

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
November 17, 2024**



*In your  
presence  
is fullness  
of joy.*

Psalm 16:11

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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, November 17, 2024**

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

**Greeters Next Week:** The Hays Family

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Wanda Hays

**Acolyte This Week:** Kinley Nessel

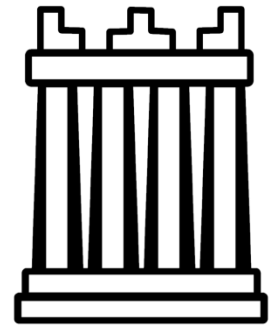
**Acolyte Next Week:** Shelby Newman

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**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:** "Prelude No. 3"

*By J.S. Bach*

**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:** "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

*LBW #316*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, the very thought of you Fills us with sweet delight;  
But sweeter far your face to view And rest within your light.

<sup>2</sup>No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall  
A sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!

<sup>3</sup>O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!

<sup>4</sup>O Jesus, be our joy today; Help us to prize your love;  
Grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."

**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**

## **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 Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. 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**

The Christian Church is no stranger to trials and suffering. Still, we are shocked and grieved each time we turn on the news and hear of faithful disciples who are being martyred around the world. Jesus taught his disciples that this trouble was coming, that his followers would be hated because of him. He also promised to be with us always; he is our refuge and strength, our hope and eternity. Hold fast!

### **First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 16**

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my LORD, my good above all other.”

**<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25**

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

*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: Mark 13:1-13**

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Mark 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>As {Jesus} came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup>But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

***“In the Morning When I Rise”***

**WOV #777**

**<sup>1</sup>In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

***Refrain:***

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.**

**<sup>2</sup>Dark . . . midnight was my cry, dark . . . midnight was my cry,  
dark . . . midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. [Refrain]**

**<sup>3</sup>Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. [Refrain]**

<sup>4</sup>Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Jesus. [*Refrain*]

<sup>5</sup>And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Jesus. [*Refrain*]

*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:****“Andante Cantabile”****P. I. Tchaikovsky***(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:**

*"Prelude in G Minor"*

*J. S. Bach*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



### Psalm 34:8

“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.”

<b>Today 11/17</b>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion

<b>Mon 11/18</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting

<b>Tues 11/19</b>	10:00 a.m.	CAMAL House
	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Office Hours

<b>Wed 11/20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Old Stone Church Meeting
	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	Mission/Evg. Team Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study

<b>Thurs 11/21</b>	9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours
	*** <i>Committee Reports Due</i> ***	

<b>Fri 11/22</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	*** <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> ***	

### **Next Sun. Christ the King Sunday**

9:00 a.m.	Confirmation
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship
3:00 p.m.	Church Christmas Decorating

*Have a Blessed Week!*



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.



*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.*

## **OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday, November 10, 2024** General \$4,293.00, MOM – Christmas Families \$650.00, Samaritan’s Purse \$600.00, Sunday School \$40.00, Cemetery \$150.00, Old Stone Church \$100.00, Building \$3,060.00, Youth \$50.00, Organ \$100.00, Gen. Basement Supplies/Furnishings \$500.00, OCC Postage/Shipping \$20.00

**Total: \$9,563.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 81, Sunday School - 6 Children, 3 Teacher, Adult Study – 11

## **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](mailto: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!!!



## **NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG**

If you are giving a donation to one of these warehouses, please indicate which one. This designation must be made in order for the funds to be sent to your donation, Minnesota or Texas. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

### **Mission of the Month for November - Christmas Families**

*"Pray for those in crisis, for all volunteers and relief workers, and for God's love to be shared through acts of service."*

Mary Bates, national disaster coordinator, is requesting gift cards from Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot, and Tractor Supply in any amount if you would like to help. St. John will collect gift cards and monetary donations which will be sent to NALC Disaster Response National Warehouse. Please keep our brothers and sisters in prayer. If you have any questions, contact Cathie Bettge.

**Additional Donations:** We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles as well as prayer books. Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-**

*Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God!*

*All youth are welcome — we'd love to see you there!*

***"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."***

*~Proverbs 22:6~*



**Each Sunday - Portals of Prayer -** October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.



### **Sunday, November 17, 2024 – Deadline to Order Poinsettias**

Just a reminder: **TODAY** is the last day to order your Poinsettias to have placed in the church to honor or remember your loved ones at Christmas. They are \$15.00 each. Forms are in the Narthex. Make checks payable to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, and place the form and your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.



