

# Christmas Eve Worship



# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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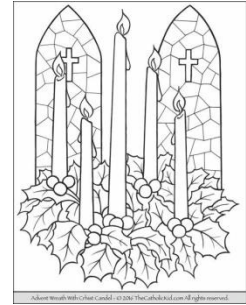
Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Christmas Eve**

**December 24, 2023**



**Greeters This Week:** Marv & Norrean Sager

**Greeters Next Week:** Youth Group

**Reader This Week:** Neal Moritz

**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Acolyte This Week:** Kinley Nessel

**Acolyte Next Week:** Shelby Newman

**Altar Guild This Month:** M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Brian Wendel

**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.

## Worship Notes Regarding Today's Service:

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. 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!

## 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.*

*(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**10:00 AM**

**PRELUDE – “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**(Humphrey Turner)**

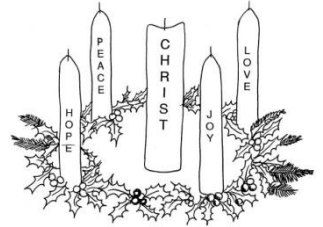
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES ~ *Kyle & Sara Newman Family***

**HYMN: LBW #71 1st Verse**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.  
Glo . . . ria in excelsis Deo; Glo . . . ria in excelsis Deo.**



**RESPONSIVE READING**

**L** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**L** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**C** **We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

**L** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C** **In Him was life, and the life was the light of all.**

**HYMN**

**“Oh, Come All Ye Faithful”**

**LBW #45**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**

**O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem**

**Come and behold Him Born the King of Angels**

**O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him**

**O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal**

**Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;**

**Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing**

**O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him**

**O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation Sing,**

**all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God All glory in the highest**

**O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him**

**O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning Jesus,**

**to Thee be glory given**

**Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing**

**O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him**

**O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord!**

**FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>How delightful on the mountains  
Are the feet of one who brings good news,  
Who announces peace  
And brings good news of happiness,  
Who announces salvation,  
And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"  
<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your watchmen raise *their* voices,  
They shout joyfully together;  
For they will see with their own eyes  
When the LORD restores Zion.  
<sup>9</sup>Be cheerful, shout joyfully together,  
You ruins of Jerusalem;  
For the LORD has comforted His people,  
He has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared His holy arm  
In the sight of all the nations,  
So that all the ends of the earth may see  
The salvation of our God.

**PRAYER OF FULFILLMENT**

Dear Lord, we thank you for keeping your promise to send us a savior. **Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**LBW #41**

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (verse 1)

**O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your great might, give us your help, that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your grace; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**LBW #41**

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (verse 4)

**O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell  
Oh, come to us, abide with us Our Lord Immanuel!**

## SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 1:1-6 (7-12)

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, <sup>2</sup> in these last days has spoken to us in *His* Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. <sup>3</sup> And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become so much better than the angels, to the extent that He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did He ever say,

“YOU ARE MY SON,  
TODAY I HAVE FATHERED YOU”?

And again,

“I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM  
AND HE WILL BE A SON TO ME”?

<sup>6</sup> And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

“AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.”

<sup>7</sup> And regarding the angels He says,

“HE MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,  
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.”

<sup>8</sup> But regarding the Son *He says*,

“YOUR THRONE, GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,  
AND THE SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

<sup>9</sup> YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;  
THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU  
WITH THE OIL OF JOY ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS.”

<sup>10</sup> And,

“YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH,  
AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

<sup>11</sup> THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;  
AND THEY ALL WILL WEAR OUT LIKE A GARMENT,  
<sup>12</sup> AND LIKE A ROBE YOU WILL ROLL THEM UP;  
LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.

BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,  
AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END.”

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-7

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. <sup>2</sup>This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all *the people* were on their way to register for the census, each to his own city. <sup>4</sup>Now Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, <sup>5</sup>in order to register along with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and was pregnant. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## PRAYER OF JOY

Dear Lord, we thank you for sending joy into our hearts.  
Help us always to be happy about the coming of Jesus. Amen

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* (verse 1)

LBW #60

**Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem'  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup>In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord *suddenly* stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. <sup>10</sup>And *so* the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; <sup>11</sup>for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army *of angels* praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased.”

## PRAYER OF PEACE

O Heavenly Father, help us always to have faith to believe. Give us all a strong faith that we may always have peace with you. Amen

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* (verse 2)

LBW #60

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased as Man with to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:15-20

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem, then, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen *Him*, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

## PRAYER OF WORSHIP

O Almighty Lord, we are sorry for the many times we have not worshipped you as the shepherds did in haste. Help us always to love, trust, and worship you above all things. **Amen**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And he came into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“THE VOICE OF ONE CALLING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS,  
‘PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!  
<sup>5</sup> EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED,  
AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE LOWERED;  
THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT,  
AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH;  
<sup>6</sup> AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD!’”

