

Lest there be
an uproar from the people

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021**

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Johnna Picard

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Dickie Bettge

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

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.

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. We thank God that we are once again able to gather inside the church. For those who are not comfortable entering the church we are also broadcasting as we have for the past several weeks and you are more than welcome to remain in your car. The service, the organ music, and Pastor John's message will be routed through the church's sound system and broadcast on your car radio on FM channel 101.5. Please follow the service in the bulletin.

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

HYMN:

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.**

**The company of angels Are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals In chorus make reply.**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

HYMN:

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.**

**To you, before your passion, They sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.**

GREETING

L 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.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Responsive Psalm Reading Psalm 116: 12-19

¹²What shall I render to the Lord
for all His benefits to me?

¹³**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all His people.

¹⁵**Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints.**

¹⁶O Lord, I am Your servant;
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all His people,

**¹⁹in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:15–25

¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then He adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

GOSPEL VERSE

C Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 22:7-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 22nd chapter.

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

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to Him, “Where will You have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’” ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was I denied thee; I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,
And also with you

Offering – If you wish to give an offering it will be received as you leave.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from’ me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**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!**

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy," RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER")

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN:

"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"

**There is a green hill far away, Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell, What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiv'n; He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by his precious blood.**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/28	Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Practice for Sunrise Service 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 3/29	~ Office Closed ~
Tues 3/30	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 3/31	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting
Thurs 4/1	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 p.m. ~ Maundy Thursday Service ~
Fri 4/2	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. ~ Good Friday Service ~
Next Sun	Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service under the Trees & Pancake Breakfast to Follow 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 a.m. Easter Worship ~ <i>HE is Risen!</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.

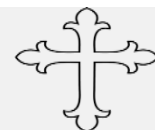
Sunday, March 21, 2021

General \$1,429.00, MOM-CAMAL House Cuero \$580.00, Sunday School \$50.00, Youth \$37.00, OSC \$50.00, Building \$190.00, Reno. \$80.00 **Total: \$2,416.00**

Attendance: Worship - 88 Sunday School - 9 - Children, 11 - Adults Confirmation - 4

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.



UPDATE - Worship Team Notes - UPDATE

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will be by stations on the 1st Sunday until further notice. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. These specific guidelines are posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



Mission of the Month of March



CAMAL House of Cuero

Mission Statement

The March Mission of the Month will be CAMAL HOUSE of Cuero which is the local food bank. It is run by volunteers. Funds can be used to help the pantry assist those affected by the prolonged hard subfreezing temperatures experienced Feb. 14-19. The funds can also help the food bank be prepared for any disaster in the upcoming months.

~ Easter Schedule ~



Thursday, April 1st:

7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday Service*

Friday, April 2nd:

7:00 pm - *Good Friday Service*

Easter Sunday, April 4th:

Easter Sunrise Service - St. John's Youth Group will be presenting Easter's Sunrise Service at 7:30 am on April 4th. The service will be held under the trees, weather permitting. Breakfast will be serviced following the service. Please come join us for a wonderful start to a glorious day!

EASTER

Sunday School Easter Sunday - Come join us at Sunday School Easter morning! Following the Sunrise Service and breakfast, the Sunday School classes will be doing some Easter crafts and an Easter Egg hunt! Can't wait to see all the smiling faces for a fun filled Easter morning!

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

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

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a called congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, April 11th in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be regarding the air conditioner unit that needs to be replaced.



Congregational MEETING



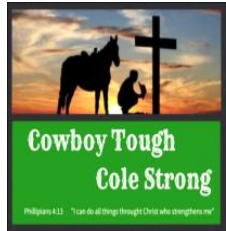
Please Help

The Old Stone Church Historical Committee is in search of vintage photographs of both the Old Stone Church and of St. John church. The current church (gothic structure) will be 100 year old in July 2021. We would ask permission to scan the images for upcoming projects and preservation purposes. Please contact M'Liss Moore at 275-8069 if you have any pictures tucked away in your treasures.



Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.



+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 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 21, 2021: \$569,713.30



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Kuwait
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Virginia
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Hunter Jacob
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Jimmy Caskey
Britany Jank Tomas
Dugan Chandler
Samantha Hein
Bea Fagg

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow, Marjorie Ideus
Twin Pines Nursing Facility-Victoria ~ Meta Bennett
Silver Serenity ~ Bette Jo Haun



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Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion (Year B)

The mood of the Scriptures today takes us from joy and exultation as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, to sadness and sorrow as he was betrayed and executed. The full weight of the events of Jesus' last days on earth causes us to reflect on our own betrayal of Christ. Hearing his cries of forsakenness, we can relate to his suffering; this shows us that our God is intimately acquainted with our human experience.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

“He [Jesus] humbled himself,’ or debased himself. In addition to manifesting his servant form in becoming man and faring as an ordinary human being, he went farther and made himself lower than any man. He abased himself to serve all men with the supreme service — the gift of his life in our behalf.”

- Martin Luther - Sermon from Palm Sunday, Lenker, Volume 7