

# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Christmas January 2, 2022

Greeter This Week: Candy Cowley

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge Reader Next Week: Johnna Picard Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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

**Altar Guild Next Month**: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker **Communion Assistant This Month**: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

# **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 this morning's service. We thank God that we continue to be able to gather together and worship inside our church. We are not mandating any seating, nor do we mandate wearing a mask. However if you feel more comfortable wearing one, please feel free to do so. There is hand sanitizer available at each door as you enter and smaller bottles in each pew for your use. At the place in the service where we "Share the Peace" and we would typically move about the church sharing the peace of Christ, we would ask that you remain at your seat, where you might share the peace with immediate family members or look around the church "share the peace" at a distance or give an "air-hug" to others you see. For those uncomfortable with this amount of personal contact we welcome you to continue to take part in the service by listening in your vehicle in the parking lot. We will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5 and you can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you for your patience as we all look forward and pray for the day when we might worship without the concern for this pandemic.

# PRELUDE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL 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,
- 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.
- 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:

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

LBW #55

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, And we are blest forever more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this! Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all To gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

# **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

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

# First Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15

<sup>4</sup>The king {Solomon} went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

# PSALM READING Psalm 119:97-104

<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.

<sup>98</sup>Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.

<sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

# <sup>100</sup>I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.

<sup>101</sup>I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

<sup>102</sup>I do not shrink from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me.

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

<sup>104</sup>Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.

# **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Stand as you are able

# **GOSPEL VERSE**

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

# **GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:40-52**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

<sup>40</sup>The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was

ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Please be seated

**MESSAGE** 

**SERMON HYMN:** 

"The First Noel"

LBW #56

The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:

And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain:

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay.

# Refrain:

Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon their knee, And offered there in his presence Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

# Refrain:

Stand as you are able

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

# **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** 

# **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

# **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; unite them with the prayers we offer now. 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 sake 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 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.

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.

# **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

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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.** 

# **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. **Amen.** 

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C 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. Amen. THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/2 Second Sunday after Christmas

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 1/3

**Tues 1/4** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

**Wed 1/5** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 1/6** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Fri 1/7** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Baptism of our Lord

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship

\*Annual Reports Due to the Church Office

Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking to Our Church 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.

# Friday, December 24, 2021 ~ Christmas Eve Services 3:00 p.m.

General \$1,086.00, MOM-Samaritan's Purse \$250.00, Building \$620.00, Cemetery \$5.00, NALC Disaster Relief-Tornado \$50.00, NALC Warehouse \$100.00, Organ \$655.00, Youth \$20.00 **Total: \$2,786.00** 

# **Attendance:**

# 10:00 p.m.

General \$275.00, Organ \$300.00 Total: \$575.00

# **Attendance:**

# Sunday, December 26, 2021

General \$7,163.32.00, MOM-Samaritan's Purse \$200.00, Organ \$1,200.00 Youth \$300.00

Total: \$8,873.32

Attendance: Worship - 33 Sunday School - 4 - Children, 3 - Adults Confirmation - No class

# Organ Fund

The congregation voted on October 17, 2021 to upgrade our organ which is in need of a major overhaul. The cost of the upgrade is \$69,117.00 and we have received \$69,905.35 in designated giving to the fund to date. Any contributions should be marked as Organ Fund. Thank you from the Organ Committee and Church Council.

# Mission of the Month of January



# Boys & Girls Club of Cuero Mission Statement

In our community there are hundreds of boys and girls left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, or who, in increasing numbers, spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision.

These youngsters often form groups or gangs and risk getting involved with the wrong leaders, eventually finding themselves in serious trouble.

The Boys and Girls club mission is to work with youth of all backgrounds, with a special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to help them develop the skills to become productive citizens and leaders.

The DeWitt county community has needed something like this for a number of years. It has been well accepted by the school districts, the City of Cuero and area church leaders. St. John's own Laurie Pokluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.



# **NALC Warehouse**

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting 2 contractor trash bags (3mil) and 2 rags (cut up old towels) for the month of January. Thank you.

We keep the family of Alfred Rangnow in our thoughts & prayers. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.



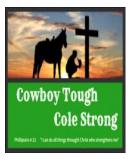


We keep Pastor John's family in our thoughts and prayers over the loss of his brother, Donald. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

# GDD is Listening

# + UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family and friends. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and is now receiving therapy in Victoria on his new fabulous walking machine, the Lokomat Pro. This machine is a robotic training system that allows Cole's legs to be attached to robotic legs that assist with basic walking functions. It's an awesome machine and God has truly blessed Cole once again. Cole and his family want others, in need of this type of therapy, to share



in this wonderful blessing and be able to also use this machine. God is truly at work thru Cole.

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)



# NALC Disaster Response ~ Tornado Disaster

NALC Disaster Response is ready and waiting with supplies and more to help in the areas devastated by the tornadoes. Mary Bates, national coordinator, is working to see where the NALC can do the most help.

NEEDED: Lots of prayers for the people in the affected areas.

NEEDED: Gift cards from Walmart, Target and similar stores.

Mary wants to help families with toys for their children for Christmas.

Mail gift cards to NALC Disaster Response, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, Ohio 43724.

God bless, Michael Dittrich

Cell: (281) 381-5588 (Call if you have questions) *Serve each other with love--Galatians 5:13b* 

# **NEW Church Renovation Update**

Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor's cost. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched up. The current invoiced total for cost of construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, grass planting, and incidentals is \$600,850.80. Designated giving and memorials received to date total \$603,083.30.





St. John wishes everyone many blessings in 2022!

### Fill the Warehouse!

(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!)
NALC Disaster Response
What's in a Flood Bucket?

1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea. (Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)

1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll

1 powder cleanser - Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 floor cleaner - small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) - Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 scrub brush - Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00

1 pair cotton gloves - Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea. Pr

2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around......

2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths......

# What's in a Health Kit?

Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size\*

Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size\* (or 1 small size)

Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size\*

\*Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!

1 deoderant - Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.00

1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.

1 comb - Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.00

1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – Make 2 from an old pillow case!



# **NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes**

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. <u>Communion will go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month by stations</u>. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. We will continue to commune those worshiping remotely "in the parking lot" in their vehicles. Please note state and local guidelines are subject to change and we will continue to attempt to follow those for the health and safety of all. Guidelines and changes in those will be posted in the bulletin, on our website & FaceBook page. Please check these for changes and updates. <u>Please Note: The service will NO longer</u> be videoed & posted to the church website.

**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

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

Joy Hoy

Marie Liner

Bill Roeske

**Britany Jank Tomas** 

Bea Fagg

Clint Coles

Mrs. Stiles

Ryon Preslar

Pastor John

B. Bagwell (Brenda Boor's Mom)

# **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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# **Christmas 2**

# January 2, 2022

# **Second Sunday after Christmas (Year C)**

The topic of wisdom is a thread that runs through today's readings. The wisdom of the world is not the same as the wisdom of God, and the reality is that it takes knowing God's Word to grasp the difference. Too often we rely on our own "wisdom" which is actually foolishness. God's wisdom is a gift that is granted to us through faith and in obedience to our Lord who is the very source of what is wise.



