

**Mend your
ways and your
deeds, and obey
the voice of
the LORD
your God.**

Jeremiah 26:13

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Johnna Picard

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Madyx Blain

Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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 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.

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

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

OPENING HYMN:

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LBW #104

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray;

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

First Reading: 2 Samuel 15:12; 17:1–4

And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

¹ Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. ² I will come upon him while he is weary and discouraged and throw him into a panic, and all the people who are with him will flee. I will strike down only the king, ³ and I will bring all the people back to you as a bride comes home to her husband. You seek the life of only one man, and all the people will be at peace." ⁴ And the advice seemed right in the eyes of Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

Responsive Psalm Reading Psalm 41

Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;
the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.
As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

My enemies say of me in malice, “When will he die and his name perish?”
**And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**

All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.
**They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he
lies.”**

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

By this I know that You delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
**But You have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in Your presence forever.**

Second Reading: Acts 3:14–19

¹⁴ “But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,
¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.
¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what
God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹
Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”

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: John 18:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley,
where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed Him,
also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a
band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with
lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came
forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”
Jesus said to them, “I am He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus
said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So He asked them again,
“Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I
am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken:
“Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew

it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Thy Holy Wings"

WOV #741

**Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.**

**Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.**

**Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

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

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,
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:

“When Peace, like a River”

LBW #346

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this calm assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY: LBW #565

**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 3/13	Second Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward</i>
Mon 3/14	Office Closed
Tues 3/15	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Meyersville 4-H Meeting
Wed 3/16	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Thurs 3/17	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours <i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
Fri 3/18	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
Next Sun	Third Sunday of Lent 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship



Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 General \$785.00 **Attendance: 27**

Lenten Service, March 9, 2022 General \$510.00, MOM-CAMAL House \$20.00 **Total: \$530.00**

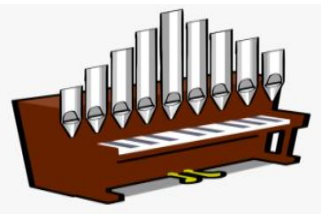
Attendance: 37

Sunday, March 6, 2022

General \$1,725.00, MOM-CAMAL House \$445.00, Warrior's Weekend \$100.00, Samaritan's Purse-Ukraine \$100.00, Youth \$320.00, Sunday School \$14.00, Organ \$120.00, OSC \$120.00, Building \$245.00

Total: \$3,189.00

Attendance: Worship - 70 Sunday School - 8 - Children, 17 - Adults Confirmation - 6



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 \$70,540.35 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 March



CAMAL House 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. The funds can also help the food bank be prepared for any disaster in the upcoming months.

NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting leather gloves & cotton gloves for the month of March. Thank you.



Thank You

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers & cards after my Dad's passing. It means a lot to have the support.
God bless,
Sara Blain & Family*

Lenten Worship Services

*Mid-Week Services - March 9, 16, 23, 30
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.*



Church Camp

Our Youth Group & Sunday School kids (16 total) will be going to church camp this year at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, June 5-10. Please look for upcoming fundraisers the youth will be hosting to help raise funds. Any donations toward this are greatly appreciated. We are so excited our youth is going to church camp again! Thank you very much for your support!



Church Camp

St. John's Youth Invites You To Our Sunrise Service

What The Cross Means To Me

When: Sunday, April 17th at 7:30 AM

Where: St. John Lutheran Church

Come join us as our Youth share what the cross means to them and sing contemporary songs celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Breakfast to follow!



EASTER

**Come Join St. John's Sunday School
Easter Morning
Following Sunrise Service and Breakfast
When: April 17th at 9:00 am**

We will have crafts, an Easter egg hunt, a photo booth, and a joyful message celebrating Jesus Christ! We look forward to seeing you that morning!



+ 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:

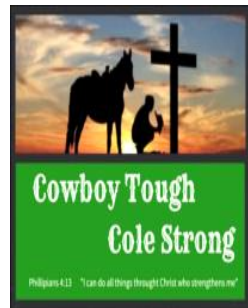
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



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 \$603,183.30.





NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by stations. 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 worshipping 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. Please Note: The service will NO longer be videoed & posted to the church website.

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!

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, Louisiana
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
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Britany Jank Tomas
Bea Fagg
Clint Coles
Mrs. Stiles
Ryon Preslar
B. Bagwell (*Brenda Boor's Mom*)
Lisa Phillips

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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Lent 2

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

The overarching theme of the Scripture texts today point hearers to the abiding love of God in Jesus Christ. This love can be trusted above all else, and yet sinful humanity more often chooses to reject God than to embrace him. Only those who have ears that are willing to hear and respond to Christ will know his tender love and sheltering presence. When we offer that same love to others, we imitate Christ.

