

Sir, give me this water



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

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Reader This Week: Neal Moritz

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolytes This Week: Scott Motley

Acolytes Next Week: Ella Jander

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

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

Stand p. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #327 “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*”

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

Water from a Rock

The Israelites, disgruntled over a lack of drinking water while traveling in the wilderness, expressed their frustrations to Moses. He responded to their complaining, asking them why they insisted on testing the Lord. He cried out to God in his own frustration, and God provided for their needs, producing water flowing from a rock.

Exodus 17:1-7

(Page 60-61, RSV Pew Bible)

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

RESPONSIVE READING

The Rock of Our Salvation

The psalmist urged the people not to be like their ancestors who fussed and complained at Massah and Meribah, but rather to sing praises to God for his greatness. God is our God, and we are the people he loves and for whom he provides.

Psalms 95:1-9

(Page 518, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

³For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**⁸Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

⁹They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.

SECOND READING

Peace Through God

Since we are justified by faith, we are able to face life's adversities with hope. In fact, we rejoice in our sufferings because of the character and hope which develop in the midst of them. The gift of peace comes with the great gift of being made right with God through faith in Christ.

Romans 5:1-8

(Page 980, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-26 [27-30, 39-42]

(Page 925-926, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

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

⁵So {Jesus} came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” [²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”] ²⁸So the woman left her

water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #305 “*I Lay My Sins on Jesus*”

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 3/15	Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 3/16	Office Closed
Tues 3/17	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day!</i>
Wed 3/18	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. <i>Lenten Service</i>
Thurs 3/19	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours *Committee Reports Due
Fri 3/20	Office Closed *Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship *2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class

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 8, 2020

General \$2,031.00, MOM \$1,315.00, Sunday School \$39.86, OSC \$250.00, Church Reno. \$680.00 **Total: \$4,315.86**

Attendance: Worship - 81 Sunday School - 8 Children, 17 Adults
Confirmation - 10

Lenten Wednesday, March 11, 2020

General \$418.00, MOM \$20.00, CAMAL House \$50.00

Total: \$488.00

Attendance: 29

Mission of the Month of March



The Swanson's Mission Statement

The missionaries had gone to a meeting in Thailand at the end of January. They took their children and one weeks clothing as they thought they would be gone only a week. Because of the coronavirus they cannot go back to China at this time. They need funds to sustain them in Thailand until they are able to return to their home and mission work in China.



Youth Group News

St. John's Youth Group is once again helping Warriors Weekend sell flag sponsorships for this year's Field of Honor. Flag sponsorships are \$40 each and can be made in honor of a veteran (living or passed on) and also to honor those currently serving. We'd love to see the field overflowing with flags so ask a youth group member for a sponsorship form today. Flags will be sold through the end of April.

Easter Lilies

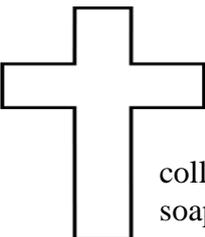
If you would like to purchase Easter Lilies in honor or memory of someone. Please fill out the form in the bulletins. The deadline is Sunday, **March 29th**. No orders can be taken after this day. They are \$11.00 each and will be in a tin container & have a bow. Thank you.



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. We will be collecting bar soap for the month of March. Please bring only soap that each bar is wrapped.





LENTEN



Lenten Worship Services

Mid-Week Services – March 18, 25
& April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

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:

- 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!

GOD
is Listening

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:

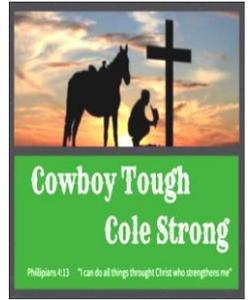
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



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 March 8, 2020: \$532,730.80



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:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Egypt
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
Marlee Blain
Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:
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Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun
Yorktown Nursing & Rehab. ~ Barbara Mueller
Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus



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Lent 3

March 15, 2020



Third Sunday in Lent

The story from Exodus for today points to humanity's perpetual lack of faith as the Israelites complain about a lack of water in the wilderness. God commanded Moses to strike a rock and water gushed forth, filling all Israel's needs for refreshment and life. In the Gospel, a woman comes to faith in Jesus when he asks her for a drink during an exchange at Jacob's well. She soon discovers "Living water" in him.