

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
May 12, 2024**



**Blessed is the man
whose delight**

**is in the law
of the Lord.**

Psalm 1

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 12, 2024

Greeters This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeters Next Week: The Hays Family

Reader This Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolyte This Week: Kaleigh Newman

Acolyte Next Week: Kinley Nessel

Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt



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!

*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: *Mother's Choice*

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 mercy 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

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

AS WE GATHER

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter the scripture lessons focus on the task at hand for the newly formed church. The eleven disciples need to find a replacement for the one who betrayed Jesus. This will be the beginning of their apostolic ministry to the world. We are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his followers before his death; a prayer that asks for the protection of his closest friends as they go out into the world without him at their side. They will not be alone, however. They will soon have the Holy Spirit.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

¹²{The apostles} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ““May his camp become

desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'" ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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!**

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy," RESPONSE "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

Please stand

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.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN: *Mother's Choice*

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY:

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**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



Happy Mother's Day to all of the very special mothers and motherly figures here at St. John! Have a wonderful & blessed day!!!

***She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.***

Proverbs 31:25

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

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| Today 5/12 | Seventh Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day! 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship |
| Mon 5/13 | 2:00 p.m.-4 p.m. Office Hours |
| Tues 5/14 | Office Closed |
| Wed 5/15 | 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters |
| Thurs 5/16 | 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours |
| Fri 5/17 | 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Office Hours |



Have a Blessed Week!

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| Next Sun. | Day of Pentecost Confirmation Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion |
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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.

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

Sunday, May 5, 2024 General \$3,219.00, MOM – Christian Warriors Retreat \$540.00, Cemetery \$50.00, Old Stone Church \$ 100.00, SS Mission 1st Sunday \$100.00, Building \$375.00, Organ \$20.00

Total: \$4,404.00

Attendance: Worship – 61, Sunday School - 2 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study - 9

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?

If so, contact the church office at stjohnelutheran@juno.com or by phone (361-277-8653) with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying. What a great stewardship idea!!!



Just wanted to let everyone know, I will be out of the office starting Tuesday, May 14, 2024. I will be having a partial knee replacement and should hopefully be back in 4 to 6 weeks; hopefully, sooner. M'Liss Moore will be filling in until I am back. Check the bulletin for hours she will be available. Thank you!

~Meliss Eckhardt~

Mission of the Month for May

Christian's Warriors Retreat

What is Christian Warriors Retreat?

Christian Warriors Retreat (CWR) is a Christian organization committed to serving our veterans, first responders, and their loving families. Our bi-annual retreats are currently held at the beautiful El Shaddai Ranch in Yorktown, Texas. Each of our four-day retreats starts on a Thursday night and ends on a Sunday afternoon. At each retreat, veterans and first responders are invited to stay onsite completely free of charge. Their lodging, meals, and snacks are provided for through the donation of our amazing financial supporters. Leaders and volunteers at CWR serve each guest with honor and attendees are integrated into CWR's family through live music and worship, powerful guest speakers, and small group gatherings designed to serve those who serve with the love and grace of God. Our organization has plans to launch CWR retreats in new locations throughout our nation.

For the month of May, the collection for the Rosenberg warehouse is straw brooms & string mops.

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.....

If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Marriage Date Night

A marriage date night will be held in three different locations here in Texas: San Marcos, Selma, and College Station. This is a great night out for couples, a night to reconnect and be reminded that you can have fun together as a couple. Two national comedians will perform and some great music by one musician will be provided. All three people will be LIVE and in person. If you are interested, more details are posted on the Narthex Bulletin Board. Sounds like a night of good clean fun for a couple or a group of couples.

St. John ~ Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 26, 2024 to honor & remember all Military Men & Women. We have a running list for the bulletin that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away in the past year, or you know of any new military personnel, please let the office know by calling or texting 361-277-8653 or by emailing us at stjohnelutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



Council Meeting, May 28th, 2024

On May 27th thru May 29th, we will be hosting the Primary Run-off Election in the Parish Hall. Due to this event, Council will be holding their meeting in the Parsonage on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024.

Graduation Sunday



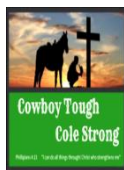
Graduation Sunday at St. John will be celebrated on Sunday, June 2, 2024. We will be recognizing all 2024 Kinder, 8th grade, High School & College Graduates during this time. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board or email: stjohnelutheran@juno.com with your graduate's information for the bulletin or drop it by the church office.

