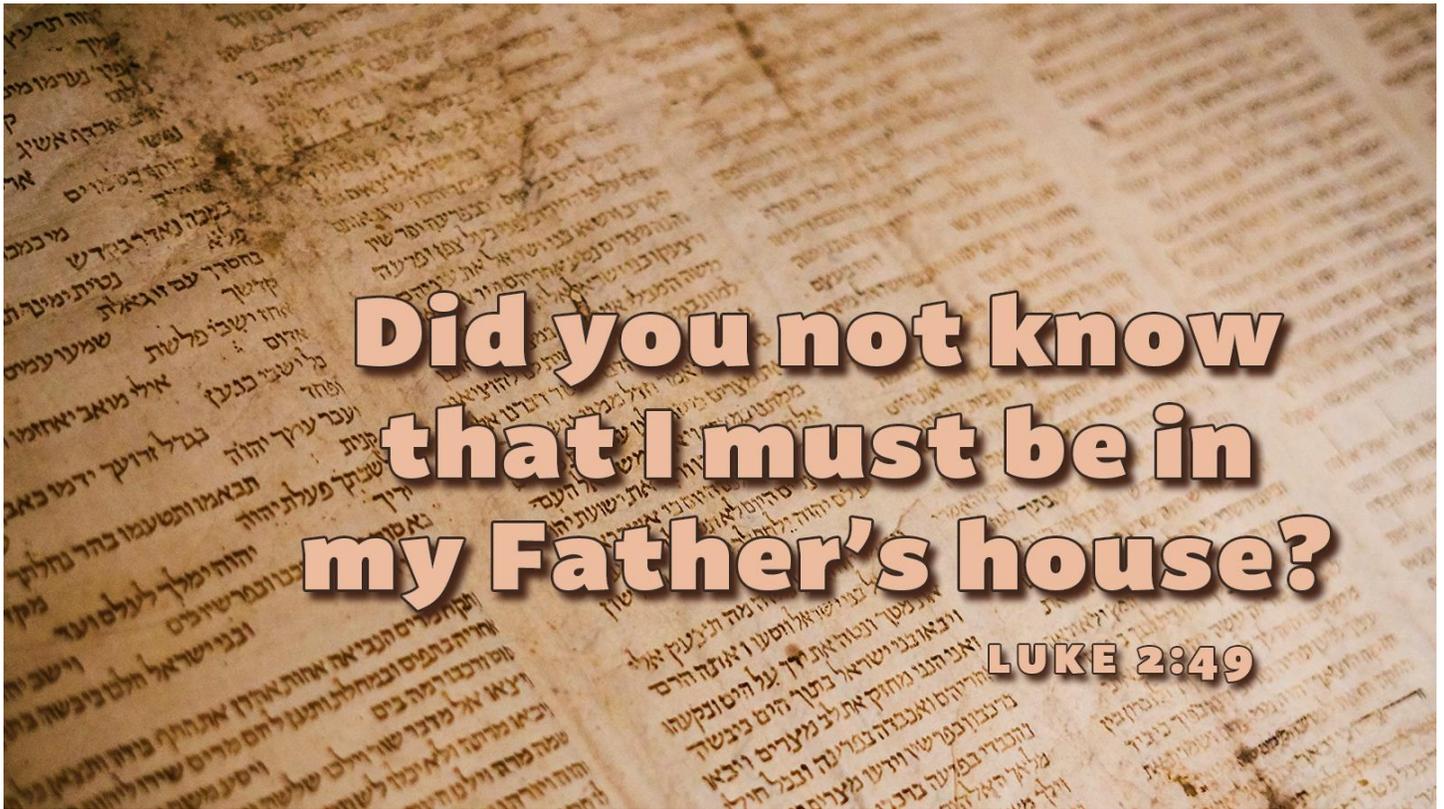


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
January 4, 2026**

**Second Sunday after Christmas**



**Luke 2:49**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, January 4, 2026**

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**Greeters Next Week:** Trish Hood

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**Acolyte This Week:** Kyler Leist

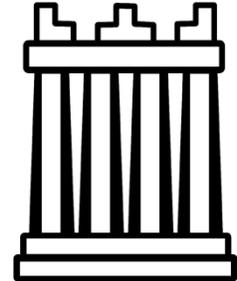
**Acolyte Next Week:** Levi Moritz

**Altar Guild This Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

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

**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.*

## AS WE GATHER

Wisdom is something that comes with experience and insight. It is a gift from the source of all wisdom, our Creator Lord, who gives us everything we need for the journey of faith. God gave the commandments to Moses to instill wisdom in Israel, he gave the humble king Solomon the gift so he might rule with justice and mercy, and Jesus exhibited amongst the religious leaders in the Temple at a young age.

