

March 19, 2023



**I will lead the blind in a way
that they do not know.**

Isaiah 42:16

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Trish Hood

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

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.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.

As We Gather

In one of the classic hymns associated with the season of Lent, Scottish-born writer James Montgomery, author of over four hundred hymns, penned this thoughtful prayer: "In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me Lest by base denial I depart from Thee" (LW 511:1). Although the language of the hymn reflects the era in which it was written almost two hundred years ago, the central concern is as valid today as it was when the stanza was written. The phrase "base denial" calls to mind the disciple Peter, who disowns his Lord while in the courtyard of the house of the high priest. At times in our lives, we may be tempted to deny our Lord and to act as though our faith is not central to who we are. It

is then that we can draw strength from remembering the forgiveness won for us by our suffering Lord, who calls us even from “base denial” to return to Him.

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.

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: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ”

LBW #98

**1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?**

**2 Was it for sins that I had done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!**

**3 Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died For his own creature's sin.**

**4 Thus might I hide my blushing face While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.**

**5 But tears of grief I can't repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; It's all that I can do.**

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

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.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 59:1-3, 12-13

¹ Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear. ² But your wrong doings have caused 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 wrongdoing; your lips have spoken deceit, your tongue mutters wickedness.

¹² For our wrongful acts have multiplied before You, and our sins have testified against us; for our wrongful acts are with us, and we know our wrongdoings: ¹³ Offending and denying the Lord, and turning away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering lying words from the heart.

Responsive Reading
Psalm 118: 19-29

¹⁹ Open the gates of righteousness to me;
I will enter through them, I will give thanks to the Lord.

**²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
The righteous will enter through it.**

²¹ I will give thanks to You, for You have answered me,
And You have become my salvation.

**²² A stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This came about from the Lord;
It is marvelous in our eyes.

**²⁴ This is the day which the Lord has made;
Let's rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Please, O Lord, do save *us*;
Please, O Lord, do send prosperity!

**²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.**

²⁷ The Lord is God, and He has given us light;
Bind the festival sacrifice to the horns of the altar with cords.

**²⁸ You are my God, and I give thanks to You;
*You are my God, I exalt You.***

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
For His mercy is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-10

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. ⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ So resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the

world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, *and* establish you.

Stand as you are able

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 22:54–62

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (*sung*)

⁵⁴ Now they arrested Him and led *Him away*, and brought *Him* to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ After they kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter was sitting among them. ⁵⁶ And a slave woman, seeing him as he sat in the firelight, and staring at him, said, “This man was with Him as well.” ⁵⁷ But he denied *it*, saying, “I do not know Him, woman!” ⁵⁸ And a little later, another person saw him and said, “You are *one* of them too!” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” ⁵⁹ And after about an hour had passed, some other man *began* to insist, saying, “Certainly this man also was with Him, for he, too, is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!” And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And *then* 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*)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

LBW# 448

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Stand as you are able

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together.

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 (*Please use the yellow envelopes for cash offerings & include your name.*)

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; 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 Him 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 **Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own
eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light
to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

Amen

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.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/19 Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion

Mon 3/20 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Finance Team

Tues 3/21 a.m. Pastor not in office - Camal House Board mtg

Wed 3/22 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters at Parsonage
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 3/23 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
*** Committee Reports Due, please email to Council members ***

Fri 3/24 *** Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to office by noon*

Next Sun. Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
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.

