

*I will send
my beloved son*

Luke 20:13



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Tammy Blain

Reader Next Week: Johnna Kethan

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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

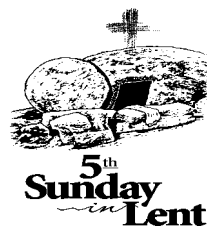
Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

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.

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: WOV #712 "*Listen, God Is Calling*"

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, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. 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

Isaiah 60:3-11

(Page 639-640, RSV Pew Bible)

³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Mid'ian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. ⁷All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebai'oth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will glorify

my glorious house. ⁸ Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? ⁹ For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. ¹⁰ Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I smote you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you. ¹¹ Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut; that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, with their kings led in procession.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

The Lord Has Done Great Things

Israel prayed for God to restore the nation's fortunes, recalling the great delight that they experienced when God acted in the past on their behalf. Recalling God's former acts brings them hope in current distress.

Psalm 126

(Page 537, RSV Pew Bible)

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

³Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

⁴**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING

Revelation 3:7-13

(Page 1074, RSV Pew Bible)

⁷“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one shall shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial which is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell upon the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon; hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹²He who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God; never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

Stand p. 83 GOSPEL VERSE: “Return to the Lord”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

(Page 866, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #752 *“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”*
Here I Am, Lord

Stand p. 85: APOSTLES’ CREED

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!

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

Today 4/7	Fifth Sunday of Lent
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<i>*Deadline to purchase Easter Lilies</i>
	<i>*Confirmation Class 1:00-3:00</i>
	<i>*3:30 Youth Group Fishing Tourney & Fish Fry</i>
Mon 4/8	Office Closed
	7:00 p.m. Finance Team
Tue 4/9	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 4/10	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Thurs 4/11	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 4/12	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Palm Sunday ~ Youth will carry palms in
	8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<i>*2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class</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 31, 2019

Offering Total : \$27,305.96

Attendance: Worship -86, Sunday School - 7 Children, 17 Adults,

Lenten Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Attendance: 35

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.

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 TODAY, April 7th at 3:30 PM for a catch & release fishing tournament & fish fry! The location has been sent out through text to the Youth Group. Bring your fishing poles & a chair for some fun in the sun! There was a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those wishing to bring a side, dessert or drinks. If you did not sign-up but want to bring something, please contact Wendy Bishop.

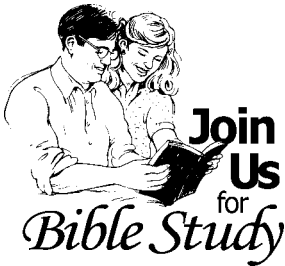
Youth Group will also be selling flag sponsorships for Warrior's Weekend until May after church on Sundays.

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.



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.

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



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.



EASTER

Easter Schedule

Thursday, April 18th :

7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 19th :

7:00 pm - Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, April 21st :

7:00 am - All Youth Group Members participating in the Sunrise Service, need to be at the Old Stone Church.

7:30 am - Sunrise Service/Pancake Breakfast

Youth Group will host a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish House after Sunrise Service, before Sunday School. Everyone is welcome! During the Sunday School hour, we will have a Dramatic Re-enactment of the first Easter and the Empty Tomb. Parents are encouraged to see this exciting presentation.

9:15 am - Annual Resurrection Egg Hunt. Remember, eggs signify new life in Jesus! You can bring an Easter Basket or we will have some Easter bags.

10:15 am - Easter Worship~HE is RISEN!

~Please come and help us celebrate Easter, the cornerstone of our Christian Faith. Bring a friend!

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)

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

Joy Hoy

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



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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Lent 5

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year C)



Faith is something that is very fragile and can be easily broken. But faith is complete trust in God, the one who made a way for Israel when there was no way. This same God will make a way for you and me. There will be trials in life, of this we can count on. But we depend more so on the faithfulness of God who sent his only Son to save us from sin and death. God understands our frailty, but he never leaves us.



Did God call me on account of my holy life? Or on account of my pharisaical religion? Or on account of my prayers, fastings, and works? Never. Well, then, it is certain God did not call me on account of my blasphemies, persecutions, oppressions. What prompted Him to call me? His grace alone.

-Martin Luther-

Commentary on Galatians

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"