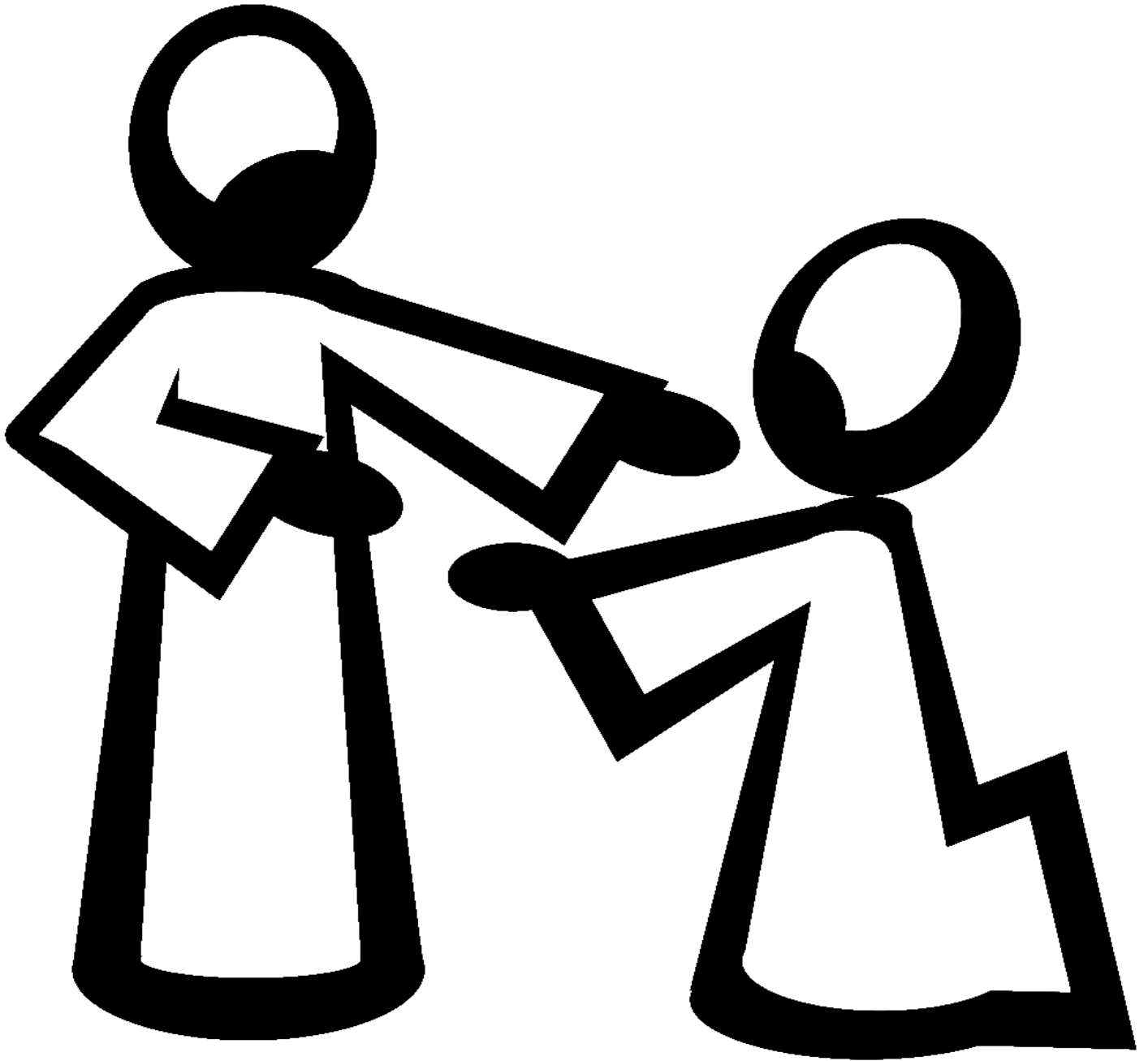


APRIL 16, 2023



**Praise him, sun and moon.** Psalm 148:3

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 16, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** M'Liss Moore

**Greeter Next Week:** The Hays Family

**Reader This Week:** Johnna Picard

**Reader Next Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Altar Guild This Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**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.*

### **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  $\times$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

OPENING HYMN:

***"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"***

LBW #352

*(Verses 1-4)*

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my everliving head!**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above;  
He lives to rule his church in love.**

**3 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with his eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**4 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.**

## **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**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. 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*

Today's readings center on the witness of Jesus' original disciples, who are met by the Lord as they gathered together on the evening of his resurrection. They, and we, will be sent into a hostile world with the message of salvation for all people. The Holy Spirit will guide their journey and equip them, even as they encounter resistance by those who do not believe in Christ. Believers will never be alone.

### **First Reading: Acts 5:17-42**

17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." 21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, 23 "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. 25 And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." 26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every

day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

**Responsive Reading**  
**Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

**<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**<sup>4</sup>Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.

