

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
February 25, 2024**

**We have
peace
with God
through
our Lord
Jesus
Christ.**

Romans 5:1



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Greeters This Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Greeters Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolyte This Week: Gracie Diebel

Acolyte Next Week: Morgan Zengerle

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:

“In the Hour of Trial”

LBW #106

**¹In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,
Lest by base denial I depart from thee.
When thou seest me waver, With a look recall;
Nor from fear or favor Suffer me to fall.**

**²With forbidden pleasures Should this vain world charm,
Or its sordid treasures Spread to work me harm,
Bring to my remembrance Sad Gethsemane,
Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.**

**³Should thy mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,
Or should pain attend me On my path below,
Grant that I may never Fail thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on thee.**

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,

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, 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

As We Gather

All four Gospels record the event in Gethsemane when the ear of the high priest's servant is cut off. Only John gives us names—Peter and Malchus. Our attention now is drawn to Gethsemane that night when Judas betrays Jesus as Peter cuts off the ear of Malchus. The chief priests, scribes, Judas, and Peter all seek power and control of the situation. Jesus—the only one with true power and authority—lays it down, as He also does with His life itself. In His resurrection, Jesus will take up His life again, reclaiming His power, control, and authority, which extends throughout the earth and heavens.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:1-5

¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 69:1-3, 13-14, 16-18

Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched.

My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

**Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.

Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-5

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

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 18:1–11

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

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

Gospel: John 18:1–11

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So He asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

LBW #93

¹Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain n life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

²Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see you wounded, bleeding, See your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace has taught us Calms the sinner’s deep distress.

³Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold your cross anew;
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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

**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.**

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.**

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.**

HYMN:

“Beautiful Savior”

LBW #518

¹Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

²Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

³Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

⁴Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY:

LBW #565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



1 Peter 5:10

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”



Today 2/25 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

Mon 2/26 Office Closed

Tues 2/27 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 2/28 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

Thurs 2/29 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours

Fri 3/01 Office Closed

Next Sun. Third 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
Called Congregational Meeting
After Church

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.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 General \$860.00, MOM (Feb.) – Warriors Weekend \$ 80.00, Building \$75.00, Youth \$10.00 **Total: \$1,025.00**

Attendance: Worship – 50

February 18, 2024 General \$2,031.00, MOM (Jan.) – Boys & Girls Club of Cuero \$50.00, MOM (Feb.) – Warriors Weekend \$ 325.00, Other Mission – SOLA \$125.00, Sunday School \$22.03, Cemetery \$10.00, NALC Warehouse \$100.00, Old Stone Church \$10.00, Building \$80.00, Youth \$10.00 **Total: \$2,763.03**

Attendance: Worship – 78, Sunday School - 7 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 9

*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.

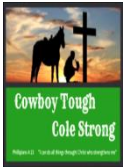


Congregational Meeting

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.

*Thinking of You
with Sympathy*

**We keep the family of Curtis Weise in our prayers.
May God comfort his family at this time of loss.**



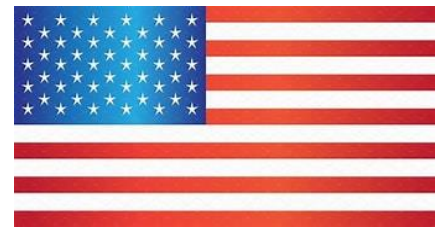
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole ❤️

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, Ryler James Jacob



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



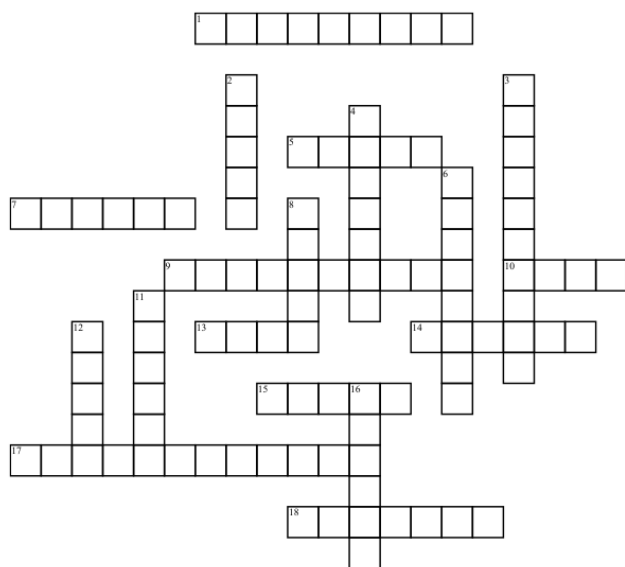
SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"The Cross is the shame and the great indignity which Christ innocently suffered... The shame and persecution endured for righteousness' sake is the cross of Christ. This is why true Christians must be dubbed heretics and evildoers. They must be so condemned, despised, and judged by all that everybody wipes his feet on them."

~Martin Luther~

Sermon, October 22, 1522

LENTEN CROSSWORD



Did you start that new tradition?

Remember creating new traditions doesn't need to just be for Christmas. Take time to answer these questions as a family. Here's a new puzzle to complete together as a family.

Across

1. ASH _____
5. The Christian holy book
7. Jesus entered Jerusalem on this animal
9. Day in Lent recalling Jesus' death (2 words)
10. Branches waved at Jesus upon his entry into Jerusalem
13. Was with Jesus at the cross

14. Jesus prayed for 40 days here

15. What Jesus died upon

17. We spend Lent preparing for Jesus death and _____

18. Giving to _____ is a good Lenten practice

Down

2. What Jesus shed for our sins

3. Holy Communion started after this

4. To go without

6. The final week of Lent (2 words)

8. Number of days in LENT

11. Season after Lent

12. Disciple who betrayed Jesus

16. PALM _____



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St. John Meyersville

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