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HUMBLED
HIMSELF...
TO THE
POINT
OF
DEATH

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

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

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"*

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 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

RESPONISVE READING

Psalms 118:19-29

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰**“This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter.”**

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success.

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

²⁷God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸**“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

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”

Sit MESSAGE “*Cry of Submission*”

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

HOLY BAPTISM (LBW pg. 121)

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 #114 *"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/25	Palm Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<i>*Youth Group lunch & Easter Sunrise practice after worship</i>	
Mon 3/26	Office Closed	
Tues 3/27	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 3/28	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 3/29	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>
Fri 3/30	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday Service</i>
Next Sun	Easter Sunday	
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service & Pancake Breakfast
	9:15 a.m.	Annual Resurrection Egg Hunt & Empty Tomb Re-enactment
	10:15 a.m.	Easter Worship ~ <i>HE is RISEN!</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.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 Offering: General \$278.00, MOM \$10.00, Youth \$25.00 **Total: \$313.00**

Sunday, March 18, 2018

General \$1,828.00, MOM \$90.00, Sunday School \$54.00, Church Reno. \$427.00 **Total: \$2,399.00**

Attendance: Worship - 88 Sunday School - 6 Children, 12 Adults

Attendance, Wednesday, March 21, 2018: Worship- 37
General \$294.00 **Total: \$294.00**

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.



Palm Sunday

Easter Schedule

Thursday, March 29th: 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30th: 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 31st: 10:00 am - Youth Group will practice and decorate for Easter.

Easter Sunday, April 1st:

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!~

Youth Group

Youth group will meet today right after church for their monthly meeting. Lunch will be served & we will have Easter Sunrise practice. This 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!



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

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion (Year B)



The mood of the Scriptures today takes us from joy and exultation as Jesus rode into Jerusalem to sadness and sorrow as he was betrayed and executed. The full weight of the events of Jesus' last days on earth causes us to reflect on our own betrayal of Christ. Hearing his cries of forsakenness, we can relate to his suffering; this shows us that our God is intimately acquainted with our human experience.



“He [Jesus] humbled himself,’ or debased himself. In addition to manifesting his servant form in becoming man and faring as an ordinary human being, he went farther and made himself lower than any man. He abased himself to serve all men with the supreme service — the gift of his life in our behalf.”

- Martin Luther, Sermon from Palm Sunday, Lenker, Volume 7

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"