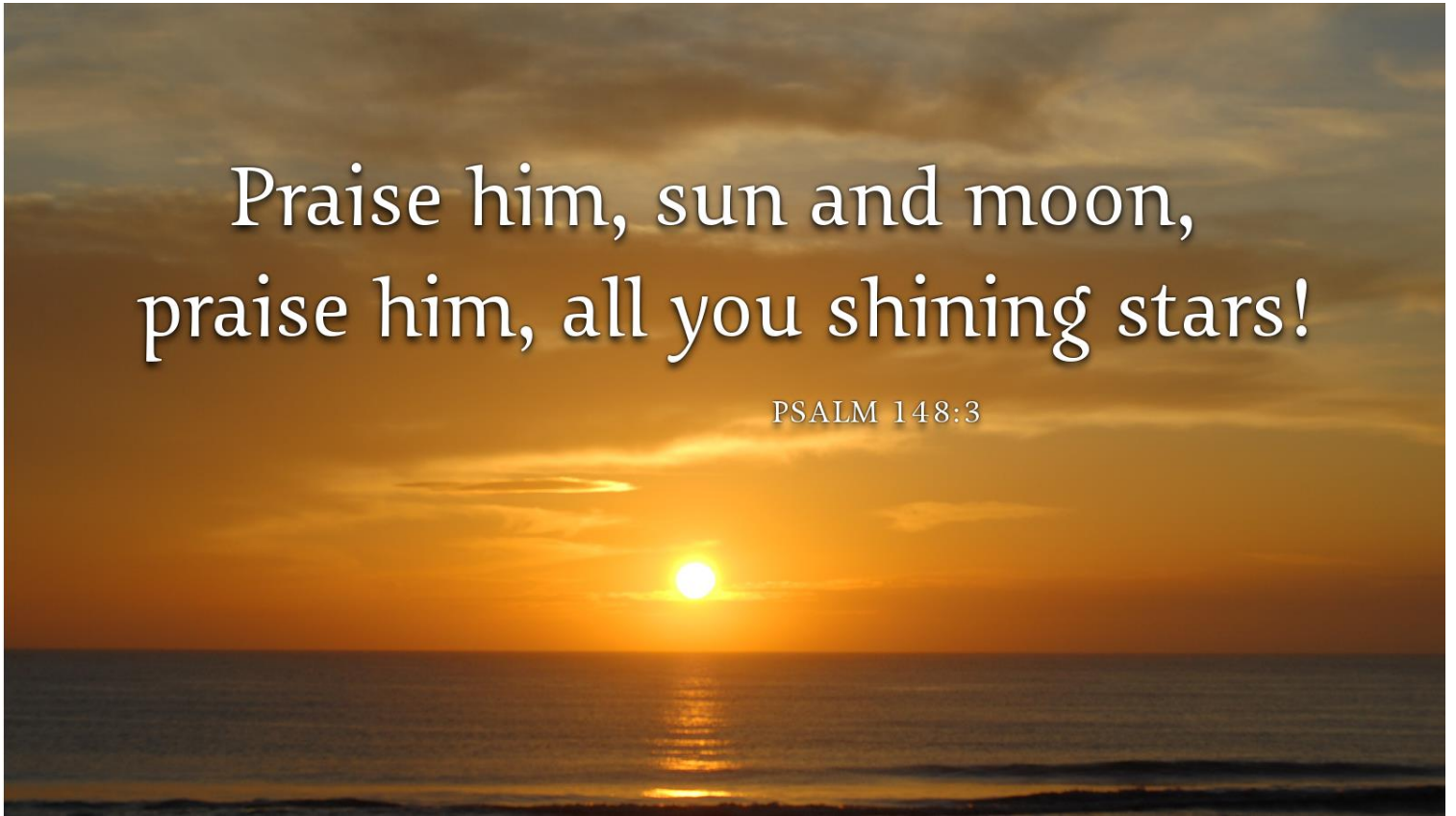


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Meyersville, Texas**  
**April 7, 2024**

Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

PSALM 148:3



## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024**

**Greeters This Week:** Dianna & George Soliz

**Greeters Next Week:** Cathie & Dickie Bettge

**Reader This Week:** Neal Moritz

**Reader Next Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Acolyte This Week:** Gracie Diebel

**Acolyte Next Week:** Morgan Zengerle

**Altar Guild This Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**Altar Guild Next Month:** M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank



**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. 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:**

*“Thine Is the Glory”*

*LBW #145*

<sup>1</sup>Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won!  
Angles in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where thy body lay.