<sup>7</sup> So he was saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* (verse 3)

**LBW #60**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing over the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Son of God,  
Eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
Of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;

By the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

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

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.



**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified,  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always,  
**And also with you**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

### **GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS (“Christmas Bells” by Sarah Douglas)**

**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.**

P 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**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

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.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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;

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by 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**

Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

**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.**

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

**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**

*“Silent Night, Holy Night!”*

**LBW #65**

**Silent night, holy night All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Your holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth Jesus, Lord at Thy birth**

## **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.

Go in peace serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***“JOY TO THE WORLD”***

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come  
Let earth receive its King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing**

**Joy to the earth The Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings  
Flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as Far as the curse is found**

**He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
And glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love**

POSTLUDE – “Grand Epilogue”

By Edward Broughton

***St. John wishes everyone a very***

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



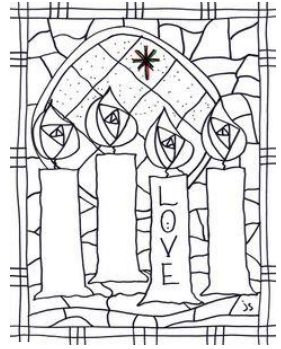
**2 Corinthians 9:15**

**"Thank God for his gift that words can't describe!"**


**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Today 12/24 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
- 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion



**Today's ADVENT Prayer** DECEMBER 23



Oh, Emmanuel, thank you for these weeks of prayer. In the spirit of the season, my waiting, my patience, feels sacred. Refine and purify my heart with the hottest flame of your love. Give me the courage of your prophets and let me do what is right even when others don't understand.

Archdiocese of Toronto #OurAdvent archtoronto  
Prayer from Creighton University Online Ministries [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)

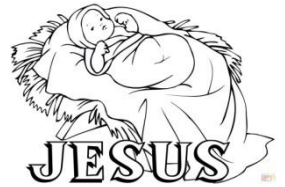
**Mon 12/25** Office Closed



**Tues 12/26** 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 12/27** 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Thurs 12/28** 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Office Hours



**Fri 12/29** Office Closed

**Next Sun. First Sunday After Christmas**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
- 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 3:00 p.m. Worship with Communion



**Have a Blessed Week!**



**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.

**December 17, 2023** General \$15,172.76, MOM (Dec.) – Samaritan's Purse \$800.00, Sunday School \$17.00, Old Stone Church \$10.00, Building \$80.00, Youth \$40.00

**Total: \$16,119.76**

**Attendance:** Worship – 79, Sunday School - 16 Children, 4 Teachers; Adult Study - 12

*Sunday School continues throughout the year.  
We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!*



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413. If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653

## Mission of the Month for December

### **Samaritan's Purse**

Samaritan's Purse is a nonprofit Christian relief and evangelism organization that specializes in meeting the needs of victims of war, poverty, disease, and natural disaster, while at the same time sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. They serve where needed whether it be on foreign lands or right here in the USA.

### Readers & Greeters

Volunteers are needed for both readers & greeters! A sign-up sheet for each is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have already signed up. We still need to fill many slots.

Thank you!

### Committee Annual Reports

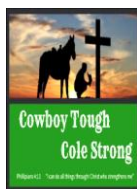
**Just a friendly reminder. All annual reports from committees will be due by Sunday, January 7, 2024. Thank you!**

### Christmas Eve Services

**On Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there will be a communion service at the 10 p.m. Candlelight Service. There will be no 3:00 p.m. service this year. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ!**



We need you to say YES! The Worship Team is "blowing the dust off" the reenactment of the "Living Last Supper." Please see the article in October's newsletter for more information and contact Johnny Jank and simply say, "How can I help?"

