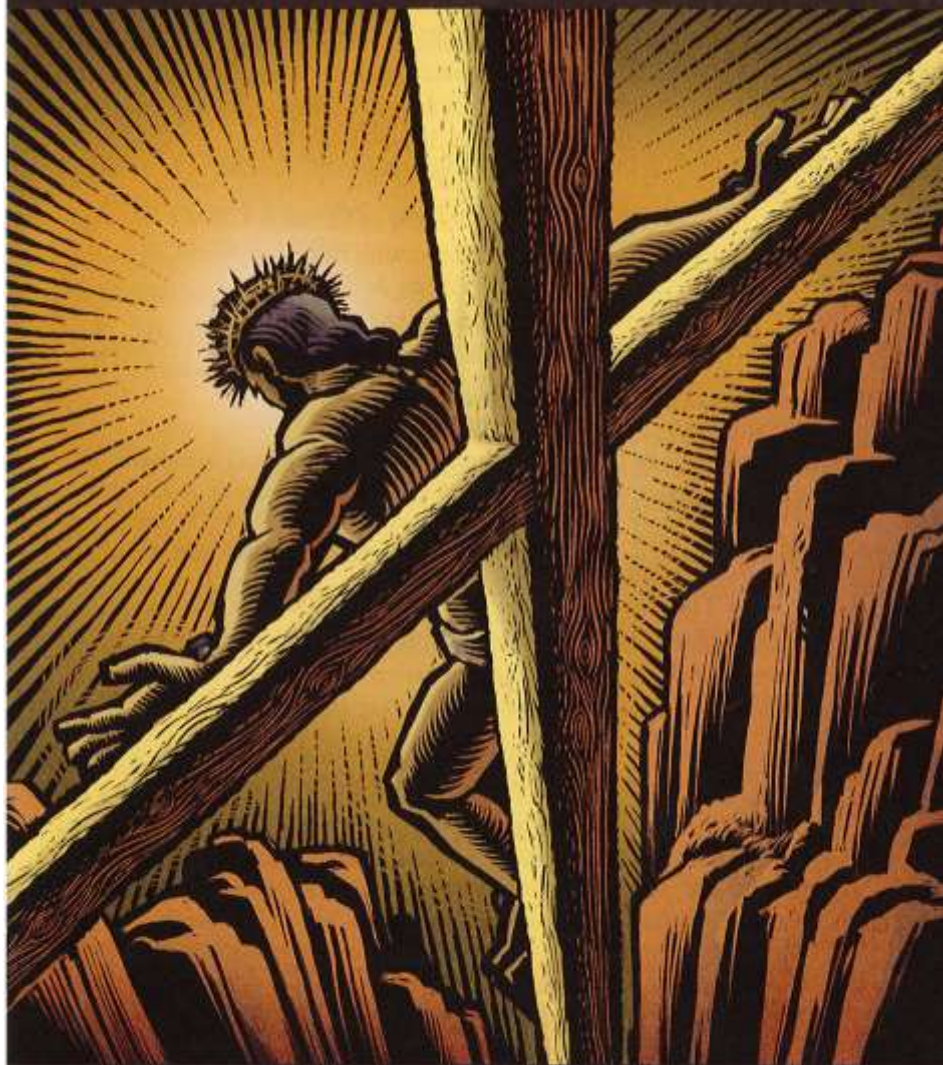


*THE WORD OF THE CROSS . . .*



*IS THE POWER  
OF GOD* 1 Corinthians 1:18

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

March 4, 2018

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Greeter Next Week:** Dickie & Cathie Bettge

**Reader This Week:** Mackenzie Blain

**Reader Next Week:** Tammy Blain

**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: LBW #327 *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

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, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, 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.**

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. <sup>8</sup>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath

day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleans me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable  
in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."  
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Stand p. 83 GOSPEL VERSE: "Return to the Lord"

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22 [23-25]

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house

will consume me.”<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?”<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”<sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?”<sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body.<sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. [<sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.<sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people<sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON *"Cry of Anguish"*