**PRELUDE:**                    *“Tell the Good News” -Based on familiar carols-*

**Lani Smith**

## 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:

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

**LBW #44**

**<sup>1</sup>Infant holy, infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, angels singing, Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!**

<sup>2</sup>Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

### **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 Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15**

<sup>4</sup>And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

### **Responsive Reading Psalm 119:97-104**

<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.

<sup>98</sup>**Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.**

<sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

<sup>100</sup>**I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.**

<sup>101</sup>I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

<sup>102</sup>**I do not shrink from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me.**

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

<sup>104</sup>**Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

*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: Luke 2:40-52**

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

LBW #474

<sup>1</sup>Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne’er was given.

<sup>2</sup>God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, In his mighty arms he bears them.

<sup>3</sup>Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.

<sup>4</sup>Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

*Stand as you are able*

L Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

### APOSTLES’ CREED

C 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.

C 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.

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING:**                                    **“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”**                                    **Phillip Nicolai**  
*(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.

L Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

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### **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:**

*"Thanks Be to God"*

**Steven Scott**



**Proverbs 16:3**

**“Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do, and he  
will establish your plans.”**

*[At the start of a new year, this  
verse is a reminder to dedicate  
your plans and decisions to God.  
When you align your goals with  
His will, He will guide and bless  
your endeavors, ensuring that  
your path is secure.]*

[www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-january/](http://www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-january/)



*Office hours will be posted in the  
weekly bulletins. If you would  
need immediate assistance  
outside of office hours, text or  
call Melissa at 361-649-0413.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Today 1/4      Second Sunday after Christmas**  
9:00 a.m.      Confirmation  
9:00 a.m.      Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.      Adult Study  
10:15 a.m.      Worship w/Communion

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!!!**

**Mon 1/5**      9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.      Office Hours  
**Tues 1/6**      **Epiphany of Our Lord**  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.      Pastor’s Office Hours  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.      Office Hours  
**Wed 1/7**      *Office Closed*  
1:30 p.m.      Quilters  
**Thurs 1/8**      9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.      Office Hours  
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.      Pastor’s Office Hours  
5:30 p.m.      Audit Committee Meeting

**Fri 1/9**      *Office Closed*  
**Sat 1/10**      6:00 p.m.      Evening Worship Service

**Next Sun.**      **First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
8:00 a.m.      Property Team Meeting  
9:00 a.m.      Confirmation  
9:00 a.m.      Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.      Adult Study  
10:15 a.m.      Worship

*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.*

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday, December 21, 2025 – Christmas Program** General \$380.00, Sunday School – Parish Ed \$275.00, Youth \$25.00; **Total: \$680.00**  
**Attendance:** Worship – 107

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service** General \$3,935.00, Building \$20,100.00, Youth \$20.00; **Total: \$24,055.00**  
**Attendance:** Worship – 71

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service** General \$1,349.00, Building \$60.00; **Total: \$1,409.00**  
**Attendance:** Worship – 47

**Saturday, December 27, 2025** General \$5,100.00; **Total: \$5,100.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 8

**Sunday, December 28, 2025** General \$4,970.00, MOM (December) Samaritan's Purse \$440.00, Sunday School \$50.00, Cemetery \$1,520.00, Old Stone Church \$1500.00, Building \$14,660.00, Youth \$20.00; **Total: \$23,160.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 49, Sunday School – 10 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 2

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**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, national warehouse or Texas warehouse. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

