

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
February 18, 2024**

REPENT
AND
BELIEVE
IN THE
GOSPEL.

MARK 1:15



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Greeters This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeters Next Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Reader This Week: LaRae Kelley

Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge

Acolyte This Week: Kaleigh Newman

Acolyte Next Week: Gracie Diebel

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.

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. ***Please make note that during Lent we use Setting Two in the hymnal until Easter when we switch back to Setting One.*** 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.

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL
ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LBW #479

¹My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!

²May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, Oh may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and change-less be, A living fire!

³While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.

⁴When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then, in love Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

First Reading: Proverbs 11:24–28

²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.

²⁶The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

²⁷Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to him who searches for it.

²⁸Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 73:23-28

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

**Nevertheless, I am continually with You;
You hold my right hand.**

You guide me with Your counsel,
and afterward You will receive me to glory.

**Whom have I in heaven but You?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You.**

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**For behold, those who are far from You shall perish;
You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to You.**

But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
that I may tell of all Your works.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-11

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel: John 12:1-11

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they gave a dinner for Him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him at the table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (he who was about to betray Him), said, ⁵“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. ⁸The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.”

⁹When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of Him but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

LBW #104

¹**In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

²**When the woes of life o’er-take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

³**When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**

⁴**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

Stand as you are able

L God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together 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 *(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash/coin offerings & include your name.)*

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

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

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

C **Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory 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**

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



Proverbs 11:4

"Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death."

The Season of Lent



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 2/18 First Sunday in Lent
 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion

Mon 2/19 Office Closed
 6:30-7:30 p.m. 4-H Meeting

Tues 2/20 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours
 Pastor at Camal Board Meeting

Wed 2/21 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours
 1:30 p.m. Quilters
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 2/22 ** Council Committee Reports Due**
 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 2/23 **Newsletter Deadline ~ Articles & Announcements Due Today**
 Office Closed

Next Sun. Second Sunday in Lent
 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
 10:15 a.m. Worship

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 11, 2024 General \$1,411.00, MOM (Jan.) – Boys & Girls Club of Cuero \$140.00, MOM (Feb.) – Warriors Weekend \$ 210.00, Other Mission – Camal House \$50.00, Sunday School \$11.00, Building \$60.00 **Total: \$1,882.00**

Attendance: Worship – 64, Sunday School - 7 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 7

*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 Melissa 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 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

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

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON



Lent is here and Holy week is right around the corner. Johnny will be reaching out to all the prospective thespians who said "Yes" in answer to assisting with the "Living Last Supper." He will also be reaching out for some assistants in the wardrobe and set decoration areas.



Scholarship application packets are available in the Narthex. A completed application must be received in the Church Office no later than March 15, 2024. Please be sure to check your possible eligibility, as it has been updated as of December, 2023.



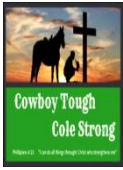
On March 3rd, 2024, please make plans to stay after church for a congregational meeting to discuss & vote on an estimate for repairing & refurbishing the awning over the entrance to the sanctuary.



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my recent illness. They were much appreciated.
Seth Wendel



**We keep the family of Deborah Baros in our prayers.
May God comfort her family at this time of loss.**



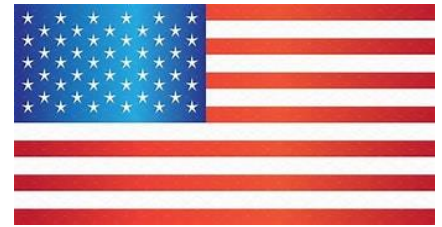
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole ❤️

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 6th 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 - 1st LT, United States Army
- Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
- Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
- Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
- Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio



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, Johnny Paul Jank, Joy Hoy, Virginia Abrameit, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros, Cindy (Randy's wife) Wendel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Nick Picard.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



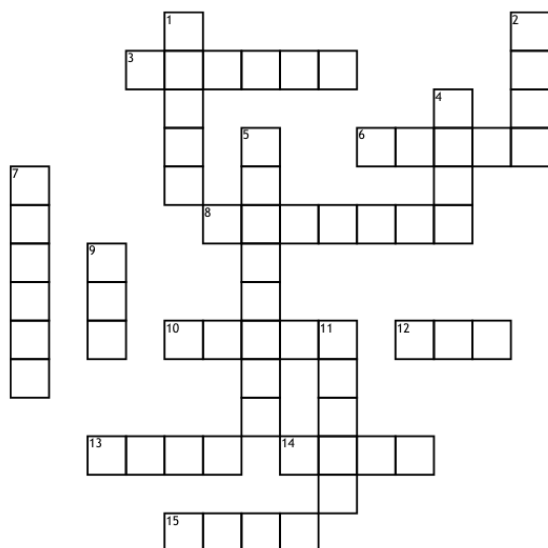
SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"In times of trial we should learn to judge, not by our feeling but by the Word of God. This Word promises us that every trial is only the eventide upon which the morning of comfort follows."

~Martin Luther~

On Isaiah 40

Lent



Creating new traditions doesn't need to just be for Christmas. Take time to answer these questions as a family. Start a new tradition.

Across

3. Where will meet Jesus again?
 6. How many days are in Lent?
 8. What means to be put to death on a cross?
 10. What did the soldiers put in Jesus hands and feet on the cross?
 12. Jesus suffered for us because we are born with original _____

13. What was the cross made of?

14. Where did the soldiers put Jesus' body when they took him down from the cross?

15. What happened to Jesus on the cross? He _____

Down

1. Who died on the cross for us?
 2. What is the name of Jesus' mother?

4. Jesus went to the desert so that he could _____

5. What is the name of the lady who wiped Jesus' face?

7. Where did Jesus go to pray for forty days?

9. How many times did Jesus fall when carrying the cross?

11. Who helped Jesus when He fell?

Word Bank

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| Forty | Jesus | Wood | Mary | Two |
| Simon | Veronica | died | desert | sin |
| Pray | Crucify | Nails | Heaven | Tomb |



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 St. John Meyersville

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