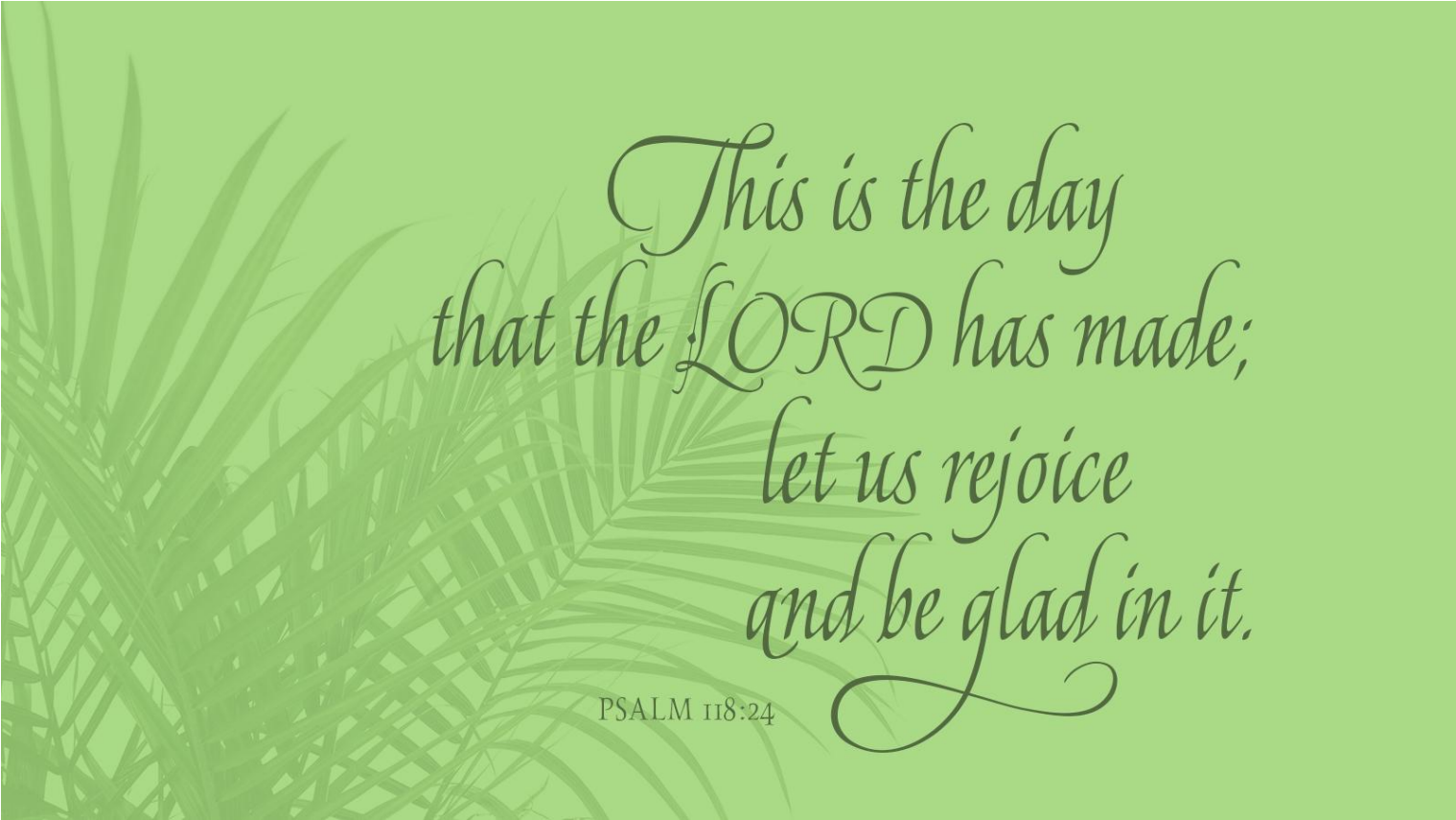


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**



*This is the day  
that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.*

PSALM 118:24

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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise



**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29, 2026**

**Greeters This Week:** The Hays Family

**Greeters Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader This Week:** Wanda Hays

**Reader Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Acolyte This Week:** Bryson Henkes

**Acolyte Next Week:** Ayla Nessel

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

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

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Brian Wendel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Jeff Zengerle



**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. *Please make note that during Lent we use Setting Two in the hymnal until Easter when we switch back to Setting One.* Thank you!

