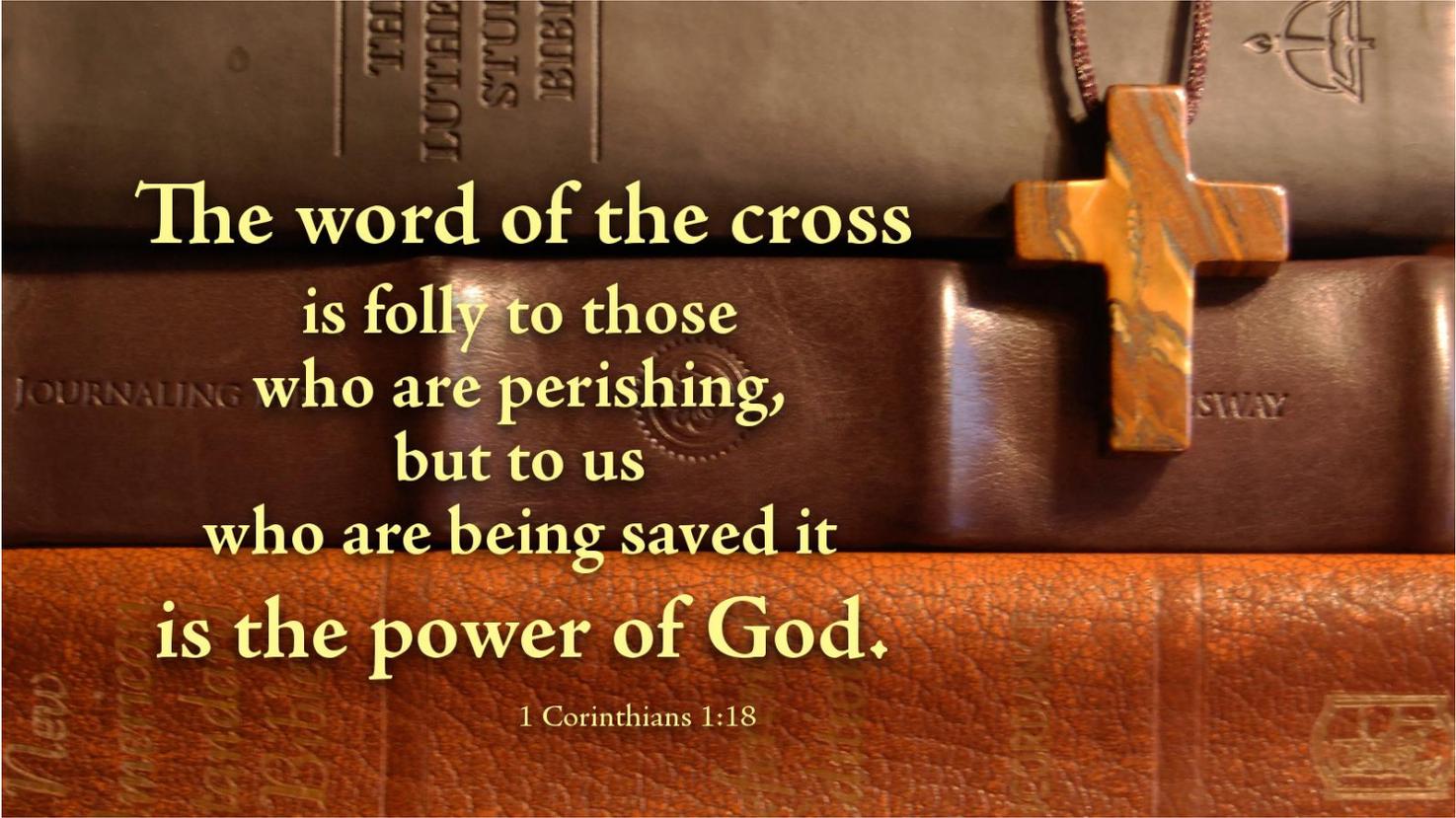


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**



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who are perishing,  
but to us  
who are being saved it  
is the power of God.**

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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, February 1, 2026

**Greeters This Week:** Archie & Virginia Abrameit

**Greeters Next Week:** The Newman Family

**Reader This Week:** Kaleigh Newman

**Reader Next Week:** Ayla Nessel

**Acolyte This Week:** Kinley Leist

**Acolyte Next Week:** Kyler Leist

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

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

**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!

### 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

The Scriptures for today remind us of what God requires of his people. Both Micah and the psalmist communicate God's Word to "walk" humbly and blamelessly. This kind of devoted walking may seem like foolishness to those who do not believe in Christ, but for us who walk in the way of the Lord, it is life-giving, joyfully accompanied walking with the One who loves us most.

