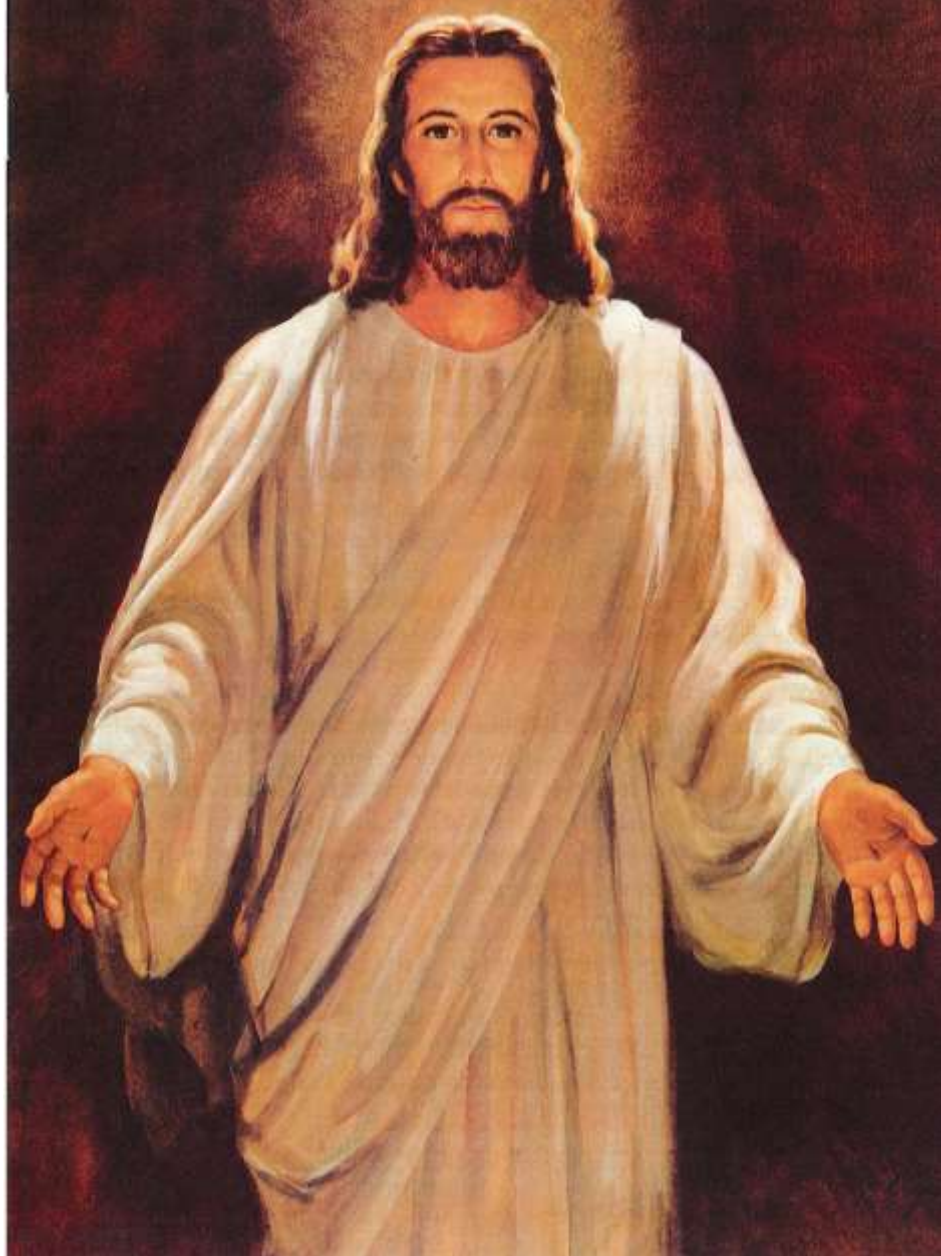


*They still disbelieved for joy*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH UNDER THE TREES  
Grave Decoration Sunday April 15, 2018

L Christ has risen from the dead.

**C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.**

WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

## OPENING HYMN

## “Beautiful Savior”

Beautiful Savior,  
King of Creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.  
Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.  
Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.  
Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## GREETING

L 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.**

## KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy**

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their mercy and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

## HYMN OF PRAISE (*Spoken*)

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

<sup>11</sup>While {the man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear  
my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup>**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

Luke 24:36-49

<sup>36</sup>As {the eleven disciples and those who were gathered with them} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

L The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

## SERMON HYMN “I Come to the Garden Alone”

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The song of God discloses

(Refrain)

And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known  
He speaks and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing

(Refrain)

I'd stay in the garden with Him,  
Though the night around me is falling.  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe.  
His voice to me is calling

(Refrain)

*Stand as you are able.*

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he arose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.





**HYMN****“The Old Stone Church in the Vale” (modified)**

There’s a church in the val-ley by the twelve mile,  
No love-li-er place in the dale;  
No spot is so dear to my child-hood  
As the old sto-ne church in the vale.

