



*He has risen*

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

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### **Easter Sunday**

### **Resurrection of Our Lord**

April 1, 2018

**Greeter This Week:** Candy Cowley

**Greeter Next Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader Next Week:** Wendy Bishop

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Dickie Bettge

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Pam Haun

**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

HE IS RISEN!

**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

*Sunday School Kids and Congregation:*

**“GOD’S NOT DEAD”**

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

**JESUS MY SAVIOR IS ALIVE!**

Feel Him in my Hands (Clap, Clap, Clap)

Feel Him in my feet (Stomp, Stomp, Stomp)

Feel Him in my heart (Thump, Thump, Thump)

Feel Him in my soul (“Whew!”)

Feel Him all over me!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

**JESUS MY SAVIOR IS ALIVE!**

I’ve got the Holy Ghost and fire

And it’s bubblin’ up inside

Bubblin’ up inside

Bubblin’ up inside

I’ve got the Holy Ghost and fire

And it’s bubblin’ up inside

**JESUS is bubblin’ up inside!**

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

God’s not dead, He is alive!

**JESUS MY SAVIOR IS ALIVE!**

Hooray!!!

*Sit* CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Stand* p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**HYMN: LBW #151 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

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 have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 16

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint {Jesus}. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went

to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back — it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #143 “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*”

Stand p. 64: NICENE CREED  
p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
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

<b>Today 4/1</b>	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord~Easter Sunday</b>
	7:30 a.m. <i>Easter Sunrise Service</i> <i>Following will be a pancake breakfast</i>
	9:15 a.m. <b>Resurrection Egg Hunt</b>
	10:15 a.m. <b>Easter Worship</b>
<b>Mon 4/2</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 4/3</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. <b>Office Hours</b>
<b>Wed 4/4</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. <b>Office Hours</b> 1:30 p.m. <b>Quilters</b>
<b>Thurs 4/5</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. <b>Office Hours</b>
<b>Fri 4/6</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. <b>Office Hours</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
	8:00 a.m. <b>Property Team Meeting</b>
	9:00 a.m. <b>Sunday School/Adult Bible Study</b>
	10:15 a.m. <b>Worship</b>
	<i>*Flag sales deadline</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 25, 2018**

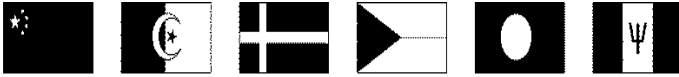
General \$1,696.50, MOM \$210.00, OSC \$50.00, Youth \$20.00,  
Sunday School \$78.94, CAMAL House \$50.00, Cemetery \$200.00  
Church Reno. \$1,903.00, **Total: \$4,208.44**

**Attendance:** Worship - 148    Sunday School - 17 Children, 15 Adults

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018**

**Attendance:** 43

## Mission of the Month of April



# MISSIONS



## Water Mission's International Mission Statement

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

### **Mission**

Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

### **Vision**

Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions by 2017.

**\*We will celebrate Water Sunday April 22, 2018 at St. John's.**

### **Other news from Missions**

Samaritan's Purse will bring us a mission message on Mission Sunday in October.

## 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!







## *HOLY BAPTISM*

On Sunday, March 25, 2018 we welcomed as a member by Holy Baptism *Clarence Abel Gohmert*, son of Brent & Hannah Gohmert. Sponsors for his Baptism were Emily Speed and Austin Speed.

## **HAPPY EASTER FROM ST. JOHN!**



### **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!



### **Grave Decoration Sunday & Church at The Cemetery**

You are invited to attend St. John's annual Grave Decoration service on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. The service will be held next to the cemetery and the historic Old Stone Church under the scenic live oak trees. A pot luck lunch will follow. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or desert to share. So bring your lawn chair and invite your friends and family for this special service honoring all those Saints who now rest here at St. John's cemetery.



