

**You are
a hiding**

**place
for me**

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**Psalm
32:7**

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

Greeter This Week: Candy Cowley

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Acolytes This Week: Hudson Zengerle

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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:

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

LBW #296

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; 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: Isaiah 59:1-3, 12-13

¹ Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or His ear dull, that it cannot hear; ² but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. ³ For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness.

¹² For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: ¹³ transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

Responsive Psalm Reading
Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless You from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5:6–10

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 22:21-27, 54-62

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²¹But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table. ²²For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" ²³And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing. ²⁴And there arose also a dispute among them *as to* which one of

them was regarded to be greatest. ²⁵ And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’” ²⁶ But *it is* not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table* or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? But I am among you as the one who serves.

⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led Him *away* and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them. ⁵⁶ And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, “This man was with Him too.” ⁵⁷ But he denied *it*, saying, “Woman, I do not know Him.” ⁵⁸ A little later, another saw him and said, “You are *one* of them too!” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” ⁵⁹ After about an hour had passed, another man *began* to insist, saying, “Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, “Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.” ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

LBW #385

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on; And through eternity I'll sing on.**

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:

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

WOV #734

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me. See, on the portals
he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

Refrain

**“Come home, come home, come home! Come home!
You who are weary, come home.” Earnestly, tenderly,
Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger
and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?**

Refrain

**Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned,
he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.**

Refrain

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 3/27	Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 3/28	Office Closed
Tues 3/29	9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 3/30	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Thurs 3/31	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 4/1	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 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.

Lenten Service, March 23, 2022 General \$550.00, Samaritan's Purse-Ukraine \$100.00, NALC Disaster \$100.00

Total: \$750.00

Attendance: 27

Sunday, March 20, 2022

General \$877.00, MOM-CAMAL House \$450.00, Samaritan's Purse \$300.00, Sunday School \$21.33,

Organ \$500.00, NALC \$100.00, Building \$20.00 **Total: \$2,268.33**

Attendance: Worship - 84 Sunday School - 7 - Children, 17 - Adults Confirmation - 5

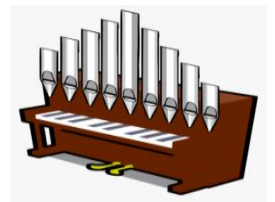


New Member Classes

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John please contact Pastor John.

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 \$71,060.35 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.



Lenten Worship Services

*Mid-Week Services - March 9, 16, 23, 30
& April 6
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.*

WNALC Gathering

~ In the Potter's Hands ~

*Featuring a demonstration and Testimony of Faith
by Rachel Norris with Joy Pottery*

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church, 1026 Radio Lane, Rosenberg, TX

Registration will begin at 8:30 am

Program will be from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Includes breakfast & lunch

The deadline to register is April 16th by mail \$20.00

After April 16th it will be \$25.00

Please call Cathie Bettge for more details at (361)275-8035



Church Camp

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. Any donations toward this fund are greatly appreciated. Please see below for upcoming fundraisers the youth will be hosting to help raise camp funds. We are so excited our youth is going to church camp again! Thank you very much for your support!

Update on Fundraisers:

Today, March 27th the youth will have fresh eggs by the dozen while they last in the parish hall following the service. A free will offering donation is appreciated.

Sunday, April 10th, Spaghetti Lunch after church. Will include, salad, bread & a dessert. Plates will be \$10.00 & to go only at the parish hall. Please see any youth parent after church or contact the church office to purchase tickets. (361)277-8653. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 6th.

April 17th, Easter Sunday the youth will have a Country Store set up during breakfast for you to purchase items such as baked goods, pickles, apple butter, eggs, etc. We hope to have a variety of things!

All fundraiser money will go toward camp expenses. Thank you & God bless!



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!

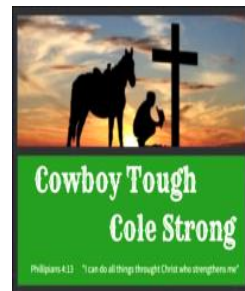
Come Join St. John's Sunday School
Easter Morning
Following Sunrise Service and Breakfast
When: April 17th at 9:00 am

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

Thankfully, disputes regarding work performed and payment for said work have been settled amicably without the need for litigation. No party was found at fault in a court of law, and an amicable final settlement agreement was reached. The settlement agreement provides St John with legal status and funding to directly address various previously stated items of concern. Under the terms therein, parties to the agreement are bound by a confidentiality provision which disallows disclosure of any further information. Sincere thanks are extended to the law firm of Dietze and Reese for their generous support and assistance in achieving this resolution.





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 \$1.25 ea.

1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 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.

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 \$1.25

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

1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25

1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own 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
Zach McBray - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio



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, Helen Sievers



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Lent 4

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Forgiveness is an incredible gift and is not something to take lightly. To forgive is to let go of all anger, hatred, and pain and offer a new reality where it is undeserved. This new reality is one of joy and freedom for the recipient and the giver and is demonstrated most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. God desires a relationship with us and offers us a new reality through this gift.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Sin and conscience torment us, but Christ has overcome these fiends now and forever. Only Christians possess this victorious knowledge given from above. These two terms, grace and peace, constitute Christianity. Grace involves the remission of sins, peace, and a happy conscience. Sin is not cancelled by lawful living, for no person is able to live up to the Law.
~ Martin Luther Commentary of Galatians ~