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.  
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

## AS WE GATHER

As Holy Week begins, we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus' life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring hosannas. By the end of the week he is betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence carried out on a cross between two thieves.

## PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

*Please Stand*

**PROCESSION WITH PALMS:      “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

**LBW # 108**

#### *Refrain*

*All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer, king,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

**<sup>1</sup> You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One. [Refrain]**

**<sup>2</sup> The company of angels Are praising you on high;  
Creation and all mortals In chorus make reply. [Refrain]**

## 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 Let us pray,

**Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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:** *Children will present their song “Be Bold”.*

**FIRST READING: Exodus 24:3-11**

<sup>3</sup>Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, “All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do.” <sup>4</sup>And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup>And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. <sup>6</sup>And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup>Then he took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.” <sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it upon the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abi’hu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.**

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am thy servant; I am thy servant, the son of thy handmaid.  
Thou hast loosed my bonds.

**<sup>17</sup>I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

**<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord!**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-22**

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Hence even the first covenant was not ratified without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you." <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

*Stand as you are able*

## **GOSPEL VERSE**

**C   Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
      slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:17-30**

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 26:17-30**

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain one, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the passover. <sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he sat at table with the twelve disciples; <sup>21</sup>and as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful, and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me, will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."<sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you;<sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>29</sup>I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

LBW #123

<sup>1</sup>Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

<sup>2</sup>Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

<sup>3</sup>Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

<sup>4</sup>For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion, For my salvation.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving; Not my deserving.

*Stand as you are able*

L God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together 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.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING:**

*(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash offerings & include your name.)*

*Stand as you are able*

## **OFFERTORY**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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.**

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.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**C Amen**

**HYMN:**

*“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”*

**LBW #114**

<sup>1</sup>There is a green hill far away, Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.

<sup>2</sup>We may not know, we cannot tell, What pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.

<sup>3</sup>He died that we might be forgiven; He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by his precious blood.

**P** 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:**

*“Postlude in G Minor”*

*J. S. Bach*



**Romans 8:28**

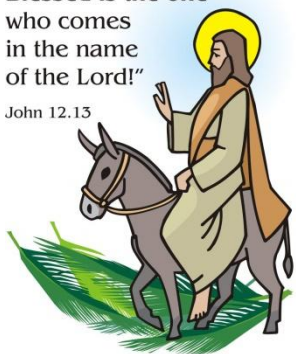
**“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”**

[Even in the midst of challenges or setbacks in March, this verse offers the assurance that God is working everything out for our good. Every situation is part of His greater purpose for our lives.]

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

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

John 12.13



**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Sun 3/29 Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Taco Fundraiser to support Youth attending Summer Camp  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship

**Mon 3/30 Office Closed**

**Tues 3/31** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours  
10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 4/1** 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours  
1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 4/2 Maundy Thursday**

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1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Office Hours  
7:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours  
Maundy Thursday Service

**Fri 4/3 Good Friday**

Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

**Sat 3/28 WE WILL NOT HAVE Evening Worship Service**

**Next Sun. Resurrection of Our Lord  
Easter Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
& Pancake Breakfast to Follow  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Resurrection  
Egg Hunt (3<sup>rd</sup> grade & younger),  
Jesus' Tomb Skit, Crafts  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
10:15 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion

*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**

**Wednesday, Lenten Service 4, March 18, 2026** General \$501.00; **Total: \$501.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 24

**Saturday, March 21, 2026** General \$20.00; **Total: \$20.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 7

**Sunday, March 22, 2026** General \$4,065.00, MOM (March) CAMAL House \$555.00, Sunday School \$1,050.00, Cemetery \$40.00, Old Stone Church \$500.00, Youth (camp) \$1,300.00; **Total: \$7,510.00**

**Attendance:** Worship –65, Sunday School – 5 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 9

## 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.*

### 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!**

### Mission of the Month for March

#### CAMAL House

**CAMAL House** is a food pantry that has served the people of Cuero for over 30 years. They provide food items & toiletries to 250-400 households monthly in DeWitt County. In order to continue serving families efficiently, community support in the form of food donations, monetary donations, and volunteers is needed.

#### Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of March, our collection items will be **STRAW BROOMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

#### - Items in Demand -

Below are the items we need more than anything else. Family-sized packages are ideal.

