

So must the Son of Man be lifted up



## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Second Sunday of Lent**

March 8, 2020

**Greeter This Week:** Candy Cowley

**Greeter Next Week:** Marvin & Norrean Sager

**Reader This Week:** Wanda Hays

**Reader Next Week:** Neal Moritz

**Acolytes This Week:** Caleb Nagel & J.R. Bishop

**Acolytes Next Week:** Scott Motley

**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.

## 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. 77: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #699 “*Blessed Assurance*”

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, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

***God’s Covenant with Abram***

*The one who will become the patriarch of Israel is called to leave home and land and journey far away to become a great nation. Abram will be blessed by God to be a blessing to others. In his old age, he left all he knows and ventured to a foreign land to make his way to Canaan as God instructed.*

Genesis 12:1-9

(Page 9, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the

land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *God is our Help*

*The psalmist sang of the source of help which is God's abiding presence in all circumstances. God's presence can be counted upon day, night, and in the midst of all evil. He has vowed to remain with us now and forevermore.*

Psalm 121

(Page 536, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup>**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## SECOND READING

### *Faith as Righteousness*

*Paul drew on the example of Abraham's faith in God's covenant promise and that faith as the source of Abraham's righteousness as he continued to exhort the church in Rome (and us) to realize that the promise of God's righteousness is for all who share the faith of Abraham, trusting in God's promises alone.*

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

(Page 979-980, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” <sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

## GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

(Page 924, RSV Pew Bible)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #379 “*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*”

Stand page 85: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 86: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand Page 96: OFFERTORY “*Create in Me*”

page 97: 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 97: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: WOV #771 “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 3/8</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<b>*2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class</b>	
<b>Mon 3/9</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
<b>Tues 3/10</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	6:30 p.m.	4-H Meeting
<b>Wed 3/11</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service Yorktown Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
<b>Thurs 3/12</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Fri 3/13</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	
	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, March 1, 2020**

General \$1,372.00, MOM \$500.00, Organ \$20.00, Cemetery \$3.00, Youth \$40.00, Sunday School \$24.83, OSC \$1,045.00, Building \$65.00, Church Reno. \$315.00 **Total: \$3,384.83**

**Attendance:** Worship - 64      Sunday School - 18 Children, 17 Adults

### **Lenten Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

General \$289.00, MOM \$125.00, Building \$20.00, Church Reno. \$150.00  
**Total: \$584.00**

**Attendance:** 28

## **Mission of the Month of March**

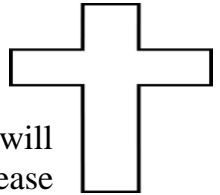


### **The Swanson's Mission Statement**

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.

### **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.



### **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.



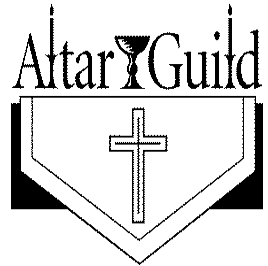


### Lenten Worship Services

Mid-Week Services – March 11, 18, 25  
& April 1 at 7:00 p.m.

### Attention Altar Guild Members

Alter Guild Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting for updates, questions, etc. Thank you, Carol Ann



### 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

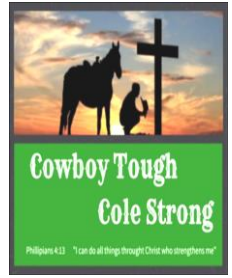
Please contact Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234 or leave donations in the parish hall. We thank you for all your help and donations and look forward to a great Sunday School year!

**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 1, 2020: \$532,050.80

**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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2**

*March 8, 2020*



### **Second Sunday in Lent**

Our God is faithful and his promises are trustworthy and true. In return for his abiding love, He calls us to faithfulness to him. Abram was called away from home to start life anew under the protection of God. His faithful obedience to the Lord is lifted up as an example by St. Paul thousands of years later, as the apostle teaches the church in Rome to rely on God who will lead them in all of his ways.