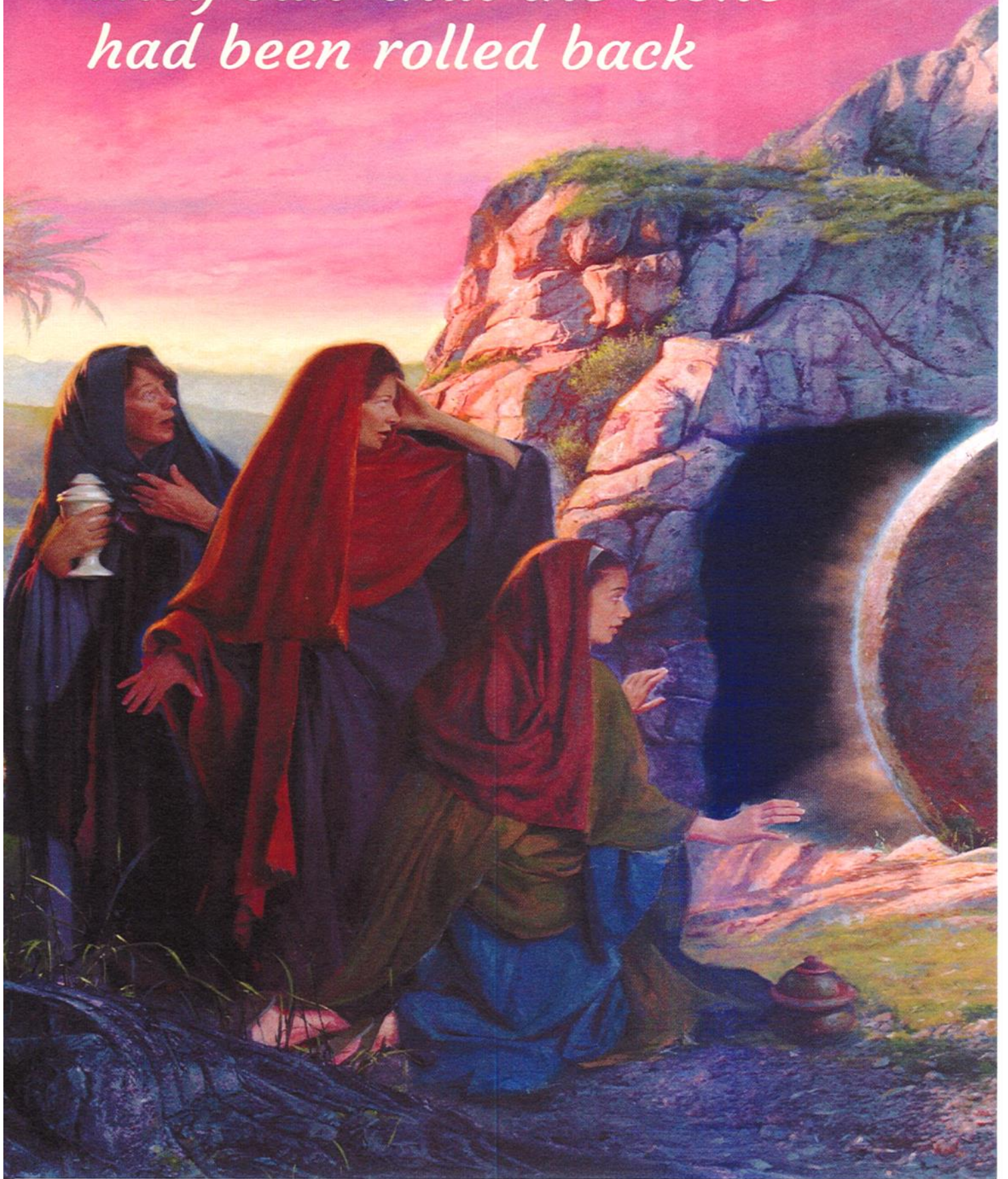


*They saw that the stone  
had been rolled back*



# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

**Greeter This Week:** Candy Cowley

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

**Reader This Week:** Johnna Picard

**Reader Next Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays



## 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.*

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.

