

For God

*so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish
but have eternal life.*

John 3:16



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Tammy Blain

Reader Next Week: Johnna Kethan

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

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

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, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor {the Israelites} set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 107:1-9

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
and his mercy endures forever.

²**Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

³He gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the
south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.**

⁵They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.

⁶**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.**

⁷He put their feet on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.

⁸**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy
and the wonders he does for his children.**

⁹For he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he

loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

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

¹⁴{Jesus said,} “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE “A Cry of Pain”

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

Stand page 85: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Sit OFFERING

Stand Page 96: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

page 97: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

page 97: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #518 “Beautiful Savior”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Worship
***Spring Forward *Flag Sales End**

Mon 3/12 *Office Closed

Tues 3/13 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild Bi-Annual Meeting

Wed 3/14 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
1:30 p.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 3/15 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 3/16 *Office Closed

Next Sun Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Worship
***Deadline to purchase Easter Lilies**

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.



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.

Sunday, March 4, 2018

General \$4,023.00, MOM \$1,315.00, Sunday School \$22.57,
Youth \$110.00, Building \$25.00, Organ \$74.00, OSC \$70.00,
Church Reno. \$397.00 **Total: \$6,036.57**

Attendance: Worship - 89 Sunday School - 11 Children, 15 Adults

Attendance, Wednesday, March 7, 2018: Worship- 28

General \$314.00, CAMAL House \$10.00 **Total: \$324.00**

Mission of the Month of March

Warrior's Weekend



Mission Statement

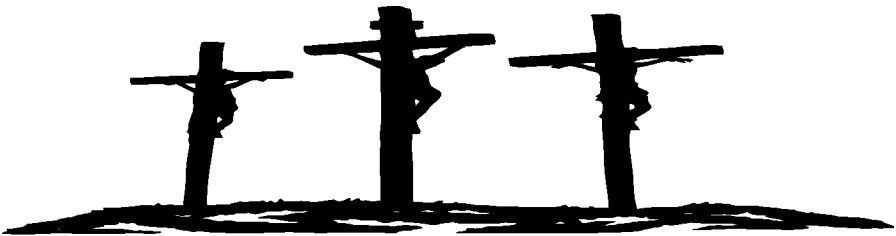
Warriors Weekend - Victoria, Texas

www.warriorsweekend.org

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes. 500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate. Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend. There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.

One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

The Warrior's Weekend will be held on May 18th through May 20th. The youth of St. John's is selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Dreams display to honor veterans. For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.



4th
Sunday
in
Lent



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the New Year.

Lenten Schedule

St. John Mid-Week Lenten Services will be Wednesdays,
March 7, 14 & 21 at 7:00 pm.



Flag Sales



Youth Group is still selling Warrior's Weekend Field of Honor Flags. Sales end today, March 11th. Please contact Diane Chavez if you would like to purchase a flag @ (361)212-4438. Thank you for supporting our Veterans & Youth Group!

Attention Altar Guild Members

The Bi-Annual Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Thank you, Carol Ann



Easter Lilies



If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies in honor or memory of someone. Please fill out the form in the bulletins. The deadline is **March 18th**. No orders can be taken after this day. They will be ordered March 19th. Thank you.

Soup & Sandwich Supper



Join us for food and fellowship Wednesday March 21, 2018. We will be serving a soup and sandwich supper at 6:00 before the 7:00 Lenten Service. Hope to see you then!



Youth Group

Youth group will meet Sunday, March 25th right after church for their monthly meeting. Lunch will be served & we will have Easter Sunrise practice. On Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 am we will have our last practice & decorate the cross with flowers.



“Be Still” Ladies Retreat

If anyone is interested in attending the “Be Still” Ladies Retreat, please see the flyers & registration forms in the Narthex for more info. It will take place April 27-28 at The El Shaddai Ranch in Yorktown.



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.





Pray for Cole Ohrt

Cowboy Tough Cole Strong

Cole has been making progress in Houston where he is going through rehabilitation. Praise God & everyone praying for him & his family! As most of you know, Cole was in an

ATV accident and has suffered many injuries. Cole is an 8th grader at Meyersville School. He needs a lot of prayers, love and support. Cole is the Son of Garrett & Julie Ohrt, Grandson of Kenneth & Betty Diebel and Janice Ohrt & the Nephew of Brian & Feather Diebel. Many prayers are being said from all over and being answered by the Good Lord! This cowboy has a long journey ahead and he is Cole Strong! There are other ways we can help this sweet young man & his family out by donating to the many benefits/fundraisers for Cole. Below is a list of ways to help. Please join the “**Cowboy Tough Cole Strong**” Facebook page to see photos of the items mentioned below, see new fundraisers as they come up and keep up with Cole’s progress. If you have questions on ways to help, you can call our church office during business hours. Thank you and God Bless. + + +

- **Gun/Louis Vuitton Raffle - photo in comments - contact Leslie Crews for more details. (Drawing will be held March 11th.)**
- **Cuero Playday Saturday, March 17, 2018 @ 10:00 am - All proceeds from the concession stand will go to Cole & his family.**
- **Benefit with live auction, entertainment, meal - more details to come - May 5th - contact Leslie Hoff Crews for more details.**
- **"Cowboy Tough-Cole Strong" tshirts, caps, koozies - will be available January 3. Please contact Sarah Odem Rowlands or Donna M. Odem Nichols for more details.**
- **"Cowboy Tough-Cole Strong" bracelets - photo in comments - contact Jamye Carroll Muegge for more details.**
- **Cole's Benefit Account - New First National Bank - make checks payable to Garrett or Julie Ohrt. Can make deposits at the branch or pm me for an address to mail a check to and we will take care of depositing for you.**
- **PayPal account - coleohrtfund@gmail.com - Please send funds as friend or family and put a note on what money is for - donation, payment for raffle, football pots, or shirts (please do not send funds for shirts without ordering from Sarah Rowlands first)**

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, North Carolina
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
Lee Magrauder - U.S. Army, Afghanistan
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Jeff Zengerle - Victoria Texas National Guard
Deploying May 15, 2018 to February 2019 Djibouti, Africa



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Sandy Gohmert
Jimmy Caskey
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Lent 4

March 11, 2018



Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year B)

The reality of sin in human life brought on death, but that was not God's intention for the crowning glory of his creation. Through Jesus, God came to put an end to sin, death, and the power of the "sons of disobedience," as Paul put it. Thanks to Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, God's mercy has been given to all who believe. He has made us alive together with Christ, and we are saved by grace.



"Christ alone is, and He alone remains, the Bread of Life. This Bread gives the world eternal life and abolishes death. If He (Christ) gives the world eternal life, it follows that He must drive away death; for the world is born in sin and death and is the devil's own." - Martin Luther, Sermon from November 26, 1530

Worship Notes:

With the beginning of Lent we change to the second setting for our worship service. So this morning's service will begin on page 77 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). Another change in our worship service during Lent is the tradition of "burying the Alleluia". In keeping with the more somber, reflective tone of the Lenten season we omit the Hymn of Praise. So immediately after the Kyrie where Pastor John speaks a line and we respond with "Lord have mercy," we skip the Hymn of Praise and go directly to page 82 in the LBW and the "Prayer of the Day". The final change for Lent is the Gospel acclamation changes to " Return to the Lord for he is"