*Refrain:*

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu’ring Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won!

<sup>2</sup>Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

<sup>3</sup>No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;  
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu’rors, Through the deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above. *Refrain*

## **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.**

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**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**C Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. 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**

John's gospel message for the Second Sunday of Easter is one that highlights faith in what is unseen. Thomas, who was absent when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, vowed not to believe in a risen Jesus unless he could see, touch, and speak to him in person. This is a common human response to things we cannot understand, and yet the very nature of faith is rooted in the act of believing without seeing.

### **First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>**He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Stand as you are able*

### **GOSPEL VERSE**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **Gospel: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

### **MESSAGE**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**<sup>1</sup>The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor’s triumph won!  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

**<sup>2</sup>The pow’rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**<sup>3</sup>The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!**

**<sup>4</sup>He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise triumph tell. Alleluia!**

**<sup>5</sup>Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,  
From death’s sting free your servants too,  
That we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles’ Creed

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Isaiah 43:19

“See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not  
perceive it? I am making a  
way in the wilderness and  
streams in the wasteland.”



Happy Birthday,  
Pastor John!

### Today 4/07 **Second Sunday of Easter**

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 4/08** Office Closed

**Tues 4/09** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 4/10** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor  
12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 4/11** 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours

**Fri 4/12** Office Closed

### Next Sun. **Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship-Church Under the Trees/  
Grave Decoration/ Potluck  
After Church Parish Ed Mtg.

*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.*



*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*

## **OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

### Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Attendance: Worship – 109

### Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Attendance: Worship – 42

Sunrise Service, March 31, 2024 MOM (March) – Camal House \$100.00, Youth \$235.00, **Total: \$335.00**

Attendance: Worship – 53

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 General \$7,744.00, MOM (March) – Camal House \$5.00, Sunday School \$300.55, Cemetery \$100.00, Building \$70.00 **Total: \$8,219.55**

Attendance: Worship – 118, Sunday School - 14 Children, 3 Teachers

**Mission of the Month for April**  
**Huntsville Hospitality House**

a non-profit located in Huntsville, Texas

It was built by volunteers to meet the needs of the increasing number of prison offender families that arrive without funds for lodging and food. It was the first overnight facility of its kind in Texas. Up to 64 guests can be accommodated overnight in 18 private bedrooms. Hot meals such as supper and breakfast are offered. They provide a pathway of hope beyond the shadow of crime for families of the incarcerated.

**For the month of April, the collection is FILLED FLOOD BUCKETS (see Cathie for a bucket to fill) for the warehouse in Rosenberg.**

**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.....**

**NALC Disaster Response**

If you would like to give a monetary donation to those affected by the Texas Panhandle Fires, please send a check to the following address:

NALC Disaster Response, ATTN: Mary Bates  
16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, OH 43724

Make sure to mark it for the Texas Panhandle Fires.

If you have any questions, see Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt.

**Service Project Committee**

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex of the Church if you would like to be a part of our Service Project Committee. There are just a few vacant spots. Please consider how you could serve St. John Church. If you have any questions, please speak to Cathie Bettge. Thank you!



**Prayer Chain**

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the Church. Please sign up to renew your desire to continue on the prayer chain and/or to join the prayer chain. We need you to help us to continue to make changes through prayer in people's lives. Thank You!