HYMN: LBW #365 *"Built on a Rock"*

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**

<b>Today 3/4</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.                     Worship
<b>Mon 3/5</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 3/6</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 3/7</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.                      Quilters
	7:00 p.m.                      Lenten Service
<b>Thurs 3/8</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 3/9</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
	8:00 a.m.                      Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.                     Worship
	<i>*Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward</i>
	<i>*Warrior's Weekend Flag Sales End</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, February 25, 2018**

General \$1,358.00, MOM \$650.00, Cemetery \$3.00,  
Youth Group \$20.00, Sunday School \$63.50, Church Reno. \$1,230.00  
**Total : \$3,324.50**

**Attendance:** Worship - 71    Sunday School - 14 Children, 6 Adults

**Ash Wednesday, February 28, 2018 Attendance:** 24

**Offering:** General \$160.00, MOM \$10.00, OSC \$20.00 Total: \$190.00

## Mission of the Month of March

### Warrior's Weekend



### Mission Statement

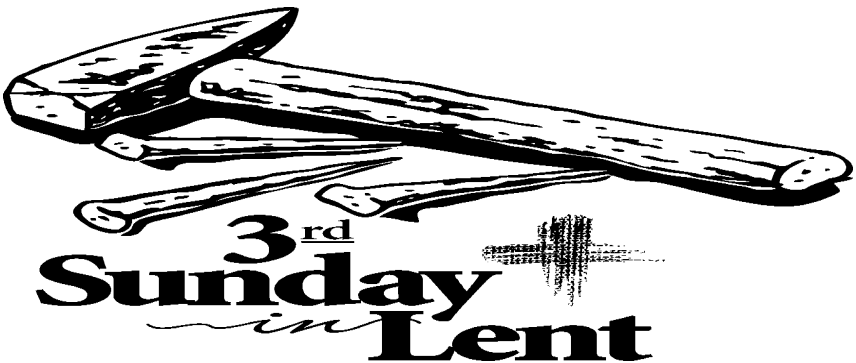
Warriors Weekend - Victoria, Texas

[www.warriorsweekend.org](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.



### 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 March 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>**. No orders can be taken after this day. They will be ordered March 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup> right after church for their monthly meeting. Lunch will be served & we will have Easter Sunrise practice. On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am we will have our last practice & decorate the cross with flowers.



## "Be Still" Ladies Retreat

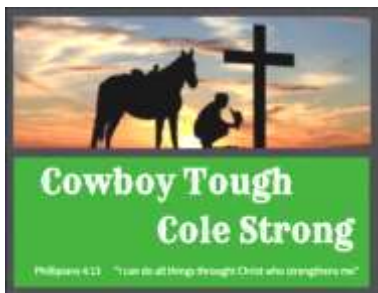
If anyone is interested in attending the "Be Still" Ladies Retreat, please see the flyers & registration forms in the Narthex for more info. It will take place April 27-28 at The El Shaddai Ranch in Yorktown.



## 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

**UPDATE:** Cole has been moved to Houston to start his rehabilitation process. Praise God & everyone praying for him! As most of you know, Cole was in an ATV accident and has suffered many injuries. Cole is an 8<sup>th</sup> 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. + + +

- **"Cowboy Tough-Cole Strong" t-shirts, 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](mailto: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).**
- **Gun/Louis Vuitton Raffle - photo in comments - contact Leslie Crews for more details. (Drawing will be held March 11<sup>th</sup>.)**
- **Benefit with live auction, entertainment, meal - more details to come - May 5<sup>th</sup> - contact Leslie Hoff Crews for more details.**

**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



**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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# Lent 3

March 4, 2018

## Third Sunday in Lent (Year B)



The Law of the Lord is perfect and provides a framework for God's people to live together with him and one another. At the heart of God's law are the care and protection of his beloved people. These rules for living faithfully were not meant to keep humanity in shackles — on the contrary! They were given to Israel and all people after them so that we would have true freedom, peace, and joy.



*“If we want to be wise, we must become fools  
and let God's Word be the eternal truth.”*

*- Martin Luther, Sermon on New Year's, 1531*

### 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 . . . ."