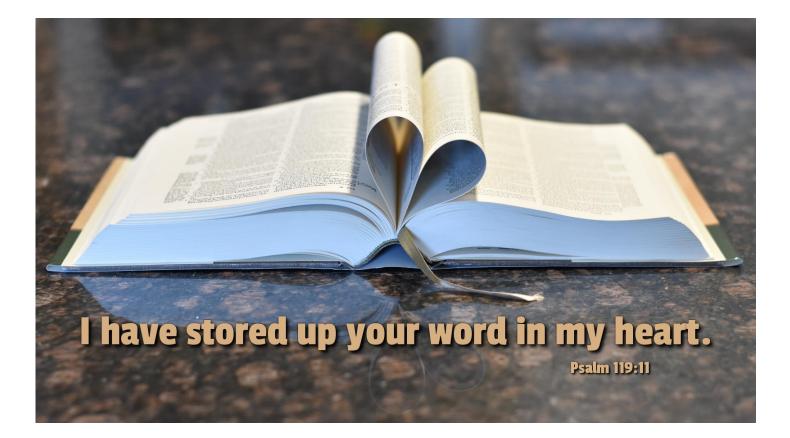
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Meyersville, Texas March 17, 2024



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

Greeters This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt Greeters Next Week: The Hays Family Reader This Week: Dwight Jander Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge Acolyte This Week: Kinley Nessel Acolyte Next Week: Shelby Newman 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!

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 ℜ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LBW #95

¹Glory be to Jesus, Who, in bitter pains, Poured for me the life-blood From his sacred veins.

²Grace and life eternal In that blood I find; Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.

³Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream Which from endless torment Did the world redeem.

⁴Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

⁵Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high, Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

⁶Lift we then our voices, Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood.

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 favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

As We Gather

Pontius Pilate, a witness to Christ, consented to order Jesus' execution. Pilate may wash his hands and proclaim his own innocence in the death of Jesus, but Pilate is guilty. Pilate is caught between a rock and a hard place. Instead of doing what is right, Pilate has Jesus' flesh ripped, shredded, dressed in purple, and crowned with thorns. His hard heart is complicit in the death of Christ. While it may be an uncomfortable thought, Pilate's failures make us examine our own complicity in the evil of others. How have we deceived ourselves in proclaiming innocence? How have we been pressured into allowing evil to occur? Thanks be to God that our journey to the cross shows us Jesus' forgiveness.

First Reading: Ezekiel 11:17-21

¹⁷"Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.' ¹⁸And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. ¹⁹And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰that they may walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²¹But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 26

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,

proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 19:1-16

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 19th chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord. (*Sung*)

Gospel: John 19:1-16

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. ³They came up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck Him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰So Pilate said to Him, "You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

¹What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms;

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

²Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

³What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms;

Refrain

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 dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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

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C Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry 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 $\mathbf{\Psi}$ 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

•		<u>JOHN</u>	
Isaiah 44:4 "They (your descendants) will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams."	Today 3/17	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	ent Confirmation Class Sunday School Adult Study Worship with Communion
	Mon 3/18	Office Closed 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	4-H Meeting Finance Team Mtg.
	Tues 3/19	8:00 a.m1:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor's Office Hours Bi-Annual Altar Guild Mtg.
Pent	Wed 3/20	Office Closed 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilters Mission/Evangelism Mtg. Lenten Service
	Thurs 3/21	***Committee R	enorts Due***
	111150,21	8:00 a.m2:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor's Office Hours
	Fri 3/22 ***Newsletter Deadline***		adline***
	F11 3/22	8:00 a.m1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	Next Sun.	Palm Sunday	
		9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
Have a Blessed Week!		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
		10:15 a.m.	Worship
		4:00 p.m.	Decorating of Easter Cross
			All are asked to bring artificial flowers!

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN

ome church

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, March 6, 2024 Offering information not available at time of printing. Attendance: Worship -31

March 10, 2024 Offering information not available at time of printing. Attendance: Worship - 61, Sunday School - 2 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 5



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).



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!

Living Last Supper

On Thursday, March 28th, 2024, at 7:00 PM, many individuals will come together to reenact the Last Supper here in the sanctuary of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church. Please join us in celebrating Maundy Thursday as these individuals bring the Last Supper to life in present day. It will be an event that will impact you in a way you never imagined.

Thank You

We just wanted to say thank you to St. John's for the beautiful anniversary card and to the many people who wished us congratulations on our 50th wedding anniversary. Each kind word was much appreciated. We also want to say thank you for the use of the Old Stone Church as a place to have our Affirmation of Vows. We feel blessed to be a part of this congregation.

~Dianna & George Soliz

AN IRISH BLESSING

"MAY GOD GRANT YOU ALWAYS... A SUNBREAM TO WARM YOU, A MOONBEAM TO CHARM YOU, A SHELTERING ANGEL SO NOTHING CAN HARM YOU. LAUGHTER TO CHEER YOU, FAITHFUL FRIENDS NEAR YOU, AND WHENEVER YOU PRAY, HEAVEN TO HEAR YOU."





+ 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, Ryler James Jacob, Jason Frederick, Billy Guenther



Nursing Home: Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



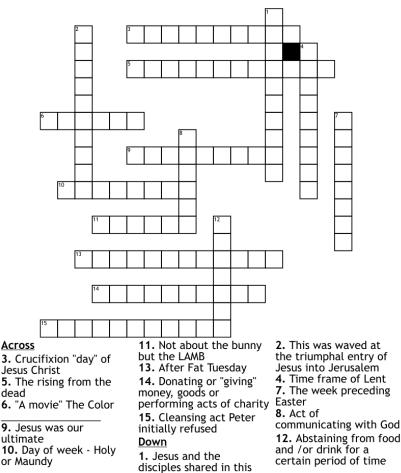
SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"One Christian who has been tried is worth a hundred who have not been tried, for the blessing of God grows in trials. He who has experienced them can teach, comfort, and advise many in bodily and spiritual matters."

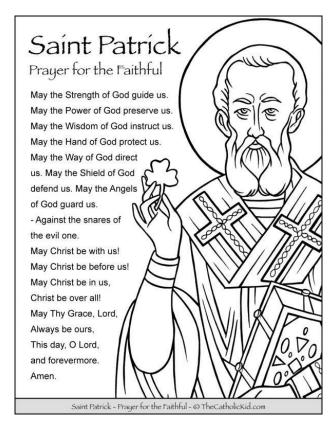
~Martin Luther~

Exposition on Genesis 27, WA 43

On The Road To The Cross



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