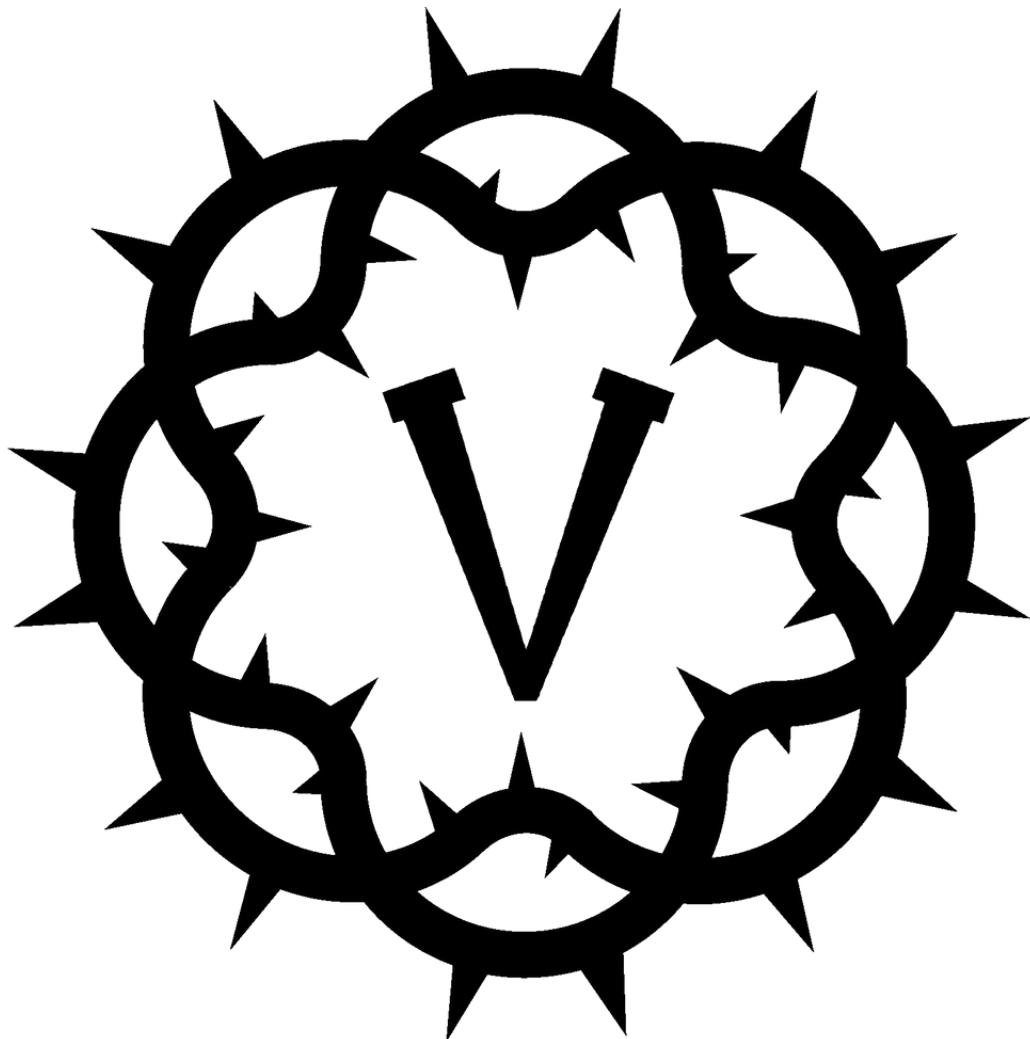


March 26, 2023

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the
mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

Romans 8:6

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

Greeter This Week: Trish Hood

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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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.

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:

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LBW #95

- 1 Glory be to Jesus, Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood From His sacred veins.**

- 2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.**

- 3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem.**

- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pledged to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**

- 5 Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

- 6 Lift ye then our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood.**

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, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Exodus 19:1–6

¹ In the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain. ³ And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “This is what you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings, and brought you to Myself. ⁵ Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 145:8–13

8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate;
Slow to anger and great in mercy.