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 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 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

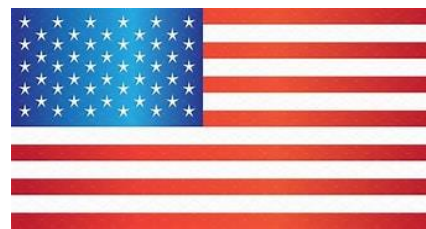
+ UPDATE + *Special Prayers for Cole*



Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone! Hope you are all doing well. Cole back up and walking again on his machine after laying off for six weeks with a broken big toe. He's been staying busy getting ready for one of his favorite events of the year—the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Camo and Purse Bingo. He takes pride in shopping for all the men's gifts and he's known for picking some really nice stuff! I'm so proud of him for getting so involved in helping with this huge fundraiser. He truly enjoys watching his foundation help others in the community. We've all heard it said God will bring good out of any trial or tribulation but this is the first time I've ever experienced it personally. If you've ever been to this event, you've seen how God is doing exactly that on a grand scale! Before I close, I would like to ask for special prayers for three beautiful friends who are battling cancer right now. Erica was my college roommate and close friend and is fighting brain cancer. Judith is fighting colon cancer, and Ross, a missionary we met in China is fighting esophageal cancer. They are all in need of your prayers and Cole has the best prayer warriors in the world so I'm asking all of you. Thank you and God Bless. **+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
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, Meliss Eckhardt; 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

But we say, that we are to hear that word from the mouth of Christ only. He that hears and believes this, has rightly the truth of God which sanctifies without any hypocritical show: for if you believe his word, then you can hold fast no hope or confidence in your own reason and wisdom, nor in your strength and works...

- Martin Luther -

Great Confession on the Lord's Supper, 1528



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, today, we pray for mothers everywhere.

Bless moms who are expecting a baby. Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe. Bless mothers who have babies and toddlers and are in a busy season of bottles, sippy cups, and endless laundry. Give strength to moms of little ones. They need it, Lord.

Bless mothers who have busy school-aged children. Gift them with an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity, and mold young hearts.

Bless mothers who parent teens. Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required.

Bless mothers of adult children that they would savor the joy of friendship with their child.

Bless single mothers with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives.

Bless moms who are married that they would care for their children by making their husbands a priority.

Bless grandmothers who have the double blessing of being both mother and grandmother.

May they spoil their grandkids with abandon.

We pray peace for mothers who have lost a child and for women who are grieving because of infertility.

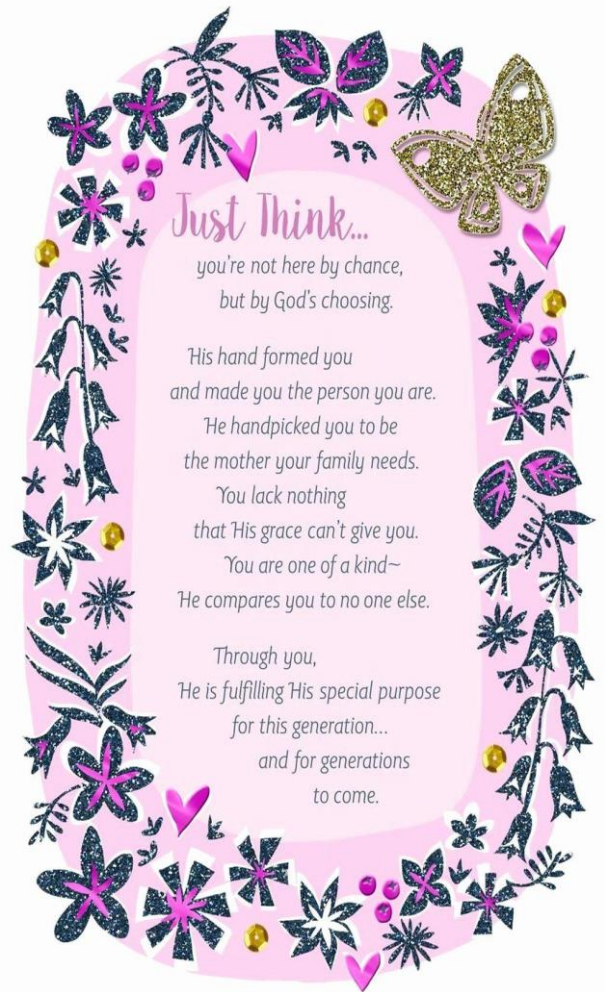
Give us eyes to see women around us who struggle to mother well. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus to them.

Thank you for our mothers. They gave us life and for that gift we are forever grateful.

We pray for mothers everywhere.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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