How sweet on a clear Sab-bath morn-ing,  
To list to the clear ringing bell;  
It’s tones so sweetly are call-ing,  
O come to the church in the vale.

From the church in the valley by the twelve mile,  
When day fades away into night,  
I would fain from this spot of my child-hood,  
Wing my way to the mansions of light.

*Chorus*                    O, come, come, come, come, come,  
                                  To the church by the twelve mile,  
                                  O come to the church in the dale.  
No spot is so dear to my child-hood,  
As the old sto-ne church in the vale.

*After the singing of the hymn, we gather around the cemetery for the  
Graveside Service Honoring the Deceased.*

**GRAVESIDE SERVICE HONORING THE DECEASED**

**L** Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all saints. Keep our brothers and sisters, whose bodies are here laid to rest, in the company of all saints and, at the last day, raise them up to share with all faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

PSALM 23 (read responsively)

L The LORD is my shepherd;

**C I shall not want.**

L He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

**C he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

L He restoreth my soul:

**C he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

L Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear  
no evil:

**C for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

L Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

**C thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

L Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

**C and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Jesus Loves Me”**

Jesus loves me!  
This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me! He will stay,  
Close beside me all the way;  
He's prepared a home for me,  
And some day His face I'll see.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

**BENEDICTION**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*All are invited to join us for a potluck meal to be shared immediately  
following the Worship service.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 4/15</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Grave Decoration</i> <i>*Potluck lunch after worship</i>
<b>Mon 4/16</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*(Will be gone from 10:00-11:30)</i>
<b>Tues 4/17</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 4/18</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 4/19</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <b><i>*Committee Reports Due</i></b>
<b>Fri 4/20</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <b><i>*Newsletter Deadline</i></b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Water Sunday</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.***



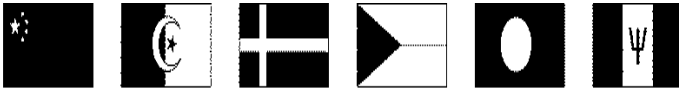
*Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.*

### **Sunday, April 8, 2018**

General \$1,666.00, MOM \$480.00, NALC \$20.00, Sunday School \$27.00,  
Youth Group \$50.00, Church Reno. \$925.00    **Total : \$3,168.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 56    Sunday School - 16 - Children, 16 - Adults

## Mission of the Month of April



# MISSIONS



### Water Missions 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.

#### **ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:**

The current Thrivent Choice balance available for allocation is \$4,831.00. The Finance Team recommendation is that these monies be allocated to the Renovation/Elevator Fund effective May 31, 2018. Should you have any questions or have a different allocation preference, please contact Glenn Ruschhaupt prior to that date. Thank you.



# Prayers OF THANKS

accident. God has truly touched many hearts and in turn blessed us all.

We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's recovery and for spiritual strength, strong faith and unlimited patience for him and his family. Thanks again and may God bless you all.

## Special Thank You

Cole Ohrt and all his family would like to extend a most heartfelt THANK YOU to each and everyone for all the many concerns, thoughts, prayers and outstanding support since Cole's



## Grave Decoration Sunday & Church at The Cemetery

You are invited to a potluck lunch today following the service. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share.



## Pork Rib Eye Lunch

Come have lunch at The Meyersville Country Club next Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 11:00 - 1:00. Pork rib eye and trimmings will be served. Dine in or to go plates available. \$10.00 per plate. Tickets available at The Meyersville Store or from Brian Wendel at (361)564-4627. Thank you for your support!



## Church Picture Directories

Church picture directories are here! If you have a picture in the directory you may take one from the table in the Narthex. Thank you to Terri Jank for your hard work getting these together, they look great!



## 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.



# *Cole Ohrt Benefit BBQ & Live Music*

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

**3:00 pm - 1:00 am**

**Schroeder Hall**

\*Legal Limit Band will be providing live entertainment

\*Ticket cost is \$20.00 per person to enter the event which includes the meal

\*There will be live & silent auctions at the event

*~Come out & enjoy the fun while supporting this Tough Cowboy!~*



**\*There is now a sign-up sheet in the St. John Narthex to order t-shirts, caps & bracelets. The last day to order is: TODAY, Sunday, April 15, 2018.**

(Please leave payment in the envelope provided next to the sign-up sheet. Make checks payable to: Julie Ohrt. Money will be locked up after church each Sunday. You may also come by during church office hours to order & pay. Thank you.)

Other ways to help:

- **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  
Britany Jank

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

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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# Easter 3

*April 15, 2018*

## Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)



There is power in Jesus' name, as is seen through the healing of a lame beggar. The power to heal did not come from Peter and John, but from God alone. The disciples were simply instruments of God's wondrous works among the people. John reminded us in his first letter that we are all adopted into the family of God, which makes us bearers of the good news of Christ and instruments of his awesome power.