

**Why do you seek the living
among the dead? Luke 24:5**



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 21, 2019



Greeter This Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

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

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

A New Heaven and Earth

When the Messiah comes everything will be made new again, spoke the Lord through the prophet Isaiah. A new heaven and a new earth will be the result of God’s work among humanity. Weeping and distress will be no more as joy replaces sorrow amongst God’s precious people.

Isaiah 65:17-25

(Page 644-645, RSV Pew Bible)

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

SECOND READING

Our Hope is in Christ

In the face of questions about the truth of Christ's resurrection from the dead, Paul explained that through one human being (Adam) all humans were subjected to death through sin, but through one human being (Jesus) all humans will share in new life through the resurrection of the dead. Jesus was the "firstfruits" of those who have died; his death was the sacrificial gift given to all who believe.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

(Page 1001-1002, RSV Pew Bible)

¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23

(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 shut 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. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #128 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

Stand p. 64: NICENE CREED
p. 65: 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!

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

Today 4/21	Resurrection of Our Lord ~ Easter Sunday
7:30 a.m.	<i>Easter Sunrise Service</i>
	<i>Following will be a pancake breakfast</i>
9:15 a.m.	Resurrection Egg Hunt
10:15 a.m.	Easter Worship ~ He is RISEN!!!
Mon 4/22	Office Closed
Tues 4/23	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 4/24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 4/25	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 4/26	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Sat 4/27	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Church Workday
Next Sun	Second Sunday of Easter
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship

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 14, 2019

General \$1,764.00, MOM \$430.00, OSC \$60.00, Youth \$20.00,
Sunday School \$61.83, Building \$200.00, Cemetery \$45.00,
Church Reno. \$2,565.00 **Total: \$5,145.83**

Attendance: Worship - 116 Sunday School - 10 Children, 16 Adults,
Confirmation - 8

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019

General \$465.00, MOM \$20.00, Youth \$20.00, Church Reno. \$5,000.00
Total: \$5,505.00

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.

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 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.



Church Workday

St. John will have a Church Workday this Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 8-12. Please try to make plans to come help out!



Meyersville Country Club Lunch

Come have lunch at Meyersville Country Club! Sunday, April 28, 11:00-1:00. Pork rib eye and trimmings will be served. Dine in or to go plates available, \$10 per plate. Tickets available at Meyersville Store or call Brian Wendel (361)564-4627.

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.



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.

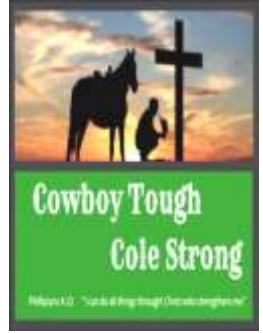




Special Prayers for Cole

~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)



We keep the family of Emil Harold Geffert in our Prayers. May God comfort them at their time of loss.

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 April 7, 2019: \$379,055

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

J. Gus & Iris Jank by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & Family

J.G. Bodden by Kevin & Beverly Bodden & 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

Patty Ohrt by Dean Ohrt

Neldine Ohrt by Dean Ohrt

Charlie & Ruth Moore by The Moore Family

Arlen Mueller by The Mueller Family

Arlen Mueller by Barbara Mueller

Reuben Lee Gohmert by Virgie Gohmert & Family

Tommy Gohmert by Sandy Gohmert & Family

LeAnn Denise Wendel by her Loving Family

*Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Spinks and Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ruschhaupt
by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt*

Michael Bartosh and Charlene Magee by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Clarence & Hertha (Dittfurth) Weise by Bruce A. Weise

Emil & Helena (Frester) Dittfurth by Bruce A. Weise

Carl & Annie (Lude) Weise by Bruce A. Weise

*Our Parents, Mike Burditt & Jeffery Swannack
To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack*

C. Michael Meyer by Tammy & Brighton

Reuben Gohmert by Tammy & Brighton

Brandon Talkington by Tammy & Brighton

*Parents and Grandparents who have gone before us
by Dwight and LeAnn Jander & Family*

Our Parents & Grandparents by Laurie Koehl & Russell Moore

Clarence Koehl by Laurie Koehl & Sons and their families

Dennis & Elsie Koehl by Laurie Koehl and Sons

Eunice & Larry Barker by Russell Moore and Laurie Koehl

*Elizabeth Moore Ellzey & Wesley Moore
by Russell Moore & Laurie Koehl*

Ralph & Helen Mae Egg by Their Children

Jerry Wendel by Joan Wendel & Family

Reuben & Maud Wendel & Louis Wendel by Their Family

Lee Metting by The Wendel & Motley Families

*Pearl White and Edwin Nagel, Pauline and Ruben Sagebiel
by Obert & Carol Ann Sagebiel*

Clifford "Grandpa" Haun by Chris, Carly & Casen Waters

Julie “Jules” Arndt by Chris, Carly & Casen Waters

Clifford Haun by Bette Jo, Lesley & Clay

Julie Arndt by her Mother, Lesley & Clay

*Clifford Haun by Molly, Lucas & Camille Turner
and Sarah, Wade & Lydia Cooper*

*Julie Arndt by Molly, Lucas & Camille Turner
and Sarah, Wade & Lydia Cooper*

*Brad Haun by Molly, Lucas & Camille Turner
and Sarah, Wade & Lydia Cooper*

*Quinton Haun by Molly, Lucas & Camille Turner
and Sarah, Wade & Lydia Cooper*

Brad Haun by Bette Jo, Lesley & Clay

Quinton Haun by Clay & Family

Wanda Rangnow by her Family

Easter Lilies



In Honor of

*Our Children & Grandchildren To the Glory of God
by John & Margie Swannack*

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

Russell Moore To the Glory of God by Laurie Koehl

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

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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St. John Meyersville

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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day (Year C)



Those who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning were met by angels who proclaimed that Jesus was alive. At first the scene was one of surprise and panic, as Jesus' friends were shocked that his body was missing. The angel's helped the disciples to think back on all that Jesus told them while he was with them: that he would be crucified and be raised to new life on the third day. This was that day!

