St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, Texas February 11, 2024



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024

Greeter This Week: Mary & Norrean Sager

Greeters Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette
Reader This Week: Wanda Hays
Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz
Acolyte This Week: Shelby Newman
Acolyte Next Week: Kaleigh Newman

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank Communion Assistant This Month: Jeff Zengerle Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

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



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:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LBW# 315

¹Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

²Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast; Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

³Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

⁴Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and 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,

C O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

First Reading: Joel 2:12–19

¹² "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping, and mourning; ¹³ And tear your heart and not *merely* your garments." Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in mercy and relenting of catastrophe. ¹⁴ Who knows, He might turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him, *Resulting in* a grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God. ¹⁵ Blow a trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, ¹⁶ Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and the nursing infants. Have the groom come out of his room And the bride out of her bridal chamber. ¹⁷ Let the priests, the LORD'S ministers, Weep between the porch and the altar, And let them say, "Spare Your people, LORD, And do not make Your inheritance a disgrace, With the nations jeering at them. Why should *those* among the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'"

Responsive Reading Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

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 a willing spirit.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* ^[a] sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

6 And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—² for He says, AT A FAVORABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON A DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU." Behold, now is "A FAVORABLE TIME," behold, now is "A DAY OF SALVATION"—³ giving no reason for taking offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited, ⁴ but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in difficulties, ⁵ in beatings, in imprisonments, in mob attacks, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, ⁶ in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, ⁷ in the word of truth, and in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, ⁸ by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; ⁹ as unknown and yet well known, as dying and yet behold, we are alive; as punished and yet not put to death, ¹⁰ as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

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: John 1:29-34

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²⁹ The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him, and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He in behalf of whom I said, 'After me is coming a Man who has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.' ³¹ And I did not recognize Him, but so that He would be revealed to Israel, I came baptizing in water." ³² And John testified, saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. ³³ And I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

MESSAGE

Please be seated

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

¹Lord the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, the light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

²As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.

Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

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.

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 aright 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:

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

¹O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in his wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of his glory and grace.

²Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow him there; Over us sin no more hath dominion—For more than conqu'rors we are!

Refrain

³His Word shall not fail you—he promised; Believe him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!

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.



Colossians 3:14

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."





<u>THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN</u>

Today 2/11 Transfiguration of Our Lord

> 8:00 a.m. Property Team Mtg. 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. **Confirmation Class** 9:00 a.m. Adult Study

10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 2/12 Office Closed

Tues 2/13 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

> 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Wed 2/14 Ash Wednesday

> 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours

12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

1:30 p.m. **Ouilters** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Happy Valentine's Day!

Thurs 2/15 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

> 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m Office Hours

Fri 2/16 Office Closed

Next Sun. First Sunday in Lent

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

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

Worship – Holy Communion 10:15 a.m.

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.

February 4, 2024 General \$2,315.00, MOM (Jan.) – Boys & Girls Club of Cuero \$125.00, MOM (Feb.) – Warriors Weekend \$420.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$40.00, SS Mission – 1st Sunday \$22.50, Building \$915.00, Organ \$20.00, **Total: \$3,877.50**

Attendance: Worship - 78, Sunday School - 9 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 11

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 February

Warrior's Weekend

Warrior's Weekend was organized to assist combat wounded veterans with relaxing therapy for a weekend in Port O'Connor, TX. Please notice the date change. This organization was founded in 2007 as a nonprofit 501©3 and is dedicated to the support of veterans of the United States of America with emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. About 100 wounded OIF/OEF are flown in from all over the United States of America for this event. Close to 150 provide their own transportation to join in the festivities. Friday night—fish fry ~ Saturday morning—tacos and fruit are served for breakfast ~ approximately 200 boats are available to take them fishing ~ Saturday night—a BBQ dinner is provided with awards for the fishing tournament and a Poker tournament is enjoyed ~ Sunday morning—a full breakfast is provided with a big send off to follow.

NALC Warehouse -

For the month of February, the collection is string mops and straw brooms.



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.



We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Beatrice
D. Jahnsen who passed away January 31, 2024.
We especially send our condolences to Brenda Gohmert and family on the loss of her mother.
May her family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

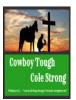


I'd like to thank the congregation for their prayers before and after my knee replacement. For the cards/texts and food received, I'm most appreciative.
I'm doing good and continue my healing journey with therapy.

Virginia Abrameit

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole





Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone. As usual I will start this post with an apology for my absence. I have no excuse other than I'm a really bad Facebooker. But I should be better for no other reason than I owe it to all of you praying for Cole to give you regular updates. Cole is doing well other than a swollen, purple big toe he recently acquired while his crazy parents drove his wheelchair into the back of the church pew (I won't mention which one of us it was). Other than that I am so happy to say Cole has been

staying very healthy. This in itself is a huge blessing considering all the complications that can come with this injury. I give all the credit to the amazing care he receives from his nurses. He really has the best we could have ever asked for. Cole and I were talking the other day to one of our newer nurses about some of the benefits that have been thrown for Cole since his accident. By the time I got through telling her about the first team roping fundraiser and the big benefit at Schroeder and the bidding on Cole's Stock show heifers the year he got hurt we were both in tears. I was completely overwhelmed again by the generosity that has been shown and continues to be shown to us by family, friends, and this community. When I let myself think about it I just can't stop the tears—tears of joy, sadness, and gratefulness all at the same time. So I really don't like to cry so I rarely let myself ponder on this for too long but maybe that's selfish. So tonight as tears are freely flowing I just want to thank everyone in this amazing community again from the bottom of my heart. No words can I say to express my gratitude to each and every one of you who have helped us on this journey. We can never repay you for all you have done. The only think we know to do is pay if forward by helping others through Cole's foundation, offering a helping hand wherever we can, or just offering our prayers for all of you when you need it. I only hope we can do half as good a job as all of you have. God bless you and keep praying for Cole's healing—it's coming. P.S. - I promise to try and be better about posting more regularly. +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 - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina



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, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Debbie Webb, Steve Cusack, Pat Hays, Seth Wendel, Johnny Paul Jank, Joy Hoy, Virginia Abrameit, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

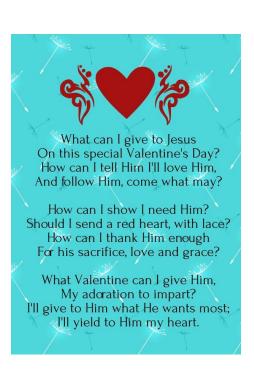
Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The whole holy Trinity appears here to strengthen the believers; namely, Christ in his transfigured form, the Father in the voice, and the Holy Ghost in the bright cloud.

- Martin Luther Notes on the Gospel



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Jesus is the Greatest Valentine; His love will never cease to be. His love is bigger than the world; I'm so glad that Jesus loves me. Jesus is the greatest Valentine; His heart is bigger than the sea. And He always fills my beart with joy; I'm so glad that Jesus loves me. Yes He is the greatest valentine; I'm an glad that Jesus loves me. I'm so glad that Jesus loves me. Fin so glad that Jesus loves me. Fin so glad that Jesus loves me.

Saint Valentine Word Search

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