

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Meyersville, Texas**  
**January 28, 2024**

*There is one God,  
the Father, from whom are all  
things and for whom we exist,  
and one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
through whom are all things  
and through whom we exist.*

*1 Corinthians 8:6*

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2024

**Greeter This Week:** The Hays Family  
**Greeters Next Week:** Margie & John Swannack  
**Reader This Week:** Johnna Picard  
**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge  
**Acolyte This Week:** Lane Moritz  
**Acolyte Next Week:** Kinley Nessel  
**Altar Guild This Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden  
**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander  
**Communion Assistant This Month:** Brian Wendel  
**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Jeff Zengerle



**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!

*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:**

**“Oh, Worship the King”**

**LBW# 548**

**<sup>1</sup>Oh, worship the King, all glorious above. Oh, gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**<sup>2</sup>Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**<sup>3</sup>The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**<sup>4</sup>Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**<sup>5</sup>Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**<sup>6</sup>O measureless Might, ineffable love, While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble in their lays, With true adoration shall sing to your praise.**

## **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**

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray,

**O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

The Old Testament historian proclaimed that there would be another prophet raised up from among Moses' brothers. This one would speak the words of God with truth and authenticity. As Jesus taught in the synagogue, the people were amazed at his ability to instruct them in the Word and also at his ability to cast out evil from a man who was held captive by a demonic spirit.

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — <sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the LORD! They are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his Name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But

some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

*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 READING: Mark 1:21-28**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>{Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John} went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath {Jesus} entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

*“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

**LBW #82**

**<sup>1</sup>As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by thee.**

**<sup>2</sup>As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet Ever seek thy mercy seat.**

<sup>3</sup>As they offered gifts most rare At thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

<sup>4</sup>Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.

<sup>5</sup>In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

## **INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL**

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **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.

*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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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:**

*“On What Has Now Been Sown”*

*LBW #261*

<sup>1</sup>**On what has now been sown Your blessing, Lord bestow:  
The pow’r is yours alone To make it sprout and grow.  
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, And yours alone shall be the praise!**

<sup>2</sup>**To you our wants are known, From you are all our pow’rs;  
Accept what is your own And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive And to your Word a blessing give.**

<sup>3</sup>**Oh, grant that each of us, Now met before you here,  
May meet together thus When you and yours appear,  
And follow you to heav’n, our home. E’en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!**

**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**





Isaiah 43:18-19

“Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new  
thing! Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it? I  
am making a way in the  
wilderness and streams in  
the wasteland.”

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 1/28</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany</b>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
		9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
		9:00 a.m. Adult Study
		10:15 a.m. Worship – Installation of Council
<b>Mon 1/29</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Tues 1/30</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
<b>Wed 1/31</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours	1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 2/01</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 2/02</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	

**Next Sun. Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

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

**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.*

**January 14, 2024** General \$1,327.00, MOM – Boys & Girls Club of Cuero \$390.00, Sunday School \$14.00, Cemetery \$10.00, Organ \$20.00, **Total: \$1,761.00**

**January 21, 2024** General \$5,133.00, MOM – Boys & Girls Club of Cuero \$150.00, Sunday School \$12.70, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$100.00, Building \$160.00, **Total: \$5,575.70**

**Attendance:** Worship - 91, Sunday School - 9 Children, 4 Teachers; Adult Study - 6

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





**Portals of Prayers for January-March are available in the narthex.**

**Mission of the Month for January**  
**Boys' & Girls' Club of Cuero**

The Boys and Girls Club of Cuero is a wonderful place for children to become members and to learn and grow in a healthy, safe environment. Our programs continue to enrich our youth. We have implemented a new online educational reading and math curriculum called Exact Path. Our members are progressing fantastically with this new initiative. We have many safety policies in place to ensure our club environment is secure. We appreciate the wonderful community and generous donors that support our organization. Our annual play, Gospel Brunch, and golf tournament continue to help raise funds for our daily operations.

**NALC Warehouse** –

We will be collecting trash bags and cleaning rags in January for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

**THE COUNTDOWN IS ON**

**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 January's newsletter for more information and contact Johnny Jank and simply say, "How can I help?"**

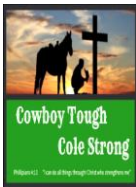


*Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413. If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.*

***Please note that hours may change during the week.***



**+ 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



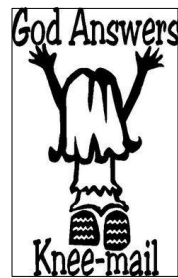
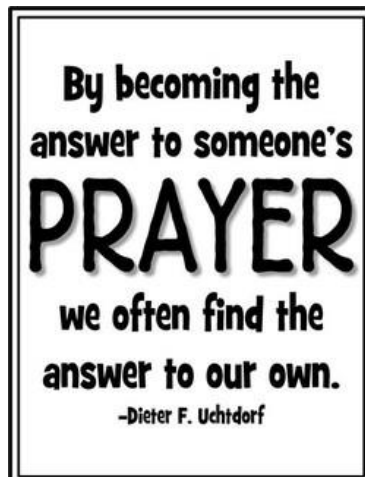
**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we 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, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Joy Meadows, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Marlene Fromme, Debbie Webb, Steve Cusack, Pat Hays, Robert Moeller, Seth Wendel, Johnny Paul Jank, Joy Hoy, Virginia Abrameit



## Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER



Is it not a plague that the wretch, the devil, wants to accuse and judge us and is himself worse than all human beings? What business of his is it that I have sinned? I have not sinned against him but against God.

- Martin Luther



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