### **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 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. + + +

- **Benefit with live auction, entertainment, meal - more details to come - May 5<sup>th</sup> - contact Leslie Hoff Crews for more details.**
- **"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 Jamye Carroll Muegler 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)**

# *Easter Lily Meaning*



*The Easter season is masked with several legends and folklores about the lily and its religious significance. Easter Lily is the traditional flower of Easter and is highly regarded as a joyful symbol of elegance, beauty, spirituality, hope, and life. In Christendom the lily has come to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus because of its delicacy of form and its snow white color. But have you ever wondered about the history and significance of this symbolic Easter flower, which adds elegance, grace and fragrance to millions of homes and churches during the spring time. Every year, on the first Sunday after the first full moon, churches are filled with exquisite Easter lilies. Churches at Easter time grace the altars and surround the cross with Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This importance rests even more clearly on a legend that the blood of Jesus, as it fell from the cross, was by a miracle transformed into flowers which filled heaven and earth. The popular Easter lily we use today to celebrate the holiday is referred to as 'the white-robed apostles of hope.' These beautiful trumpet shaped white flowers were brought to the United States in 1875 from Japan by an American tourist and named after the florist who made it popular. The flower retells the resurrection story with its life cycle. These snow white flowers symbolize new life and hope. The bulb of these flowers buried in the ground represents the tomb of Jesus and the glorious white trumpet-like fragrant flowers which grow from the bulbs symbolize His life after death. The snowy white color stands for the purity of the Divine Savior and the joy of the resurrection while the trumpet shape signifies Gabriel's trumpet call to rebirth and new life.*

# *Easter Lilies*



## *In Memory of*

*Roy & Barby Keel by Mitchell & Terri Jank Family*

*J. Gus & Iris Jank by Mitchell & Terri Jank Family*

*J. Gus & Iris Ann Jank by Johnny & Virginia Jank*

*Martin & Wilma Wolter by Johnny & Virginia Jank*

*Bobby Fagg by Bea, Kevin, Carrie, Abby & Brady*

*Delmar J. Diebel by His Family*

*E.F. & Ann Schorre, Johnny & Jeffrey Haun by Terry & Pam Haun*

*Jerry & Elsa Berger by Lindsey, Pam, Justin &  
Jeri Ficklen & Amanda Denson*

*Patty Ohrt by Dean Ohrt*

*Charlie & Ruth Moore by The Moore Family*

*Arlen Mueller to the Glory of God by Barbara Mueller*

*Michael Bartosh by Dianna Bartosh*

*Our Parents & Grandparents by Laurie Koehl & Russell Moore*

*J.G. Bodden by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & Family*

*John G. Jank by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & Family*

# ***Easter Lilies***



## ***In Memory of***

*Tommy Gohmert to the Glory of God by Sandy Gohmert & Family*

*In Loving Memory of LeAnn Denise Wendel by her  
Parents Paul & Shirley Wendel*

*Herbert & Martha Spinks by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt*

*Edward & Lucille Ruschhaupt by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt*

*Edward & Lucille Ruschhaupt by Archie & Virginia Abrameit*

*Chad Boyer by Mom & Dad*

*Clarence & Hertha Weise by Bruce A. Weise*

*Emil & Helena Dittfurth by Bruce A. Weise*

*Carl & Annie Weise by Bruce A. Weise*

*Reuben Gohmert by His Family*

*Reuben Gohmert by Joie, Jimmy, JoLeah, Brian & Julianne*

*Our Parents & Son by John & Margie Swannack*

*C. Michael Meyer by Tammy, Brighton, Mason & Madison*

*Brandon Talkington by Tammy & Brighton*

*Ralph & Helen Mae Egg by Their Children*

# ***Easter Lilies***



## **In Honor of**

*Virgie Gohmert by Joie, Jimmy, JoLeah, Brian & Julianne*

*Our Grandkids by John & Margie Swannack*

*All our Family by Daren & Dawn Otto*

*Cole Ohrt by Kenneth & Betty Diebel (Nana & PoPo)*

*First Responders & Service Members by Laurie Koehl & Russell Moore*

*Our Children & Grandchildren by Laurie Koehl & Russell Moore*

*Our Grandchildren, Mason, Kyle, Caleb, Katelyn, Wyatt,  
Brady & Abigail by Terry & Pam Haun*

*The Old Stone Church*

**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  
Britany Jank

**Nursing Home:** Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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St. John Meyersville

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Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org)

# **Easter Sunday**

*April 1, 2018*

## **Resurrection of Our Lord-Easter Day (Year B)**



The resurrection of Jesus in Mark's Gospel leaves us puzzled and wondering. The women were concerned about rolling the stone away from the tomb, but when they arrived at the gravesite, it was already moved. As they received firsthand the news of Jesus' resurrection, the women were silenced by fear. How would the good news be shared with the world if the first witnesses kept it quiet? What if we keep it quiet?