9 The LORD is good to all,
And His mercies are over all His works.

10 All Your works will give thanks to You, LORD,
And Your godly ones will bless You.

11 They will speak of the glory of Your kingdom,
And talk of Your might,

12 To make known to the sons of mankind Your mighty acts,
And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in His words,
And holy in all His works.

Second Reading: Romans 14:13–17

13 Therefore let's not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this: not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's or sister's way. 14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to the one who thinks something is unclean, to that person it is unclean. 15 For if because of food your brother or sister is hurt, you are no longer walking in accordance with love. Do not destroy with your choice of food that person for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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: John 18:28–38

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

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

²⁸ Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter the Praetorium, so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. ²⁹ Therefore Pilate came out to them and said, “What accusation are you bringing against this Man?” ³⁰ They answered and said to him, “If this Man were not a criminal, we would not have handed Him over to you.” ³¹ So Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” ³² This happened so that the word of Jesus which He said, indicating what kind of death He was going to die, would be fulfilled.

³³ Therefore Pilate entered the Praetorium again, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “You are the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others

tell you about Me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed You over to me; what have You done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." ³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And after saying this, he came out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no grounds at all for charges in His case.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LBW # 482

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

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

Stand as you are able

OFFERTORY

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

Please stand

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:

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW # 294

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
Sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!

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.**

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 3/26 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
1:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Office Hours

Tues 3/28 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council meeting

Wed 3/29 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church meeting
1:30 p.m. Quilters – at the Parsonage
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 3/30 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

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



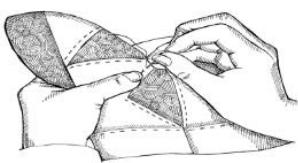
Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

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 19, 2023 General \$1,943.00 Building \$370.00, MOM- Turkey Earthquake Response \$295.00, Cole Ohrt \$50.00, Sunday School \$23.00, Cemetery \$10.00, Camal House \$100.00

Total: \$2,791.00

Attendance: Worship – 86, Sunday School – Children 4, Teachers 3, Adults - 11



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

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

Note from Pastor: There will be no confirmation classes on April 2 and April 9.

“The Sign of the Cross”

The “sign of the cross” is a physical movement of the hands made when speaking the name of the Trinity - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This historical tradition is used in many churches as a reminder that God has laid claim to our lives through our Baptism into his name. In worship, the sign of the cross is often placed upon the people by the pastor; at the same time, individuals may also trace the sign of the cross over their own heart. Using the right hand, the first movement is down, from head to stomach (God to us). The second movement traces a “J” down and up to the heart (death to life). The third movement goes across from left to right (me to you).

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.



Applications 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 make secure cash donations with your cell phone.



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.

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!



NALC Warehouse

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

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.



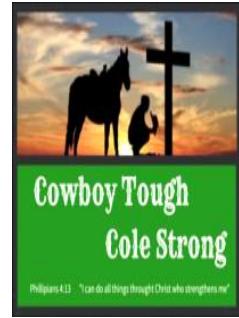
MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a pre-Easter Spring cleaning workday on April 1, 2023 from 9:00 - 12:00. Grounds, cemetery cleanup and maintenance will be on the agenda for that day. Please try to help if you can!

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



+ 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. It's 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 \$1.25 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 deodorant – Walmart \$1.18 ea.

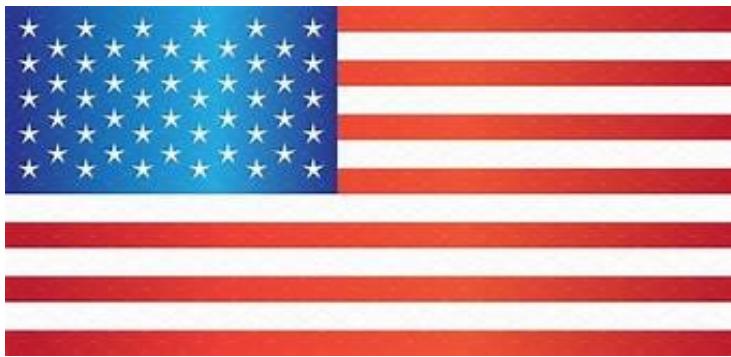
1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25

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 \$2.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case.



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 Pettrash 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

PRAAYER 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.



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



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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.





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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