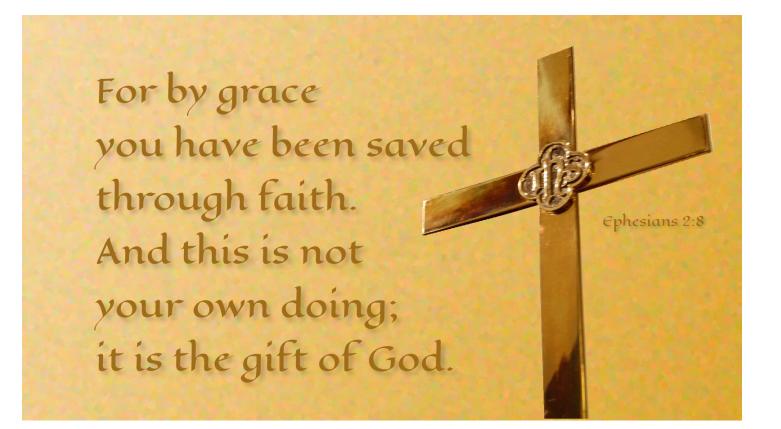
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, Texas March 10, 2024



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024

Greeters This Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge Greeters Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander Acolyte This Week: Lane Moritz Acolyte Next Week: Kinley Nessel Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank Altar Guild Next Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays



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!

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 \clubsuit 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:

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

LBW #107

¹Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land, A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way, From the burning of the noontide heat And burdens of the day.

²Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see The very dying form of one Who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess: The wonder of his glorious love And my unworthinesss.

³I take, O cross, your shadow For my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face; Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss, My sinful self my only shame, My glory all, the cross.

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, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; 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

Barabbas was a heartless, brutal criminal with anger in his heart and blood on his hands. Custom dictated that Pontius Pilate should release one prisoner at the feast of Passover. Pilate knows Jesus is innocent and tries to get the crowd to ask for Jesus' release, but the crowd calls instead for Barabbas. The crowd condemns the innocent Jesus and demands that the guilty Barabbas receive a pardon. We are Barabbas. We are guilty and sinful and deserving of death. But we are also Barabbas in that Jesus takes our place, takes our punishment, and sets us free.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:11–12

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 102:18–22

Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that He looked down from His holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem His praise,

when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:15–18

¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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 18:33-40

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter. **C Glory to you, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

Gospel: John 18:33-40

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice." ³⁸Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in Him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

L The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LBW #482

¹When I survey the wondrous cross On which the prince of glory died; My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

²Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

³See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

⁴Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all! 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.

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

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.**

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

C Amen

HYMN:

"Lord, I Need You"

Lord I come, I confess Bowing here, I find my rest Without You, I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour, I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are And where You are, Lord, I am free Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour, I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You Every hour, I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You My one defense, my righteousness Oh God, how I need You

Songwriters: Matt Maher, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Paul Stanfill, Christy L. Nockels. For non-commercial use only.

P 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

Today 3/10 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. **Confirmation Class** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Psalm 46:1 9:00 a.m. Adult Study God is our refuge and 10:15 a.m. Worship strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Mon 3/11 Office Closed Tues 3/12 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours Wed 3/13 Office Hours 8:00 a.m.1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor 12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 1:30 p.m. **Ouilters** Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. **Thurs 3/14** 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Office Hours** 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours Fri 3/15 Office Closed **Scholarship Deadline TODAY!**

Next Sun. Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. **Confirmation Class** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study Worship with Communion 10:15 a.m. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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.

Wednesday Lenten Service February 28, 2024 General \$411.00, MOM (Feb.) – Warriors Weekend \$20.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$150.00, Building \$100.00, Total: \$701.00 Attendance: Worship – 23

March 3, 2024 General \$3,636.00, MOM (Feb.) – Warriors Weekend \$ 20.00, MOM (March) – Camal House \$500.00, Cemetery \$300.00, NALC Warehouse \$100.00, Old Stone Church \$70.00, SS Mission \$16.82, Building \$1,435.00, Organ \$20.00 Total: \$6,097.82

Attendance: Worship – 69, Sunday School - 8 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 10

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









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

Mission of the Month for March

Camal House

CAMAL (Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance) House is an outreach of the Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance. The CAMAL HOUSE is staffed entirely by volunteers and has been in service to the community for over 30 years. Maintained by donations from the Cuero Community, it is able to provide for over 420 needy families within Cuero and is located at 209 W. Main St. in Cuero.

For the month of March, the collection is FILLED FLOOD BUCKETS (see Cathie for a bucket to fill).

NALC Disaster Response What's in a Flood Bucket?

1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea. (Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)
1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll
1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.
1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00
1 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea.
2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around......
2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths......

<u>THE COUNTDOWN IS ON</u>

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.



ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The biannual meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7 PM, in the Sanctuary. PLEASE at least one member from each team is asked to attend for questions, reminders, and/or changes in procedures. Thank you, Carol Ann!

+ 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)

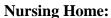
Our Military and their families:

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, Jason Frederick



Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus





SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"Christ alone is, and He alone remains, the Bread of Life. This Bread gives the world eternal life and abolishes death. If He (Christ) gives the world eternal life, it follows that He must drive away death; for the world is born in sin and death and is the devil's own."

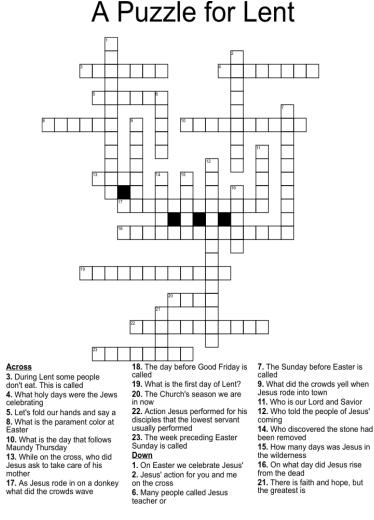
~Martin Luther~

Sermon from November 26,1530

Lent Wordsearch

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christians	baptism	flood	israelites
forty	triduum	easter	Lent
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