## **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

### **HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

### **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,

**All 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:

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!**

**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!**

**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**

**Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!**

**Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!**

**Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!**

**Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**

**Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!**

**Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**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.**

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**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'  
Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord, You alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray;

**Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 65:17–25 (A new heaven and a new earth)

<sup>17</sup>For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; or behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I 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. <sup>20</sup>No 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. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They 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. <sup>23</sup>They 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. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The 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.

## Responsive Psalm Reading

### Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God,  
for in You I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from You."  
As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.  
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
You hold my lot.  
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I have set the Lord always before me;  
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

**For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let Your holy one see corruption.  
You make known to me the path of life;  
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19–26**

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

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered His words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“Thine Is the Glory”*

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes Where thy body lay.**

*Refrain:*

**Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting!**

*Refrain:*

**No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;  
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors, Through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.**

*Refrain:*

Let us confess our faith through the Nicene Creed

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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**

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

OFFERING

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

P Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
That all those who believe in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation  
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
That we may receive our Lord  
With a living faith as he comes to us  
In his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by 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**

Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE DOXOLOGY:

**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.**



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

**Today 4/4**

### **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 ~ *HE is Risen!*

**Mon 4/5**

~ *Office Closed* ~

**Tues 4/6**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
6:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

**Wed 4/7**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Thurs 4/8**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

**Fri 4/9**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Next Sun**

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ *Called Congregational Meeting*  
*re: A/C Following 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.*

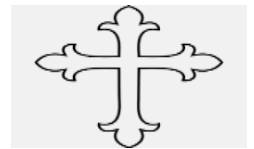
### **Sunday, March 28, 2021**

General \$1,772.00, MOM-CAMAL House Cuero \$420.00, NALC \$10.00, Sunday School \$110.00, Youth \$30.00, OSC \$35.00, Cemetery \$45.00, Building \$300.00, Reno. \$4,290.00 **Total: \$7,012.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 94 Sunday School - 15 - Children, 9 - Adults Confirmation - No Class (Sunrise Service Practice)

### **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 scrub brushes & scouring cleanser (ex. Comet) for the month of April. Thank you!



### **NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes**

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month by stations. Any changes will be noted in this article. 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 April



### Water Missions – Disaster Response

#### Texas Winter Storm

#### Mission Statement

We will specifically designate funds to go toward the Disaster Response: Texas Winter Storm. The week of freezing temperatures and severe power outages led to a plumbing catastrophe due to burst pipes. This resulted in approximately 14 million people being left without safe drinking water.

Water Mission collaborated with Plumbers Without Borders to get safe water back into the homes of the most vulnerable. They are working to stock the Austin Disaster Relief Network's warehouse with a plumbing depot so ADRN is able to continue serving where there is a need.

#### Called Congregational Meeting

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



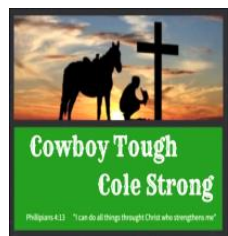
#### Please Help

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*

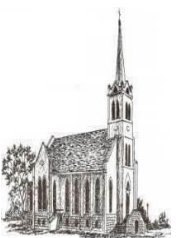
*Patience*

*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 28, 2021: \$574,003.30



**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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Bette Jo Haun  
David Diebel

**Nursing Home:**

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



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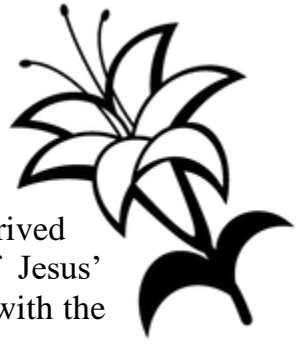
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# Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

## Resurrection of Our Lord — Easter Day (Year B)

The resurrection of Jesus in Mark's Gospel leaves us puzzled and wondering. The women were concerned about rolling the stone away from the tomb, but when they arrived at the gravesite, it was already moved. As they received firsthand the news of Jesus' resurrection, the women were silenced by fear. How would the good news be shared with the world if the first witnesses kept it quiet? What if we keep it quiet?



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

This is the first sermon our Lord delivered after his resurrection and, without doubt, also the most comforting; although in words very brief, but exceedingly kind and tender, and spoken first of all to his beloved Mary Magdalene, and through her also to his disciples after their deep woe, grief and sorrow...that he might comfort and gladden them by his resurrection.

- Martin Luther - Sermon on Mark 16