

A photograph of a man with a beard, wearing a white tunic and a brown sash, reaching up into a tree to pick fruit. The tree has large, green, lobed leaves. The background is a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

I have
come
seeking
fruit

Luke 13:7

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Road
Meyersville, TX 77974-4143

CHURCH OFFICE: 361-277-8653

stjohnvlutheran@juno.com

PARSONAGE: 361-275-9895

(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)

jboor1@juno.com

Ministers - The People of St. John

Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Kernell Moritz

Reader Next Week: Dawn Otto

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel



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

Stand p. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #765 "*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*"

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 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.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 16:29-33

(Page 310-311, RSV Pew Bible)

²⁹In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samar'ia twenty-two years. ³⁰And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all that were before him. ³¹And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, he took for wife Jez'ebel the daughter of Ethba'al king of the Sido'nians, and went and served Ba'al, and worshiped him. ³²He erected an altar for Ba'al in the house of Ba'al, which he built in Samar'ia. ³³And Ahab made an Ashe'rah. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

RESPONSIVE READING

Be Confident in the Lord

Recalling God's mighty and merciful acts to their ancestors, the psalmist prayed that God would once again show his favor and mercy to the Israelites, asking for the restoration of the nation. The psalmist praised God's steadfast love and faithfulness and declared the strength of God's righteousness.

¹You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

³You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

**⁴Restore us then, O God our Savior;
let your anger depart from us.**

⁵Will you be displeased with us forever?
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

**⁶Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND READING

¹⁸“And to the angel of the church in Thyati’ra write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jez’ebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her on a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her doings; ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches shall know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyati’ra, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay upon you any other burden; ²⁵ only hold fast what you have, until I come. ²⁶ He who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, I will give him power over the nations, ²⁷ and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received power from my Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Stand page 83: GOSPEL VERSE “Return to the Lord”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

(Page 861, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

³¹“When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? ³⁸ And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? ³⁹ And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in

prison and you did not visit me.’⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’⁴⁶ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #456 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Stand page 85: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand Page 96: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

page 97: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: WOV #775

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

page 97: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #385 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/24 Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Worship
***2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class**

Mon 3/25 Office Closed

Tues 3/26 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 3/27 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting
1:30 p.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 3/28 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 3/29 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m. Worship
***3:00 p.m. Youth Group Fishing Tourney & Fish Fry**

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 17, 2019

General \$857.01, MOM \$175.00, Sunday School \$27.82, Building \$135.00,
Church Reno. \$140.00 **Total : \$1,334.83**

Attendance: Worship - 77 Sunday School - 5 Children, 12 Adults

Lenten Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Attendance: 30

Mission of the Month of March **Mission Project**



Warrior's Weekend Mission Statement

Warriors Weekend - Victoria, Texas

www.warriorweekend.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 17th through May 19th. The youth of St. John's will be selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Honor display to honor veterans. For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.

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 Sunday, **April 7th**. No orders can be taken after this day. They are \$11.00 each and will have a gold foil wrap & white bow. Thank you.

Lenten Schedule

St. John Mid-Week Lenten Services will be Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10 at 7:00 pm.



Youth Group



St. John's Youth Group will meet Sunday, March 31st at 3:00 PM for a catch & release fishing tournament & fish fry! The location will be sent out through text to the Youth Group. Bring your fishing poles & a chair for some fun in the sun! There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those wishing to bring a side, dessert or drinks.


Youth Group will also be selling flag sponsorships for Warrior's Weekend starting from mid-March to May after church on Sundays.

Vacation Bible School

We need volunteers to help with this one week during the summer. The Luther Hill Counselors will be leading the Day Camp, so you know it will be fun! The dates are June 9th (Sunday) thru 14th (Friday) 8:30 am till 3:30 pm. Joie Caskey, M'Liss Moore, Cathie Bettge, and Pam Haun have volunteered so far. M'Liss will be our contact person, 361-275-8069. We especially need some 16 year old or older teens to be Junior counselors. The ages for campers is 6 - 12, and those between the ages of 13 and 15 can be helpers too! We will have a sign-up sheet and registration forms in the Narthex.



Diana Weise Medical Benefit



There will be a benefit on Saturday, March 30th, to raise funds to assist with medical expenses for former DeWitt County extension agent Diana Weise. Diana is fighting a battle with Leukemia. A chicken spaghetti meal and bake sale can be picked up at the drive thru at The Friar Ag Center in Cuero from 11-1pm. There will also be raffle tickets available for purchase. The South Texas Blood Bank will be on site and donations of blood would be greatly appreciated. Cash donations can be made to the Diana Weise Medical Account at Trust Texas Bank. Meal tickets will be \$10 each. For more information call Sarah @ Seams Like Home 361-649-9394, Denise @ DeWitt County Extension Office 361-275-0816 or Vickie Cross 361-655-0450 or Arleen Weise 361-275-8436.

Bible Study



What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary describes a disciple as a follower, student or apprentice of a teacher or leader.

Our Sunday Morning Bible study begins a new Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". Part one is "Who We Are" and will be followed by Part Two, "What We Do". Our group invites you to join us for this interesting look at "what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how that plays itself out in many areas of life and ministry." Just get up a little earlier and come in for a cup of coffee, a couple of donut holes or a cookie or two, some fun fellowship and a discussion of our lesson and current events each Sunday morning. We would love to have your input.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FISH FRY

– Good Friday – April 19th



The Habitat for Humanity will have their annual Good Friday fish fry at St Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with plates to go. Advance tickets can be purchased at Meyersville Store for \$10.00. Plates will be delivered to the store at 11:30 am on April 19.

Special Prayers for Cole

~UPDATE~

After extensive research, many prayers and overwhelming support, Cole will be going to China for treatment of his injury.

It is felt this is the best chance



for his recovery. Cole will be in China possibly up to six months for this treatment. We ask that you will keep Cole and his family in your prayers each and every day as they continue on this difficult journey. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so. We want to thank each and every one for the past thoughts, prayers and support for Cole and his family. They have truly been a blessing. May God bless you all.

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

Church Renovation Update



Our new bathroom is not quite complete, but the contractor is letting us use it until final finish work is completed. The contractor is in the process of pouring necessary concrete for the elevator shaft. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.

GOAL: \$599,553

RECEIVED AS OF March 13, 2019: \$367,720

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 at (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, Camp Lejeune, NC

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL,
going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army

Aviation Flight School

Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force

Michael Petrash II - Iraq

Please Pray for: Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

Glynn Yurick

Kenny Jacob

Cole Ohrt

Carlton Migura

Robby Bitterly

Carly Waters

Seth Wendel

Marv Sager

Neldine Ohrt

Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:
11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

Nursing Home: Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org



Lent 3

March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent (Year C)



At times we humans are prone to weighing one sin as greater than another, but Jesus teaches that all sin is disobedience toward God. Sinners are called to repent and turn toward God and away from sin. The parable of the barren fig tree demonstrates God's patience and persistence in this regard, however the judgment will come. Faith requires repentance as God desires for all to seek him and live.



Hence the most devout prayer of this psalm is where he says, "Convert us, O God our Savior, etc." And this is the most intense plea, "Wilt Thou be angry with us forever?" For the soul is dreadfully afraid of being damned when it begins to feel its sin and to long for righteousness. And no doubt the church now chants this psalm in this sense.

-Martin Luther-

Luther's Works, Volume 11

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"