**Canned Meats:** Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Spam, Tuna

**Boxed Dinners:** Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Mac & Cheese

**Individual Meals:** Chili, Soup, Ramen, Easy Mac, Beefaroni, Ravioli

**Baking Items:** Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil, Baking Powder/Soda, Cornstarch

**Mixes:** Cake, Pancakes, Brownies, Cookies

**Condiments:** Syrup, Peanut Butter, Ketchup, Mustard, Dressing, Spices

**Snacks:** Chips, Fruit Snacks, Pretzels, Granola Bars, Low-Cal options, Gluten Free, Salt-Free

**Canned Vegetables & Fruits**

**Grains:** Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits

**Toiletries:** Shampoo, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper

**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 Cathie Bettge. 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 –

April – June Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

### TODAY, Sunday, March 29, 2025 – BREAKFAST TACO FUNDRAISER

Our youth group will be having a breakfast taco fundraiser before and during Sunday School. All donations will support our youth attending summer camp! There might be some still available after church if you would be interested. See Sara Newman.

### Sunday, March 29, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY

- Youth Group breakfast taco sell before & during Sunday School
- St. Peter & Paul Altar Society Bake Sale & KCC #13010 Sausage Meal starting at 10:30 AM (\$15/plate)

### Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – Quilters

### Thursday, April 2, 2025 – Maundy Thursday Service

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 3, 2025 – Good Friday Service

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for our Good Friday Service.

### Saturday, April 4, 2026 – NO SERVICE TODAY

### Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service @ 7:30 AM
- Easter Sunrise Breakfast @ 8 AM
- NO CONFIRMATION
- Easter Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

### Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

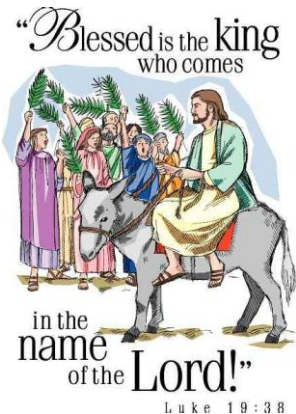
- Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM
- Quilters @ 1:30 PM
- Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @ 7 PM

### Saturday, April 11, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### Sunday, April 12, 2026 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

- Confirmation @ 9 AM



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**Note from Pastor:** There will be **no evening service** on Saturday, April 4, 2026 and **no confirmation class** on Sunday, April 5, 2026.

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### **Altar Guild**

**If you would like to participate in the Maundy Thursday STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR, please meet at church at 6:00 to rehearse carrying out all the items.**

*~Carol Ann Sagebiel~*

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### **UPCOMING EASTER SUNDAYEVENTS @ ST. JOHN**

On Easter Sunday, our Youth Group will lead the Sunrise Service at 7:30 am in the church. A Pancake Breakfast will be served in the Parish House between the Sunrise Service and Sunday School—everyone is welcome!

During Sunday School at 9 am, we will have our Annual Resurrection Egg Hunt for 3rd graders and younger. Eggs signify new life in Jesus! Children should bring an Easter basket. 4th graders and older will help hide the eggs and/or work on Easter crafts, including a special painting activity, giving our youth a creative way to celebrate the day.

## THRIVENT CHOICE NOTICE

Congratulations! In 2025, [stjohnlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnlutheran@juno.com) received \$561 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! 🎉 Your work strengthens communities, and we're grateful for the impact you make every day. With the March 31, 2026 deadline approaching, now is a great time to remind your supporters to direct any remaining 2025 Choice Dollars® before they expire.

**Just a friendly reminder:** Thrivent clients with membership: Don't forget to direct 2025 Choice Dollars® by March 31 at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

## Scholarships for 2026 NALC Continental Youth Gathering

This summer the NALC will be hosting its second Continental Youth Gathering. It will be July 7-10 in Roanoke, Virginia. The first Youth Gathering in 2024 was an incredible event. We are hoping to have many of our Texas youth in attendance for this one!