## Camp Lone Star

**Parents - if your child is interested in attending Camp Lone Star this summer, please contact Rachel Nessel ASAP at (361) 571-9228.**

### 2024 Spring Gathering for the Women of the NALC of the South Texas Mission District

The gathering will be held Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Three Rivers. The theme for the day will be "The Fruit of the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. They will have guest speakers, a bible study, worship with Holy Communion, lots of fellowship, door prizes, and lots to eat. Registration & hospitality will start at 8:30 AM, gathering with begin at 9:30 AM, and end around 3:00 PM. Registration cost is \$20/person, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Registration form must be returned to Our Savior Lutheran Church by Friday, April 5, 2024, so plans can be made for the meal. Please make checks payable to Our Savior Lutheran Church Women. A monetary offering will be received and presented to Live Oak County Chld Welfare Board, who are the guest speakers. They would also like to request a physical offering of throw blankets (any size, rolled up) to go to NALC Disaster Relief. Please call or text Sandra Liska at 361-449-7196 with any questions you may have about the gathering. Please send registration fees to Sandra Liska, Treasurer, 100 CR 305, George West, TX 78022. See the Narthex for registration forms. PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024 if you are interested.

### REGIONAL GET-TOGETHER

The Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region of the NALC invite you to their first regional get-together July 23-25, 2024 at the Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple, Texas.

**The DEADLINE for early bird registration is April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

The Get-Together will start with dinner on Tuesday evening and conclude with worship on Thursday morning. Your registration includes accommodations, all meals, daily worship opportunities, keynote presentations, workshops, and activities.

If you have questions, call Pastor Becky Thane @ 201-572-8073  
or email her at [BeckyThane@aol.com](mailto:BeckyThane@aol.com)

There is an email posted on the Narthex bulletin board about the speaker and workshops available. Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot.

### Note From Pr. Ralph W. Reitmeyer

Greetings to All in this Easter Season:

I have recently become aware that our Mission District Treasurer, Pr. Jan Unger, wishes to turn that role over to someone else. Jan has done yeoman's labor in this role for a number of years, especially as she has served in this role for all three mission districts in the mission region, and we are thankful for her service.

Please know that she would like to relinquish this position soon. So, if there is a qualified person in your congregation(s) who would be willing to serve in this capacity, please pass this name and contact information on to me as soon as you can.

Blessings

Pr. Ralph W. Reitmeyer, Dean  
Southwest Texas Mission District

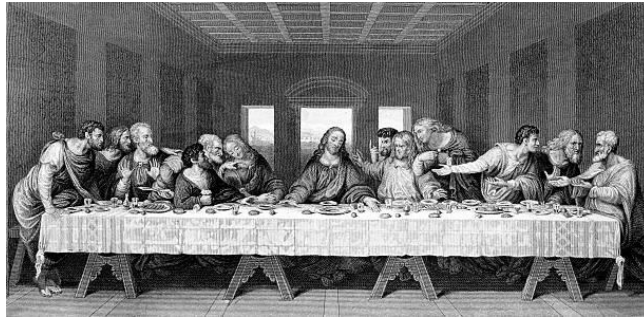


### Church Workday

Thank you to all who gave of their time yesterday to enhance the beauty of our church and its grounds. Your generosity and dedication are greatly appreciated.

## **Easter Sunday Services & Fellowship**

Thank you to all who were involved with the beautiful Sunrise Service, delicious breakfast, delightfully educational Sunday School activities, and an awesome Easter Sunday Service. We had quite a few visitors and all who were involved shared our love for our Lord and Savior. Awesome job everyone!



