



He opened  
their minds  
to understand  
the Scriptures.

LUKE 24:45

# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter  
Grave Decoration Sunday  
April 18, 2021

**Greeter This Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Greeter Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader This Week:** Caden Jander

**Reader Next Week:** Trish Hood

**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 prepare for worship 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 together either under the trees or inside the church. For those who are not comfortable sitting outside or 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 communion distribution will be by stations and take place inside the Old Stone Church. Those of you remaining inside your vehicle for the broadcast and wishing to commune, please make this known to the ushers so we can serve you in the vehicle.

L Christ has risen from the dead.

**C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.**

WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

*Stand as you are able*

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,

**C 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**

OPENING HYMN:

*“Beautiful Savior”*

**Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!**

## **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**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: Acts 3:11-21**

<sup>11</sup>While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

### **Responsive Psalm Reading**

#### **Psalm 4**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.

**<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**<sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

*Stand*

GOSPEL VERSE

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

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36-49**

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

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

<sup>36</sup>As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

***“I Come to the Garden Alone”***

**I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear The song of God discloses**

***Refrain:***

**And He walks with me And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am his own And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known**

**He speaks and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing**

***Refrain:***

**I'd stay in the garden with Him, Though the night around me is falling.  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe. His voice to me is calling**

***Refrain:***

*Stand as you are able*

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L 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.**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "**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**

*Please be seated*

TEMPLE TALK Old Stone Church Historical Committee

## SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

OFFERING: You will be given an opportunity to share God's blessings with your offering as you exit after the service (All loose and non-designated offerings received today will go to the maintenance of the Old Stone Church. Thank you!)

*Stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY

**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; united them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L 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 same of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

C **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.**

L 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.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L 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;

### **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**L** Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

**C** **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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**C** **Amen**

### **POST COMMUNION**

**C** **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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.**

### **HYMN**

***"The Old Stone Church in the Vale" (modified)***

**There's a church in the val-ley by the twelve mile, No love-li-er place in the dale;  
No spot is so dear to my child-hood As the old sto-ne church in the vale.**

**Chorus: O, come, come, come, come, come, To the church by the twelve mile, O come to the church in the dale. No spot is so dear to my child-hood, As the old sto-ne church in the vale.**

**How sweet on a clear Sab-bath morn-ing, To list to the clear ringing bell;  
It's tones so sweetly are call-ing, O come to the church in the vale.**

**Chorus: O, come, come, come, come, come, To the church by the twelve mile, O come  
to the church in the dale. No spot is so dear to my child-hood, As the old sto-ne church in  
the vale.**

**From the church in the valley by the twelve mile, When day fades away into night,  
I would fain from this spot of my child-hood, Wing my way to the mansions of light.**

**Chorus: O, come, come, come, come, come, To the church by the twelve mile, O come  
to the church in the dale. No spot is so dear to my child-hood, As the old sto-ne church in  
the vale.**

*At this time we will gather around the cemetery for the Graveside Service Honoring the  
Deceased. Those of you who wish may remain in your vehicles to hear the closing of the service  
may do so.*

#### **GRAVESIDE SERVICE HONORING THE DECEASED**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all saints. Keep our brothers and sisters, whose bodies are here laid to rest, in the company of all saints and, at the last day, raise them up to share with all faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

#### **PSALM 23 (read responsively)**

L The LORD is my shepherd;

**C I shall not want.**

L He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

**C he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

L He restoreth my soul:

**C he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

L Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

**C for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

L Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

**C thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

L Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

**C and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

CLOSING HYMN

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He will stay, Close beside me all the way;  
He's prepared a home for me, And some day His face I'll see.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

BENEDICTION

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.

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

As our service closes you may visit gravesites in the cemetery at your leisure. We ask that you are mindful of others as we social distance and follow guidelines. You may use a mask as you are visiting the cemetery while others are present. Thank you for attending this morning and we look forward to and pray for the day that we may join in worship and fellowship together and celebrate the end of this pandemic.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 4/18</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 8:00 a.m. Parish Ed Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Grave Decoration Service &amp; Covered Dish Lunch Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall.</i>
<b>Mon 4/19</b>	<b>~ Office Closed ~</b>
<b>Tues 4/20</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Meyersville 4-H Meeting
<b>Wed 4/21</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 4/22</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Organ Committee Meeting <b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 4/23</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Sunday School Youth Service



*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.*

**April 11, 2021** General \$2,300.00, MOM-Water Missions \$560.00, Organ \$10.00, Sunday School \$9.00, OSC \$250.00, Building \$40,140.00, Reno. \$1,100.00 **Total: \$44,369.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 62 Sunday School - 7 - Children, 15 - Adults Confirmation - 2

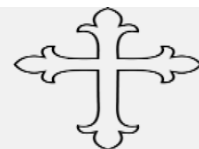


### Sunday School Youth Service

Next Sunday, April 25th is a youth led service with contemporary songs.  
Hope to see you all there!

### 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.

**Worship  
Team**

## 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.

#### ~ UPDATE ~ Valerie, Jordan, Aiiven & Emma

These 3 children ages 5, 7 & 8 along with their mother were in a terrible car wreck Monday, April 5th. They were all transferred to a San Antonio hospital, where the little girl, Emma age 5 has been fighting for her life. She is doing better & the doctors were able to remove her breathing tubes. The 2 boys & their mother are doing well, but have multiple injuries. Jordan & Aiiven are now at home. This family is our church cleaner, Maria Ricardo's daughter & grandchildren. Prayers are very much still needed, they have a long road to recovery! Any donation would be greatly appreciated as well if you are able. Please just put "Maria" on the envelope & make any checks payable to Maria Ricardo. Thank you for your help & prayers. God bless. + + +



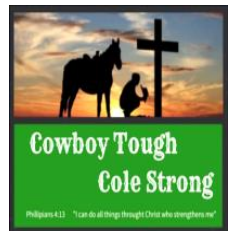
#### Please Help

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 April 11, 2021: \$575,253.30



**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  
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## Easter 3

April 18, 2021

### Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

There is power in Jesus' name, as is seen through the healing of a lame beggar. The power to heal did not come from Peter and John, but from God alone. The disciples are simply instruments of God's wondrous works among the people. John reminds us in his first letter that we are all adopted into the family of God which makes us bearers of the good news of Christ and instruments of his awesome power.



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

This is also learned from the nature of the Gospel, for the Gospel is a message and a testimony, which declares how the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, that he might remove sin, death and all evil from all who believe on him. If I recognize him as such a Savior, I have heard the Gospel aright, and he has in truth revealed himself to me. - Martin Luther - Church Postil, 1524