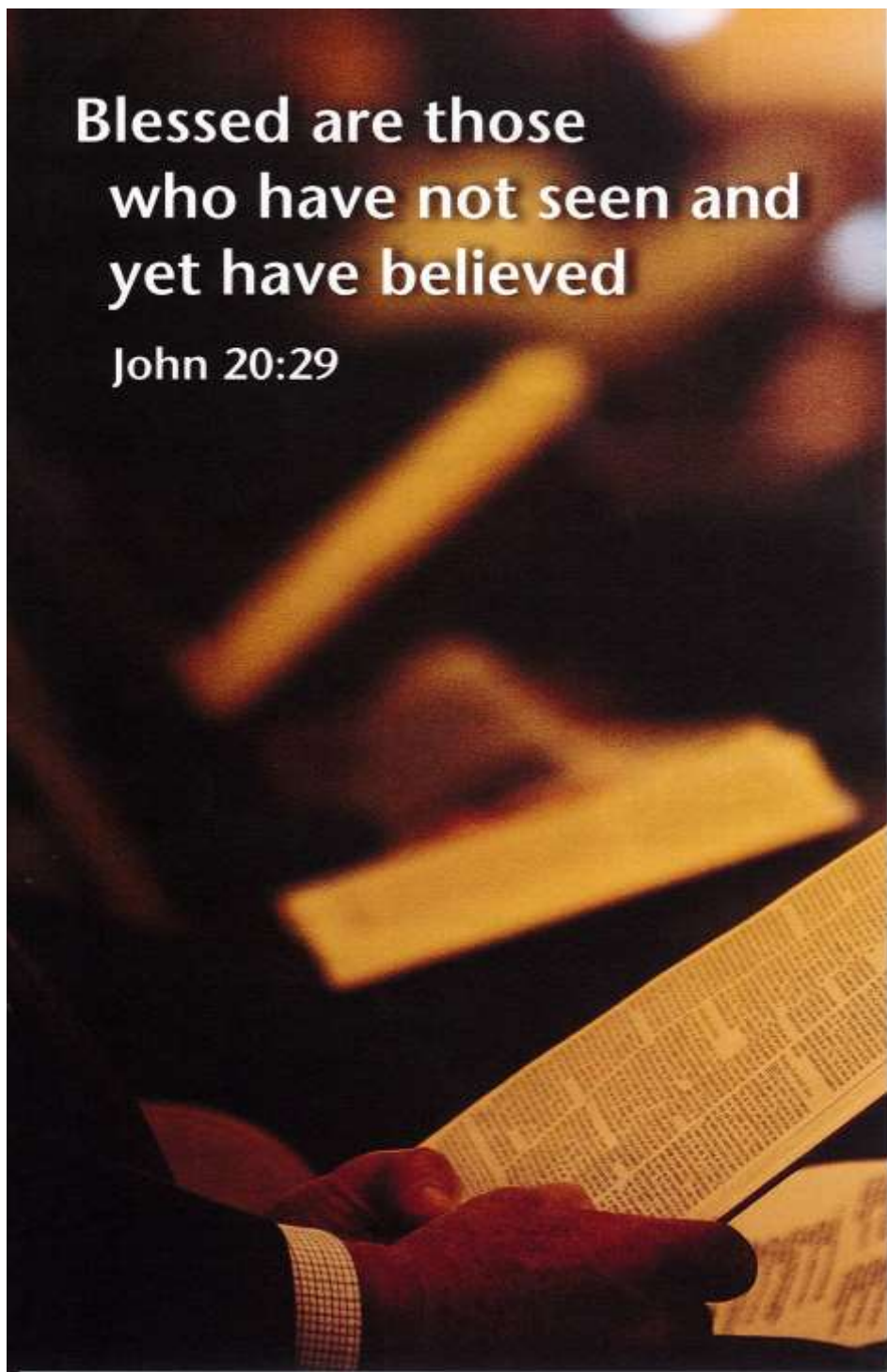


**Blessed are those
who have not seen and
yet have believed**

John 20:29



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: John & Margie Swannack

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: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #315 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Apostles Are Arrested

Peter and the other apostles went out healing and performing miracles in the name of Christ Jesus and many were hearing about the amazing things that were being accomplished. This caused some to be jealous as more and more people were coming to faith in Christ. The leaders of the temple arrested the apostles and threw them into prison, but an angel freed them during the night.

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." [²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him

on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.

RESPONSIVE READING

Praise the Name of the Lord

The psalmist sings of the whole earth and heaven praising the name of the Lord. Everyone, every animal, every inanimate object shall praise the Lord!

Psalm 148

(Page 546, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

²**Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

³Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶**He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

**¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;**

**¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;**

**¹²Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

**¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and
heaven.**

**¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his
loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near
him. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Priests Forever

The apostle John writes to the seven churches in Asia saying that the One who loves us and forgives us is the one who has made us into a kingdom. We are priests forever in service to the King. One day the King will return with the clouds and there will be no doubt of his identity as all will see him and know him.