## **LIVING LAST SUPPER MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*thank  
you!*

A thousand thank-yous and overwhelming gratitude for the help and support shown by all that played a part in making the presentation of the “Living Last Supper” a very special part of St John’s observance of Maundy Thursday. There is a risk in trying to name everyone, in that I may leave someone out. I apologize in advance should that be the case, but here goes my attempt. First thank you for the support of the Worship Team which allowed us to pursue the Living Last Supper’s revival, as it was last presented 20 years ago, in 2004. Secondly, and most importantly thank you to the amazing cast members. The veterans, from the last presentation, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Mike Cowley & Mitchell Jank. The “new kids on the block” Caden & Dwight Jander, Hudson & Jeff Zengerle, Jason Ohrt, Rick Garrett, Kyle Newman & Hayden Leist. And finally, two who stepped up in our “hour of need”, Obert Sagebiel and Cord Hansen. Thank you also to others who planned to be a part of the cast but due to unexpected circumstances were unable to. Thanks to Bev Bodden and Virginia Jank for narrating and Carol Ann Sagebiel for assisting with the costumes and getting them on the correct characters. Extra thanks for Bev baking the unleavened bread and altar guild, Virginia and Betty Diebel, for making the Holy Communion part to the service work in the middle of the production. Additional thanks to cast members and “innocent bystanders” who moved pews and helped get the stage set up and tore down. Thanks to Don Wendel who is always there to lend a helping hand and made sure the church is ready for whatever we throw his way. Thank you, Meliss, for making a real bulletin out of an idea and a rough draft. Thank you, Pastor John for your support and encouragement when I was near pronouncing ‘time of death’ on the whole project. Finally, and without a doubt a huge thank you to Virgie Gohmert, who initiated the original production here at St John so many years ago. Without her vision for the first production and excellent record keeping of every nuance of this special service we could not have begun to attempt and undertaking such as this. Lastly thank you to all who attended the service and made this a worthwhile meaningful endeavor.

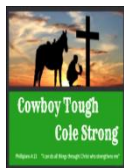
~Johnny Paul Jank~



**Happy Belated Anniversary Wishes to Pastor John & Brenda  
who celebrated their 11<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary yesterday!  
Wishing you many more happy years together!**

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

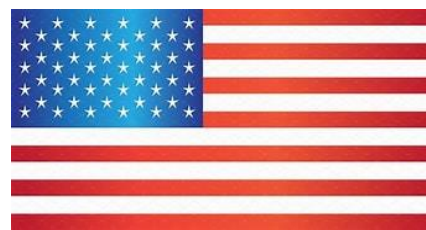
**+ UPDATE + *Special Prayers for Cole*** ❤️



**Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:** Hello everyone. As usual I will start this post with an apology for my absence. I have no excuse other than I'm a really bad Facebooker. But I should be better for no other reason than I owe it to all of you praying for Cole to give you regular updates. Cole is doing well other than a swollen, purple big toe he recently acquired while his crazy parents drove his wheelchair into the back of the church pew (I won't mention which one of us it was). Other than that I am so happy to say Cole has been staying very healthy. This in itself is a huge blessing considering all the complications that can come with this injury. I give all the credit to the amazing care he receives from his nurses. He really has the best we could have ever asked for. Cole and I were talking the other day to one of our newer nurses about some of the benefits that have been thrown for Cole since his accident. By the time I got through telling her about the first team roping fundraiser and the big benefit at Schroeder and the bidding on Cole's Stock show heifers the year he got hurt we were both in tears. I was completely overwhelmed again by the generosity that has been shown and continues to be shown to us by family, friends, and this community. When I let myself think about it I just can't stop the tears—tears of joy, sadness, and gratefulness all at the same time. So I really don't like to cry so I rarely let myself ponder on this for too long but maybe that's selfish. So tonight as tears are freely flowing I just want to thank everyone in this amazing community again from the bottom of my heart. No words can I say to express my gratitude to each and every one of you who have helped us on this journey. We can never repay you for all you have done. The only thing we know to do is pay it forward by helping others through Cole's foundation, offering a helping hand wherever we can, or just offering our prayers for all of you when you need it. I only hope we can do half as good a job as all of you have. God bless you and keep praying for Cole's healing—it's coming. P.S. – I promise to try and be better about posting more regularly. **+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+ At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list: *Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual To help family stay strong Patience ~ Stay positive ~The drive to keep trying (perseverance)***

## **Our Military and their families:**

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, stationed overseas (location unknown)  
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force  
Michael Petrash II - 1<sup>st</sup> 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



## **PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):**

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. 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.

## **CHURCH PRAYER LIST:**

**Please remember these individuals in your prayers:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Steve Cusack, Virginia Abrameit, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros, Cindy (Randy's wife) Wendel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Jason Frederick, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



## **Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The Church is the congregation of saints, in which the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments are rightly administered.

~ Augsburg Confession, Article VII ~



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