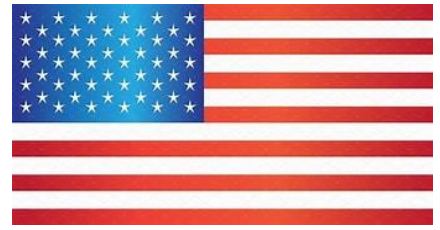


### + UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole ❤️

**Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:** Hi everyone!! It's been a long time! I hope you are all doing well! We are all doing good. Cole is healthy as a horse and doing well. He continues to amaze me with his drive to continue his therapy diligently. He is still waling on the Lokomat and uses the Armeo robotic arm machine twice weekly as well as working hard at home with me and his nurses. God definitely blessed him with a hardheadedness that he may or may not have gotten from his mother. For those of you who didn't know last weekend was the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong Team roping benefit. It was an awesome weekend with a very well run 3day team roping thanks to Justin Shelton as well as two days of silent auction items including some delicious homemade goods and fall décor. We also had a gun raffle board that is still going on until we fill all the squares on the board for a nice rifle and as always shirts for sale with Cole's logo. For those of you who know Cole this is one of his favorite events of the whole year. He so looks forward to it each year. So a special thank you to Justin and all those who helped him as well as all the donors and sponsors. You all make this a wonderful event each year. Also want to send out a special thank you to Amy Burnet for announcing and keeping the books all weekend and to Shelly Marbach and Penny Pence for all their help with the shirts and silent auction. Special thank you to Britney Lesikar and KC Hats for donating her services throughout the weekend also. She does an amazing job. Special thank you to all who donated and or purchased the silent auction items and t-shirts as well. We sincerely appreciate all of you. This year was really special with one of Cole's brothers winning one of the trophy saddles! All in all it was an amazing and blessed weekend. Asking for continued prayers for Cole's health and healing as well as his and our faith. Also asking for prayers that Cole will be granted a meeting with the Governor soon to fight for changes in state funded care for the handicapped. I'll post later with more details. Thank you all and God Bless. And as always thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole - 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)***

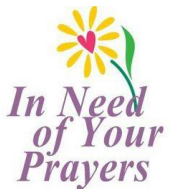
## Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, stationed overseas (location unknown)  
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force  
Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> 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



**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.

**Please Pray for:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Ryon Preslar, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Marlene Fromme, Debbie Webb, Steve Cusack, Laura Whitson, Pat Hays, Robert Moeller



## Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Joseph had nothing to go by save the Word of God and he accepted it. A godless man would have said it was just a dream, but Joseph believed the word of God and took unto him his wife. -

~Martin Luther~

Martin Luther's Christmas Book



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*Poinsettias adorning our altar and Sanctuary today are placed  
to the Glory of God in memory or in honor of the following -*



In Honor of Pat, Tristan, Amber, and Our Wonderful Mother, May Dell, given by  
Wanda Hays

In Honor of Our Grandchildren given by Pop & Gram

In Honor of Arlene & Leon Wallace given by Gordon & Jenny Gohmert

In Honor of Caroline Blain given by Bob Blain Family

In Honor of Johnny & Virginia Jank given by The Newman Family

To the Glory of God & In Honor of Pastor John & Brenda Boor given by Bruce A. Weise

In Memory of Ralph & Helen Mae Egg given by Their Children

In Memory of Myrtie & Pat Dunn given by Their Children

In Memory of My Parents Clarence & Hertha Weise given by Bruce A. Weise

In Memory of My Grandparents Emil & Helena Dittfurth given by Bruce A. Weise

In Memory of My Grandparents Carl & Annie Weise given by Bruce A. Weise

In Memory of J. Gus & Iris Jank given by Kevin Bodden Family

In Memory of John Bodden given by Kevin Bodden Family

In Memory of Kay Ohrt given by Dean Ohrt

In Memory of Patty Ohrt given by Dean Ohrt

In Memory of Kari Nessel given by Dustin, Rachel, Kinley, & Ayla Nessel

In Memory of Delmar J. Diebel given by His Family

In Memory of Bobby Fagg given by Bea, Kevin, Carrie, Abby & Brady

In Memory of Virgie Gohmert given by Joie & Jimmy Caskey & Julianne Stiles

In Memory of Reuben Gohmert given by Joie & Jimmy Caskey & Julianne Stiles

In Memory of Clifton Jacob, my sweet Daddy, given by Wanda Hays

In Memory of Our Family Members that have gone on before us given by Pam & Terry Haun

In Memory of Merton Ideus & Bill Mayfield given by Trish Hood & Family

In Memory of J. Gus & Iris Jank given by Johnny & Virginia Jank

In Memory of Martin & Wilma Wolter given by Johnny & Virginia Jank

In Memory of Cotton & Neldine Ohrt given by Their Family

In Memory of Edward & Lucille Ruschhaupt and Charlene Magee given by Archie & Virginia  
Abrameit

In Memory of Charlie & Ruth Moore given by The Moore Family

In Memory of Arlen & Barbara Mueller given by The Moore Family

In Memory of Our Parents, Milton & Helen Sievers and Milam (Buddy) & Yvonne Eckhardt given by  
Morris & Meliss Eckhardt & Family

In Memory of Reuben and Virgie Gohmert given by Gordon & Jenny Gohmert

In Memory of Mike Meyer given by Tammy & Brighton Blain

In Memory of Reuben & Virgie Gohmert given by Letha & Bob Blain

In Memory of Mike Meyer given by Britton Blain & Girls

In Memory of Kenneth Newman, Sr. given by His Grandchildren

In Memory of Herbert & Martha Spinks and Michael Bartosh given by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

In Memory of Fred D. Diebel by Evelyn Diebel

In Memory of Wanda Diebel Brown by Evelyn Diebel

In Memory of Michael Bartosh and Herbert & Martha Spinks given by Dianna Bartosh

In Memory of Quinton Haun, Clifford & Bette Jo Haun, Brad Haun, and Julie Arndt given by Clay  
Haun Family & Lesley Bruns Family