**<sup>6</sup>He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**<sup>8</sup>Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**<sup>10</sup>Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**<sup>14</sup>He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Stand as you are able*

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

***"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"***

LBW #135

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

**1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won!  
Now be the song of praise begun. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**3 The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen head! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.**

**Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, Form death's sting free your servants too,  
That we may live and sing to you. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,**

**And the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs.

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**



L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

## **OFFERING**

*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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**L** Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

**C** **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**L** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

**C** **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## **THE DOXOLOGY:**

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

<b>Today 4/16</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Mon 4/17</b>	Pastor's vacation, Monday-Saturday
<b>Tues 4/18</b>	~ Deadline to file 2022 federal taxes ~
<b>Wed 4/19</b>	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 4/20</b>	9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>Committee Reports Due, please send to Council Members</i>
<b>Fri 4/21</b>	~ Newsletter deadline ~
<b>Sun 4/23</b>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship – Church Under the Trees & Grave Decoration followed by Potluck lunch



*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.*

**April 6, 2023** General \$755.00, MOM-Adult & Teen Challenge of TX \$250.00, Camal House \$50.00, Building \$40.00 **Total: 1,095.00** Attendance: 38; **April 7, 2023** Attendance: 33

**April 9, 2023 Sunrise Service** General \$190.00, MOM \$150.00, NALC Warehouse \$100.00, Youth Group \$213.00 **Total: \$653.00** Attendance: 83

**April 9, 2023 Easter Service** General \$1,616.00, MOM \$450.00, Cemetery \$5.00, Building \$100.00, Youth Group \$40.00 **Total \$2,211.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 100 Sunday School 20 - Children, 4 - Teachers

### New Member Classes

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



### Grave Decoration/Church Under the Trees & Potluck Luncheon



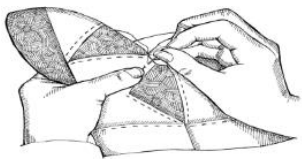
The Grave Decoration and Church Under the Trees will be on Sunday, April 23, 2023. A potluck luncheon will be held in the parish hall following the service. Please bring a meat, side dish or dessert. Hope to see you there!

**Mission of the Month for April**  
**ADULT and TEEN CHALLENGE OF TEXAS**

ATCOT is a faith based long term residential addiction and alcoholism recovery center. This month we are focusing on the women's campus in San Antonio. Here they are committed to helping these young girls and women experience total freedom in Christ as they wait God restore what was broken in their lives. This is done through a work study program and vocational training in several areas.

**NALC Warehouse**

We are collecting again for the warehouse in Rosenberg. We will be collecting hair combs for the month of April.



The Quilters are now 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 on the table on the stage.



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.



**Tax Tips for Traditional IRA Owners**

If you have a traditional IRA and you are 72 years old and older, you are required to take a RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) annually.

There is a provision in the regulations that allow you to have this distribution made directly to a qualifying non-profit (church, etc.) and not be liable for income taxes on that amount.



Consult your tax advisor or financial planner for more details.



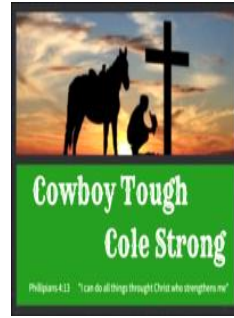
The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.



### + 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**

**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 - 1 st 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.

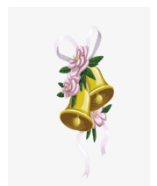
**Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



Apologies to our special folks having April birthdays & anniversaries but not listed in the April newsletter.

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| 4- Trish Hood                                | 14- Levi Moritz                | 22- Pam Ficklen   |
| 6- Letha Blain & Sara Blain                  | 19- Karon Copeland             | 23- Trandon Leist |
| 7- Britton Blain & Pastor John               | 21- Jacob Dreier, M'Liss Moore | 26- Emily Iselt   |
| 13- Brooke Wendel, J Burns Cowley, Ray Boyer |                                |                   |



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| 6- Pastor John & Brenda Boor | 9- Ty & Emily Iselt | 14- Aaron & Sydney Schaefer | 29- Trevor & Kathleen Bodden |
| 30- Keaton & Marsha Wendel   |                     |                             |                              |



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

First English Lutheran **Heritage Day Celebration** will be held Sunday, April 30, 2023 starting with worship services at 10:00 am. 11:00 am activities begin including a Cake Walk, Live and Silent Auctions, Country Store & Kids Activities. Barbecue will be served from 11am-1pm, dine in or drive thru pick up. Live Auction starts at 12:45 pm. All events are located at 516 N. Main St., Victoria, Tx [www.felcvictoria.org](http://www.felcvictoria.org)

Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley will be hosting their **Annual Church Picnic** on Saturday, May 13, 2023 starting at 3:00 p.m. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Ice Cream will be available at 5:00 p.m. Bingo, Silent Auction, Adult/Kids' Games all start at 3:00 p.m. Proceeds go to Zion's Playground improvements.

*PUBLIC IS INVITED!*



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Now, this one fact, that one so exalted as Christ himself, the only and eternal Son of God, has trod the path of suffering before us, enduring unlimited distress, agony transcending the power of humanity to experience—this alone should be enough to admonish and urge anyone to patiently endure affliction.

- Martin Luther –  
Sermon on 1 Peter



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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.