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**NALC Disaster Response**

**What's in a Flood Bucket?**

**1 five gallon bucket with lid** (*check at schools, restaurants, donut shops*)

**1 roll paper towels** (*Walmart \$0.68*)

**1 powder scouring cleanser(like comet)** (*Walmart \$0.88*)

**1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

**1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

**1 scrub brush** (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

**1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)

**1 pair leather gloves(size L preferred)**(*H Depot 3pk/\$6.00*)

**1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)**(*H Depot \$1 ea. or Walmart 6pk/\$5.00*)

**2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)**

**2 rags** (*cut up old bath or beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths*)

**What's in a Health Care Kit?**

**1 bath towel**

**1 wash cloth (optional)**

**1 shampoo (2 or 3 if travel size)**

**1 bar of soap (2or 3 if travel size)**

**1 toothbrush (individually sealed)** (*Dollar Tree 4pk/\$1.75*)

**1 pack of floss (optional)**

**1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)** (*Walmart \$0.77 to \$0.90*)

**1 comb** (*Dollar Tree 12 pk/\$1.75*)

**1 deodorant** (*Walmart \$1.18*)

**1 nail clippers (optional)**

**We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles of any language as well as prayer books for Disaster Relief. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge. Thank you!**

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**Additional Donations:** Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Margie Swannack. Thank you!

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**Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

During the month of January, our collection items will be **3 mL CONTRACTOR TRASH BAGS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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**Mission of the Month for January**

**Boys & Girls Club of Cuero**

Boys and Girls Club of Cuero is empowering kids by offering:

1. Safe Place with a consistent and welcoming environment
  2. Workforce Readiness by developing their skills to apply to real-world experiences
  3. Youth Advocacy to ensure safety, meals, and more
  4. Mentorship with positive adult mentors
  5. Mental Health building that equips them with skills to manage their emotions
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## **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 –**

January-March Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

### **Sunday, January 4, 2026 – Confirmation**

On Sunday, January 4, 2026, confirmation classes will resume.

#### **– COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

Just a friendly reminder. All annual reports from committees will be due by Sunday, January 4, 2026. Thank you!

### **Tuesday, January 6, 2026 – Epiphany of Our Lord**

### **Thursday, January 8, 2026 – Audit Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM**

### **Saturday, January 10, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall**

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, January 10, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### **Sunday, January 11, 2026 – Baptism of Our Lord**

- Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM**
- Confirmation**

### **Monday, January 12, 2026 – 4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM**

- Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM**

### **Wednesday, January 14, 2026 – Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM**

### **Saturday, January 17, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall**

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with Communion on Saturday, January 17, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### **Sunday, January 18, 2026 – Confirmation**

- Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship Service**

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## **Note from Our Christmas Family**

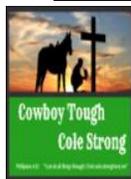
Wishing you, all of the members of the Lutheran Church in Meyersville, a Merry Christmas. We want to take this time to thank you so much for all ya'll have provided and blessed us and our children with this Christmas. We are very thankful and grateful for you all and May God always bless each and every single one of you. These handmade quilts are absolutely adorable as well and we felt the love and warmth.

Thank you all and Merry Christmas.

~The Sanchez Family~

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

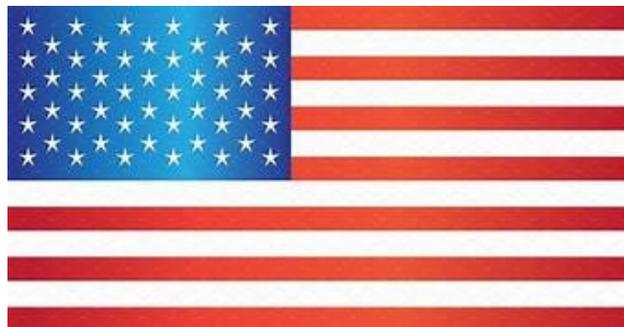
**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those involved for doing this every year. Proceeds from this event go towards paying for Cole's care above and beyond what insurance won't pay for and as anyone with a disability knows it is a constant battle. We try to have a silent auction Saturday and Sunday depending on the number of items that are donated. So if you're interested in donating anything from baked/homemade goods, décor, or really anything please contact me at 361-550-8856. And we hope to see you there!♥



**+ 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 Cavazos  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas  
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 – Captain, U.S. Air Force, Germany  
John C. Otto – Army, National Guard



### **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, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Ray Butler, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, CJ Constable, Kay Nagel; 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**

Some have broken their heads over the meaning of the words of Luke where he says that Christ advanced in wisdom and grace, for they assume that as true God he possessed all wisdom and grace from the time of his conception. But (Jesus) grew continually and waxed strong in the Spirit, just as any other man.

~ Martin Luther~

Martin Luther's Sermons