sheep because of his great love for them. This one, prefigured in Psalm 23, is the shepherd who provides for, protects, and leads his sheep into green pastures and by still waters. This Shepherd suffered greatly for his sheep so they might never be lost or forsaken.



“It is not God’s Word just because the church speaks it; instead, the church comes into being because God’s Word is spoken. The church does not constitute the Word but is constituted by the Word. The Word of God is a sure sign by which we may know where the church is.”

Martin Luther -