Our Texas Region Missions Team is going to help with this. We will again be offering scholarships for youth in our Region that would like to attend the gathering. Our hope is to particularly support youth who otherwise might not be able to attend.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship, or would just like more information, please contact Pastor Mark Braaten at

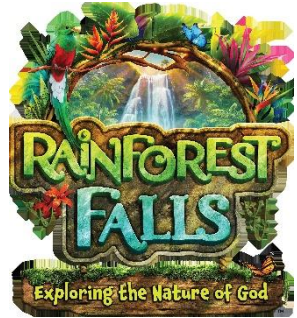
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**Applications must be received by April 15.**

## 2026 Vacation Bible School – Rainforest Falls

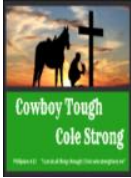
Join us at St. John for Vacation Bible School July 27–31 from 8:30 a.m.–noon! Children ages 4-12 will journey into the misty rainforest to discover the wonder of God's creation and learn how God is our Creator, our refuge, and our forever friend through Bible stories, music, games, and hands-on activities. Registration is now open: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3GMyD0KAc4>.

We are also looking for volunteers to help bring VBS to life! Help is needed with planning, decorating, organizing, teaching, leading activity rotations, and cleanup. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Rachel Nessel or Kathy Dunn.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole:** Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (March 22, 2026): Hello everyone!



Well over due for an update on Cole so I figured I'd post something. Cole is staying healthy and doing well. He did take the spring semester off for college but plans to get back at it in the fall. He still faithfully walks on his machine and uses his robotic arm machine twice weekly as well as working at home. He has been helping his Dad get his spraying business off the ground and helping me with billing which has been such a huge help. I know he'd much rather be out there working side by side with his Dad but until then I'm grateful he can contribute in this way. Cole is very sharp and organized so he's been a blessing. I also wanted to share the flyer for the annual fundraiser for Cole's foundation coming up in May. As a lot of you know this is one of Cole's favorite events of the year. The mission of this foundation is to raise funds to help pay for therapy for those with no insurance or limited insurance. We are also branching out to help pay for medical equipment, supplies, or care for those who need it as well. This is a cause close to our hearts and we'd like to personally invite all of you to this amazing event! I'll include the flyer but if you'd like to come and are having trouble booking online just message me. With that I'll close and thank you all dearly for all your continued prayers for Cole's healing. Keep praying-his miracle is coming. ❤️

**+ 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, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Nancy Butler, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Carol Ann Sagebiel, John Swannack, Feather Diebel; 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

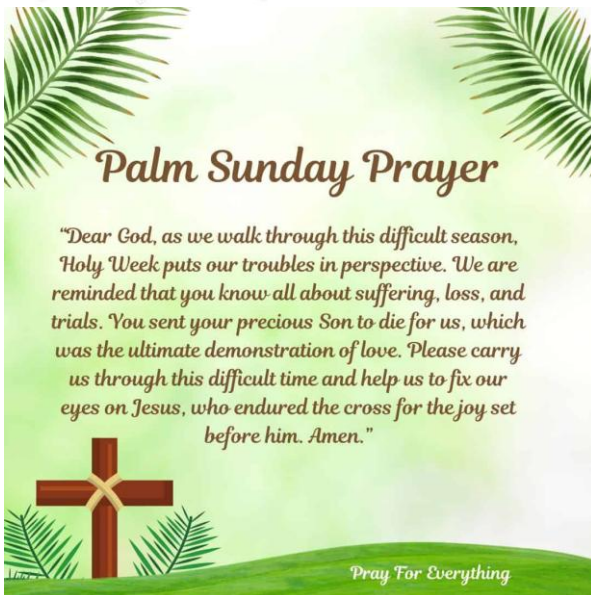


## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The only reason they (Christians) must suffer is that they steadfastly adhere to Christ and God's word, enduring this for the sake of Christ. No people on earth have to endure such bitter hate. No one has compassion on them; they are given myrrh and gall to drink when they thirst. And all of this is done... because they want to have none but Christ and no other God.

~Martin Luther~

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## A Prayer for Rain to Restore Nature

Heavenly Father, we see the impact of dryness on all of nature—trees wither, rivers run low, and animals suffer from thirst. We ask You, Lord, to send rain that will restore the beauty of Your creation. Let the forests, fields, and rivers flourish once more with the life-giving waters You provide. Help us to be good stewards of the earth as we witness its renewal. May this rain be a reminder of Your endless grace and generosity. We place our trust in You to restore the balance of nature through Your divine provision. Amen.

### Isaiah 55:10

**"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater."**

### Prayer

Lord, thank You for the beauty of Your creation and the delicate balance that sustains it. We pray for rain to fall upon the earth, reviving the land and every living creature. Help us to appreciate the gift of nature and to care for it in the ways You have called us to. Let the rain be a symbol of Your grace, reviving our spirits as it nourishes the earth. Amen.

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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.**

