

A close-up photograph of a person wearing white, textured robes. They are holding a large, dark brown earthenware jug with intricate orange and black patterns. Water is being poured from the jug into a shallow, dark brown basin on a textured surface. The scene is lit with warm, dramatic lighting, highlighting the textures of the fabric and the jug.

*Even the
Son of Man
came . . .
to serve*

Mark 10:45

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

Greeter This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Johnna Kethan

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

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.

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: WOV #780 *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

⁹How shall a young man cleanse his way?

By keeping to your words.

**¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments.**

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.

**¹²Blessed are you, O Lord;
instruct me in your statutes.**

¹³With my lips will I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.

**¹⁴I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.

**¹⁶My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:[32-34] 35-45

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

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

[³²{Jesus and the disciples} were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."] ³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON "A Cry of Victory"

HYMN: WOV #777 "In the Morning When I Rise"
Give Me Jesus

Stand p. 85: APOSTLES' 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 3/18	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<i>*Deadline to purchase Easter Lilies</i>
Mon 3/19	Office Closed
Tues 3/20	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours ~ <i>1st Day of Spring!</i>
Wed 3/21	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	6:00 p.m. Supper before church
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Thurs 3/22	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
	<i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
Fri 3/23	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
Next Sun	Palm Sunday ~ All Children will carry in palms
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<i>*Youth Group will have lunch & Easter Sunrise practice after worship.</i>

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 11, 2018

General \$2,044.00, MOM \$665.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Organ \$3.00,
Church Reno. \$719.00 **Total: \$3,451.00**

Attendance: Worship - 92 Sunday School - 4 Children, 14 Adults

Attendance, Wednesday, March 14, 2018: Worship- 32

Mission of the Month of March Warrior's Weekend



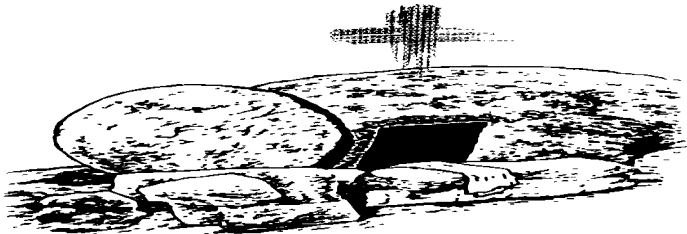
Mission Statement

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.



5th Sunday *in* Lent



Lenten Schedule

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



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 today, **March 18th**. No orders can be taken after today. They will be ordered tomorrow, 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 next 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.

Church Work Day

A work day has been scheduled for April 7, 2018 from 8:00-12:00. Grounds, cemetery cleanup and maintenance will be on the agenda for that day. Please try to help if you can!



Youth Group Flag Sales



Flag sales **have been extended** until Sunday, April 8, 2018. This is a great fundraiser to help Wounded Warriors as well as our youth group. Thank you!

“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.



Attention Acolytes

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

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. + + +

- **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 Jamey 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 5

March 18, 2018



Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year B)

A new covenant between God and his people came through Jesus Christ, who will reign as king and high priest forever. Jesus reminded his followers that to be a part of this new covenant is to be slave of all and servant of all, for the Son of Man came not to be served, but to be the one to serve others. His life, death, and resurrection are his “ransom” in exchange for the lives of his beloved children who believe.



“One Christian who has been tried is worth a hundred who have not been tried, for the blessing of God grows in trials. He who has experienced them can teach, comfort, and advise many in bodily and spiritual matters.”
- Martin Luther, *Exposition on Genesis 27, WA 43*

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"