**PRELUDE:** *"Praeludium"* **Johann Sebastian 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:** *"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"* **LBW #383**

<sup>1</sup>Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts With nobler zeal might burn.

<sup>2</sup>Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.

<sup>3</sup>Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace;  
Redress sin's cruel consequence; Give justice larger place.

<sup>4</sup>Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;  
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, With love the weak sustain.

<sup>5</sup>Commit your hearts to seek The paths which Christ has trod  
And quickened by the Spirit's power, Rise up, O saints of God!

## **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 O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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**

## **FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.” <sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### **Responsive Reading** **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.**

<sup>3</sup>There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

<sup>6</sup>**He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup>Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*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: Matthew 5:1-12**

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**LBW #551**

<sup>1</sup>Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

<sup>2</sup>All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.

<sup>3</sup>Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

*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.**

### **INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL**

#### **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: "Hear Me As I Pray" Gerald Peterson**

*(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;

C

### 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:

*"A New Year's Song"*

**Robert J. Hughes**



**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

**“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”**

[This verse beautifully defines the essence of love, emphasizing qualities that should characterize our relationships. It reminds us that love is an active choice, requiring patience and kindness, which can be challenging in a fast-paced world. As you reflect on this verse in February, consider how you can embody these characteristics in your relationships.]

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



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.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 2/1</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.  12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Sunday School Adult Study Worship w/Communion <i>Council Installation</i> Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting
<b>Mon 2/2</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Tues 2/3</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor’s Office Hours Office Hours Worship Team Meeting
<b>Wed 2/4</b>	10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Office Hours Quilters
<b>Thurs 2/5</b>	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor’s Office Hours
<b>Fri 2/6</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<b>Sat 2/7</b>	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Renew Group Retreat Evening Worship Service

<b>Next Sun.</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Property Team Meeting Confirmation Sunday School Adult Study Worship
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*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**

**Saturday, January 17, 2026** General \$270.00; **Total: \$270.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 8

**Sunday, January 18, 2026** General \$2,715.00, MOM (January) Boys & Girls Club of Cuero \$382.00, Sunday School \$66.46, CAMAL \$100.00, Building \$1,660.00, Youth \$1,640.00; **Total: \$6,563.46**

**Attendance:** Worship –66, Sunday School –6 Children, 4 Teachers, Adult Study – 10

**Last Sunday was National Bible Sunday!**

National Bible Sunday evolved as a day to give thanks to God for the gift of his words in the form of the Holy Scriptures. This makes the day unique and dear to our hearts. This day serves a reminder to Christians of the importance of bible study and prayer. Bible study and prayer, as much as it is a spiritual exercise, is also therapeutic in the sense that it provides reassurance. [Taken from <https://nationaltoday.com/national-bible-sunday/>]



## **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 February, our collection items will be **METAL OR LEAF RAKES** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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### **Mission of the Month for January** **Eight Days of Hope**

[Eight Days of Hope](#) is a faith-based ministry that responds to natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes. The ministry has rebuilt hundreds of homes and has impacted thousands of families. They respond with hundreds of volunteers who help rebuild, but most importantly share the hope found in Jesus. In 2025 they assisted first responders in search and recovery and provided mass feeding after the devastating floods in Kerrville, TX. American Family Radio has partnered with this ministry since it was organized in 2005.

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**The NALCE Disaster Response – Rosenberg Warehouse Annual Report for 2025 is posted on the bulletin in the Church Narthex.**

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### **Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting**

Our first meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 was great. We plan on meeting again on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 12:30 PM and we invite anyone still interested to come join us on this new adventure.

## 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, February 1, 2026 – Confirmation

- Council Installation during church service
- Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @ 12:30 PM

### Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – Worship Team Meeting @ 7 PM

### Saturday, February 7, 2026 – Renew Group Retreat @ 9 AM

- Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, February 7, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### Sunday, February 8, 2026 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

- Confirmation

### Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

### Saturday, February 14, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall

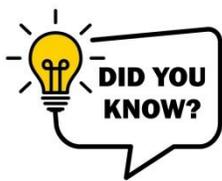
We will continue our Evening Worship Service with Communion on Saturday, February 14, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### Sunday, February 15, 2026 – Confirmation

- Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @ 12:30 PM

### Monday, February 16, 2026 – 4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM

- Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM



- “Groundhog Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is celebrated as a way of predicting the arrival of spring. Celebrations began in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century as a Pennsylvanian German custom. In ancient European weather lore from which the tradition emerged, a badger or sacred bear rather than the hedgehog is the forecaster.” (Taken from worldatlas.com)
- Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 is National Frozen Yogurt Day. “H.P. Hood developed the first frozen yogurt in 1970 in the United States. It was created as a soft-serve treat called Frogurt. Its popularity grew in the 80s and has gone from fad status to a staple freezer item in a few decades.