March 12, 2023 General \$1,560.00, Turkey Earthquake Response \$280.00, Sunday School \$9.00, Cemetery \$10.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Building Fund \$80.00

Total: \$1,959.00 Attendance: Worship - 55 Sunday School - 5 Children, 2 Teachers; 14 Adults' Group

March 8, 2023 General \$646.00, MOM \$200.00, Camal House \$50.00 **Attendance:** Mid-week Lenten Worship – 28

March 15, 2023 General \$390.00, MOM \$500.00 **Attendance:** Mid-week Lenten Worship – 27

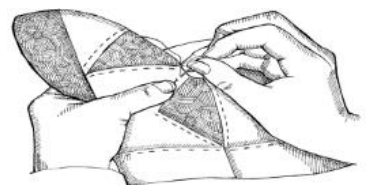


We keep the family of Kenneth Wayne Newman in our prayers. May God comfort his family at this time of loss. Funeral services were held Monday, March 8, 2023 at St. John with burial at St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

QUILTERS

~ The Quilters will be meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 ~
Come and join the bee!

Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.



March Mission of the Month



TURKEY EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE by SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Teams have been working on the ground to assess needs in southern Turkey near the border with Syria. Samaritan's Purse set up an Emergency Field Hospital and the critically needed items are airlifted in Turkey to help people as they recover. More supplies will be provided. Many 10's of 1000's are injured and the death toll exceeds 35,000.

Resumes are being accepted for the position of Bookkeeper/Secretary. If anyone is interested in this position please contact the church office, Council President Glenn Ruschhaupt or Pastor John.



CAMAL House is now set up to receive online donations via Tithe.ly. Just use this QR code to made secure cash donations with your cell phone.



CAMAL House Dish Soap

We will be collecting bottles of dish soap to be distributed in March. Please consider donating some dish soap, 20-28 oz., any brand. A designated box is in the Narthex. Thank you!

Please note: The Old Stone Church meeting has been rescheduled to March 29, 2023 at 9AM. We always welcome new members. Come and join our history preservation committee.



Come shop & eat lunch at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Garage Sale in Meyersville on Saturday, March 25th 7am – 2pm benefitting the Altar Society. 11220 FM 237, Meyersville, TX.

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Hello everyone! Cole is doing fine. The holidays are always a little rough on him being the anniversary of his accident is right before Christmas. Its' been five years since that day. Kind of hard to believe. In some ways it seems like yesterday. We've learned a lot in these past five years. It hasn't been easy and still isn't most days but there are just some things I feel we would have never learned if this hadn't happened. Most importantly is how much we depend on God and on each other to get through this life. Life is full of trials and if you haven't gone through any, rest assured, you will eventually. But we serve a compassionate God who loves us very much and will see us through anything we are going through if we let Him. Cole is still faithfully going to therapy to walk use the arm machine twice weekly. He's been getting some good movement with his arms while on the machine lately. Now this is only while he's strapped in the machine. He's not able to move his arms independently – yet. But keep praying – any progress is a blessing. In closing I just want to thank all of you for helping us through this trial in our lives. Your prayers, posts, donations, meals, and kind words all help us in more ways than you know. Until next time- keep praying.

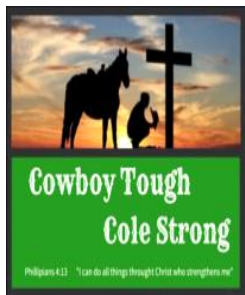


+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

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)



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 \$1.18 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 \$2.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – Make 2 from an old pillow cases

The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.



NALC Warehouse



We are collecting again for the warehouse. We will be collecting wrapped bar soap & travel size shampoo for the month of March.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a pre-Easter Spring cleaning workday on April 1, 2023 from 9:00 - 12:00. Grounds, cemetery cleanup and maintenance will be on the agenda for that day. Please try to help if you can!

****The church office phone now has texting capabilities ☺ 361-277-8653 ****

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, Fort Hood
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii
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 McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

Please Pray for:

Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Marie Liner, Bea Fagg, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar,
Lisa Phillips, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay
Diebel, Leon Wallace.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

“(Christ) makes it so that we consider it of no consequence, even though the whole world contends against us. “The rule of the church is not located in pomp and appearance but in the Word, even in the spoken Word, on which we may stand firm against all insults. For ‘if God is for us, who is against us?’”

-Martin Luther-
Lectures on Isaiah, LW 17



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For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.



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