### **Sunday, November 17, 2024 – SCUBA Christmas Program Practice Begins**

Practice began today, Sunday, November 17, 2024 during Sunday School for the SCUBA Christmas Program. Practice will be held every Sunday during Sunday School from 9 to 10 a.m. and then dress rehearsal will take place the morning of the program. To ensure your child is well-prepared for the program, we encourage attendance at as many Sunday School classes as possible before the program on Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 6 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Rachel Nessel, Kathy Dunn, or Joie Stiles-Caskey. Thank you!



### **Wednesday, November 20, 2024 – Old Stone Church Meeting**

The Old Stone Church Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. This is a change from the Newsletter Calendar. Thank you!



**Sunday, November 24, 2024 -3:00 P.M. - Decorating of Church for Christmas**

Plans are being made to decorate the church for Christmas on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 3:00 p.m... Watch bulletins for further details. Thank you!



**Wednesday, November 27, 2024 – 9:00 A.M. - Cornucopia**

Donations of garden fresh items as well as store bought items of fruits and vegetables are very much appreciated and can be brought to the church at 9:00-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. Volunteers will assemble the cornucopia for the Thanksgiving Eve service. You may pick your items up after the Thanksgiving Service.



**Wednesday, November 27, 2024 – 7:00 P.M. – Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Please join us on Thanksgiving Eve to thank the Lord for all He has given and done for us this year!



**Exciting news — Youth Group**

Our Youth Group will be starting up again in early January and will meet monthly. More details to come soon!



**December 6-8, 2024 – TLU’s Christmas Vespers 2024, titled “When All Is Still”**

Performances are scheduled for December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m., and December 8 at 4 p.m. in Jackson Auditorium. The event is open to the public and tickets are free but required. Beginning November 1, they can be picked up at the TLU Bookstore or reserved online at [tlu.edu/vespers](http://tlu.edu/vespers) or by calling 830-372-8063. There will be an additional performance on December 15 at 4 p.m. at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church in Austin. No tickets are required for the Austin performance.

## + Church is Fun +

Word Search

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Word list:

BELIEF	FRIENDSHIP	JOY
BLESSINGS	GIVING	LOVE
CHRIST	GOD	MERCY
CHURCH	GRACE	OBEDIENCE
COMPASSION	GUIDANCE	PATIENCE
COURAGE	HEALING	PEACE
ETERNAL	HEAVEN	SALVATION
FAITH	HOLY	SPIRIT
FAITHFULNESS	HOPE	TRUTH
FORGIVENESS	JESUS	WISDOM

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Let us  
Come to Him with

**THANKSGIVING**

Let us sing

**PSALMS**

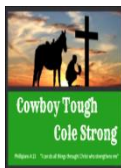
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Psalm 95:2

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 27,2024): Cole and I

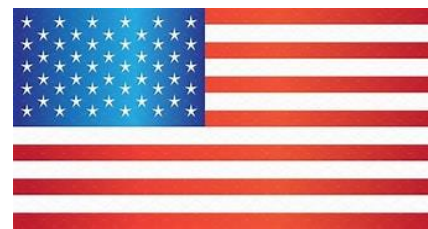


and our family want to send out a huge thank you to Justin Shelton for throwing another amazing team roping benefit for Cole last weekend! He continues to do this for Cole every year and it means so much to Cole and our family. We also want to thank all those who help put together and run this event including Tommy and Shelly Marbach, Amy Burnett, and many others working behind the scenes. Also we are thankful to all the sponsors and to all who donated to make this event a great success. And last but not least thank you to all who came and roped and to all who showed up to show their love and support for Cole. We are so blessed to be loved by such an amazing community. I also want to thank Rich Skelton, Nick Sabian, and Jody Starr for donating the roping schools and fishing trips. We auctioned them off today at the high school rodeo and they did amazing. May God bless each and every one of you for your love and generosity ♥

**+ 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  
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina  
Zach McBrayer – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, U.S. Air Force, Germany



## **For Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Shepherd and defender of our souls, we pray you would protect and bless those who serve in places of conflict, and for the sake of others, must stand in harm's way. Keep those who serve in armed forces around the world safe in your keeping [especially ...]. Bring them home in safety to their loved ones. Grant healing, courage, and peace of heart to those who return from deployment with wounds both visible and invisible. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

## **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, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow, James Turner, Pat Hays, Dot Ball, Tristan Benignus, Rev. Dr. Amy Little, Micky McDougld, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, Feather Diebel, David Diebel, Jay Bramlette; 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

We, together with all our gifts, however great they may be, are nothing if God is not at our side. If He withdraws His hand, our wisdom, knowledge, etc., amount to nothing.

~ Martin Luther~

Exposition on Galatians 2:13



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