

*This is
My beloved Son*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 23, 2020

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Virginia Jank

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Mackenna Diebel & Lexi Flessner

Acolytes Next Week: Scott Motley

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays

Large Print Bulletins are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

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 – *Throughout the service you may remain seated or stand as you are able.*

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #89 “*How Good, Lord, to Be Here!*”

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. 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

The Law is Written Down

God's glory was revealed to Moses and several elders of Israel on Mount Sinai. As Moses entered into the cloud of God's glory, God gave to his people the stone tablets on which are written the Lord's holy commandments for living.

Exodus 24:8-18

(Page 67, RSV Pew Bible)

⁸Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I

may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

RESPONSIVE READING

You are My Son

God’s king has been anointed on the holy mountain of Zion. Speaking in the voice of the Messiah, the psalm reveals him as the only-begotten Son of God. The people were called to worship him and find refuge in his holy presence.

Psalm 2:6-12

(Page 465, RSV Pew Bible)

⁶ “I myself have set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

⁷**Let me announce the decree of the Lord:**

He said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹**You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”**

¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹**Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow before him;**

¹²Lest he be angry and you perish;
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

SECOND READING

Eyewitnesses

Just as Peter witnessed God speaking from the heavens, declaring Jesus as his beloved Son, so God continued to speak to his people through the Holy Spirit's inspiration in the hearing of the holy Word of Scripture. These words are not "cleverly devised myths" but the very power of God in Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:16-21

(Page 1062, RSV Pew Bible)

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

(Page 851, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.

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

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And

when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #488 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

Stand page 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

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 #518 *“Beautiful Savior”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 2/23	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship *2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Mon 2/24	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tue 2/25	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 2/26	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs 2/27	Office Closed
Fri 2/28	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	First Sunday in Lent 8:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 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, February 16, 2020

General \$864.00, MOM \$95.00, The Swanson's \$50.00,
BG CDC \$50.00, Sunday School \$119.15, Youth \$40.00,
Cemetery \$20.00, OSC \$40.00, Church Reno. \$425.00

Total: \$1,703.15

Attendance: Worship - 79 Sunday School - 5 - Children, 10 - Adults

Mission of the Month of February



Warrior's Weekend Mission Statement

Warriors Weekend - Victoria, Texas

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 15th through May 17th. The youth of St. John's will be selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Dreams display to honor veterans. For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.



The family of Virgie Gohmert would like to thank: the pastors, organist, deacon, all the ladies in the kitchen and the entire congregation for their help and support. Blessings to you all.

LENTEN

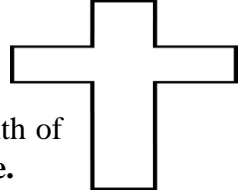


Lenten Worship Services

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Services - March 4, 11, 18, 25
& April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. For the month of **February** we will collect **tooth brushes** and **tooth paste**.



Sharing of the Peace

There has been some concern about sharing the peace during the cold & flu season. Those persons not wanting to take part, feel free to stay sitting or share the peace as you feel comfortable. Those of you sharing the peace, please honor the wishes of those who are not taking part.

Sunday School Supplies

The Sunday School department is reaching out to the congregation for supply donations for the 2020 school year. We have several events and projects planned throughout the year and would appreciate any help from our congregation members.

The following timeline is the supply lists for the year:

For Now – February:

- Mason jars with lids, clear, any size

For Now – May:

- Medium to large clear glass jars, vases, bowls, decorative in nature, with or without lids
- Succulent plants

For the Whole Year:

- Medium to large appliance boxes, preferably not cut
- Paint, finger paint, house paint, any leftover useable paint, all colors

Please contact Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234 or leave donations in the parish hall. We thank you for all your help and donations and look forward to a great Sunday School year!



Church Renovation Update

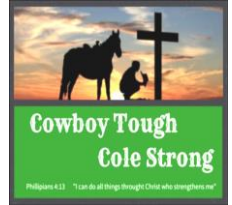


Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$599,553.00. 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 February 16, 2020: \$527,214



Special Prayers for Cole ~NEW UPDATE~

Cole has returned from China after a six month treatment program for his injury. This included surgery, stem cell injections, and extensive therapy. He



has also recently recovered from a surgery done in New Jersey on his diaphragm to help him eventually get off the ventilator. Cole has now returned to TIRR Rehabilitation Hospital in Houston for continued therapy.

God has been with Cole every step of the way through this very long and difficult journey and by faith we know He will continue to carry him through. We want to thank each and everyone for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's healing and for strength and patience as he continues forward. Thanks again and God bless you.

+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:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

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 - 1st LT, United States Army

Andrew Washington, PFC - USMC, San Angelo, TX

Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for:

Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

Glynn Yurick

Kenny Jacob

Cole Ohrt

Carlton Migura

Carly Waters

Joy Hoy

Marie Liner

Bill Roeske

Janice Turner

Slade Doehrman

(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:

11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun

Yorktown Nursing & Rehab. ~ Barbara Mueller

Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus



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Transfiguration

February 23, 2020



Transfiguration of Our Lord (Year A)

God's glory shines from the mountaintop! We are reminded how on the heights, Moses received the Ten Commandments and Jesus was transfigured in full view of three of his disciples. Yet, as the glory of God shines from above, life is lived at the bottom of the hill. The "mountaintop experiences" of God's glory give us a glimpse into the hidden reality of faith that is lived out here on earth.