Revelation 1:4-18

(Page 1072, RSV Pew Bible)

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I,

John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

(Page 945, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness

from any, it is withheld.”²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

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

HOLY BAPTISM (LBW pg. 121)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

page 76: 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 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #145 *“Thine Is the Glory”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)
POSTLUDE



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/28	Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Flag sales deadline</i>
Mon 4/29	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tues 4/30	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 5/1	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 5/2	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 5/3	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Sat 5/4	<i>*Youth Group will help post flags for Warrior's Weekend at The Field of Honor</i>
Next Sun	Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Grave Decoration Sunday & Church under the Trees (Comm. in OSC)</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.

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019 Attendance: 47 Good Friday: 36

Sunrise Service: Youth \$531.00, MOM \$200.00, Church Reno. \$50.00
Pancake Breakfast \$270.00

Total: \$1,051.00 Attendance: 80

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

General \$1,692.89, MOM \$330.00, Organ \$3.00, Building \$30.00, Sunday
School \$7.00, Church Reno. \$1,060.00 **Total : \$3,122.89**

Attendance: Worship - 135 Sunday School - 25 - Children, 5 - Adults

Mission of the Month of April



Mission Statement

Mission for the Month of April 2019 NALC Disaster Response Fund Storms and Flooding in the Midwest

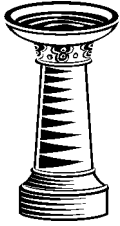
Because of the recent storms and flooding in the Midwest and the immediate need for funds, we will be contributing to the disaster relief for this area. The NALC Disaster Response is currently working in the recovery effort. Getting these farms, who produce most of the food for the world, up and running again is of the utmost importance.

NALC Disaster Response Fund

This fund provides resources to respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur, to alleviate human suffering, provide transitional assistance, and enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response.

Please note: This fund is for domestic disasters only. Gifts for international disaster relief should be directed to **Lutheran World Relief** or the international relief organization of your choice.

HOLY BAPTISM



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Today we welcome as a member by Holy Baptism, Ella Gene Nelson daughter of Matthew & Stacey Nelson. Sponsors for her Baptism are Brad & Cassie Clark.

Meyersville Country Club Lunch

Come have lunch at Meyersville Country Club! **TODAY**, April 28th from 11:00-1:00. Pork rib eye and trimmings will be served. Dine in or to go plates available, \$10 per plate. Tickets are still available at Meyersville Country Club.



Youth Group



Our Youth Group is partnering with Warrior's Weekend to honor Veterans who have served in the U.S. Military. Please contact a youth group member if you are interested in purchasing a flag for this year's Field of Honor. Cost of the flags is \$40 and the sales of these flags support Warrior's

Weekend which pays tribute to our Veterans. Flags will be sold each Sunday after church through today, April 28th. A portion of the flag sales will also be donated back to our Youth Group to use for future activities. For more information or to purchase a flag contact Wendy Bishop at (361)935-2123.

Called Congregational Meeting

We will be having a Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 19th immediately following the service. The sole purpose of this meeting is to discuss an invoice from Victoria AC for repairs made to ductwork.

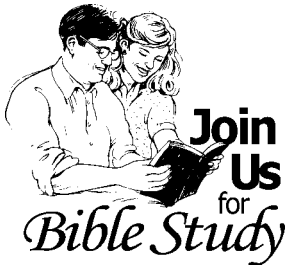


Vacation Bible School

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, Pam Haun and Virginia Abrameit 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. Also, if each camper could please donate 2 of the following items: shoes boxes, egg crates & paper towel cardboard rolls. You may put your items in the box in storage room #5 in the Sunday School/Parish Hall or the box in the cry room in the church.



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.

Communion Cards

St. John provides tan cards in the pew backs that need to be filled out on communion Sundays. Please provide the names of those attending communion and check attending communion at the bottom. This helps us keep count of communion attendance. Thank you!

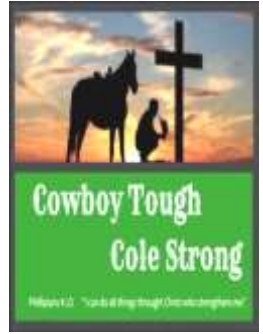




Special Prayers for Cole

~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

Roth is currently finishing up installing the elevator. Once installed, they can then complete the masonry and will begin installing the metal roof immediately thereafter. Canopy is to be installed in May. 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 April 18, 2019: \$387,912

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
Joy Hoy
Breidi Toney
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

Easter 2

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)



“As the Father has sent me, so I send you,” were the words of the risen Lord to his disciples. Their task was to preach the good news of new life in Christ, forgive the sins of the repentant, and carry on Jesus’ ministry. With the power of the Holy Spirit given to them, they would carry on where Jesus left off, going into the world with the good news. Just as Jesus sent the eleven, so he sends all the baptized.