**So, this week start by watching the Groundhog's prediction for the arrival of Spring.**

**Then, end the week with a treat of Frozen Yogurt.**

**Just don't forget to THANK GOD**

**for the Groundhog and the invention of Frozen Yogurt.**

**Have a wonderful week!**

## **Sign-Up Sheet for 2026 Prayer Chain & Service Projects**

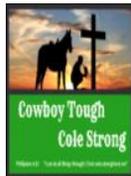
A sign-up sheet for the 2026 Prayer Chain and the 2026 Service Projects is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please consider being a part of one or both of these. Thank you!

## **WNALC South Texas Mission Gathering**

**Save the date: Saturday, April 11, 2026**  
**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 25, 2026**  
**\$20.00 per person**  
**St. John's Lutheran Church, Goliad, TX**  
**See Meliss Eckhardt for more information.**

## **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



**REMEMBER TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS!!!**



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

(God) is now reminding them of past blessings- first, the rescue from the wretched slavery of Egypt. He wanted to show them this external example as a sign to admonish them to remember divine goodness. He has given us, too, those external signs of grace, Baptism and the Eucharist, by which He encourages us to remember those things which have happened to us through the gospel.

~ Martin Luther~

The Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church invite you to their

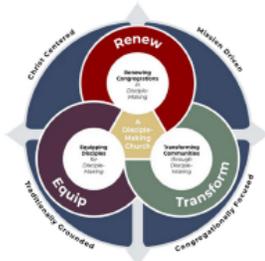
### Regional Family Reunion

July 31 - August 1, 2026

Welcome Lutheran Church  
Brenham, Texas



*It's time to gather our family from across the Region for food, fun, and fellowship!*



The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) envisions a disciple-making church body. This vision comes to life as congregations are renewed in faith, disciples are equipped to follow Jesus with confidence, and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel.

Our guest speaker for the Family Reunion will be Pastor Amy Little. Pastor Little received her Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran



*Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Amy Little, General Secretary of the NALC*

Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She was ordained in 2002 and served Trinity Lutheran Church in Monroeville, Ohio, before being called as General Secretary of the NALC in 2021.

➔ Registration will open in Spring 2026 ◀

Your registration includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday.

*Please secure your lodging reservations early!*

*Select lodging information is provided on the reverse side of this flyer.*

#### NEARBY HOTELS:

*The hotels and other lodging listed on this page are for informational purposes only. Their listing here does not indicate endorsement – the organizer has not personally stayed at any of these properties.*

Baymont by Wyndham Brenham  
2950 Wood Ridge Blvd, Brenham, TX 77833  
(979) 836-5551  
8.7 miles from Welcome

Comfort Suites Brenham  
2350 S Day St, Brenham, TX 77833  
(979) 421-8100  
9.3 miles from Welcome

Studio 6 Suites Brenham, TX  
555 Hwy 290 W, Brenham, TX 77833  
(979) 836-4590  
10.5 miles from Welcome

Motel 6 Brenham, TX  
555 Hwy 290 W, Brenham, TX 77833  
(979) 836-4590  
10.5 miles from Welcome

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Brenham South  
2685 Schulte Blvd, Brenham, TX 77833  
(979) 830-5331  
10.6 miles from Welcome

#### OTHER NEARBY LODGING:

*This is a small sample of the many bed & breakfast and alternative accommodations (e.g., Air BnB, VRBO, etc.) available in Brenham and the nearby Burton and Round Top areas.*

Scenic Hill Retreat (cabins, 2-night minimum)  
7300 FM332, Brenham, TX 77833  
(979) 530-7992  
<https://www.scenichillretreat.com/>  
5.3 miles from Welcome

Camelia Farm (bed & breakfast)  
6225 Wickel Rd, Burton, TX 77835  
(281) 844-4852  
<https://cameliafarm.com/>  
8.8 miles from Welcome

StarHill Farms (cabins)  
2038 Iris Ln, New Ulm, TX 78950  
(713) 524-2638  
<https://www.starhillfarms.com/>  
9.4 miles from Welcome

Far View Bed & Breakfast Inn  
1804 S Park St, Brenham, TX 77833  
(979) 836-1672  
<https://farviewbedandbreakfast.com/>  
9.9 miles from Welcome

Questions? Call Pastor Becky Thane (201-572-8073) or email [BeckyThane@aol.com](mailto:BeckyThane@aol.com)



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Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org) to view weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

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