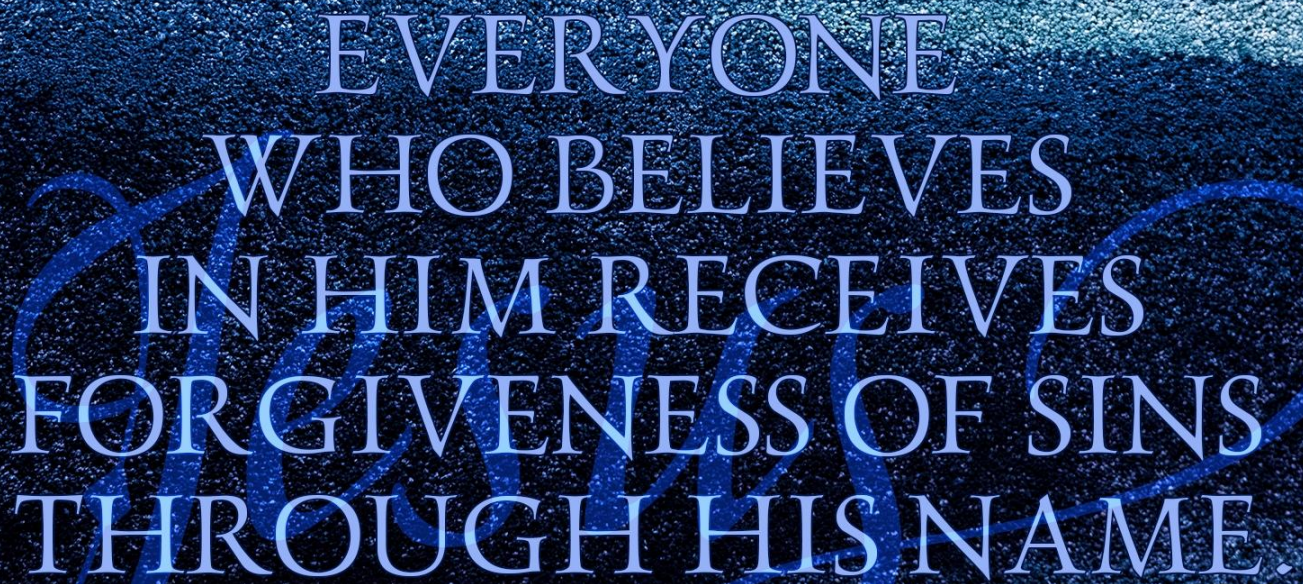


St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
April 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday



EVERYONE
WHO BELIEVES
IN HIM RECEIVES
FORGIVENESS OF SINS
THROUGH HIS NAME.

ACTS 10:43

Acts 10:43

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Road
Meyersville, TX 77974-4143

CHURCH OFFICE: 361-277-8653

stjohnevlutheran@juno.com

(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)

jboor25@yahoo.com



Ministers - The People of St. John

Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 2026 • Easter Day

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Trish Hood

Reader This Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Acolyte This Week: Ayla Nessel

Acolyte This Week: Kinley Leist

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel



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 today we go back to using **Setting One in the hymnal**. 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.

OPENING HYMN:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LBW #151

**¹Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**²Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**³But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**⁴Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

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

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, 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: Jeremiah 31:1-6

31“At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.” ²Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the Lord appeared to him from afar. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with timbrels, and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samar'ia; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of E'phraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’”

Responsive Psalm Psalm 16

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

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

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

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

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

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

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

⁸**I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

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

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

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in 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: Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

LBW #135

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**¹The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluiah!**

**²The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy out-burst. Alleluiah!**

**³The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluiah!**

**⁴He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluiah!**

**⁵Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, From death's sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you. Alleluiah!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Stand as you are able

Let us confess our faith through the Nicene Creed

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"
The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

L Let us share the peace.

OFFERING: ***"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"*** (from "*The Messiah*") **G. F. Handel**
(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 dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,
C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and
our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord
with a living faith as he comes to us
in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

LBW pg. 72

C **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone 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:

"The Triumphant Dawn"

Greg Sewell

***St. John Wishes Everyone a Happy Easter,
Have a Blessed Day With Loved Ones!***





Lamentations 3:22-23

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

[This verse emphasizes the renewal of God’s mercy every day, much like the newness of spring in April. It reassures us that no matter what we face, God’s love and compassion are always available, giving us a fresh start each day.]

Psalm 51:10

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

[This verse highlights the spiritual renewal that many seek during April. Like the cleansing rains of spring, it’s a prayer for God to purify our hearts and restore our spirits.]

www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-april



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.

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

Wednesday, Lenten Service 5, March 25, 2026 General \$220.00,

Old Stone Church \$50.00; **Total: \$270.00**

Attendance: Worship – 22

Saturday, March 28, 2026 General \$1,020.00; **Total: \$1,020.00**

Attendance: Worship – 9

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 General \$1,631.00, MOM (March) – CAMAL

House \$245.00, Sunday School \$67.66, Building \$60.00; **Total: \$2,003.66**

Attendance: Worship – 91, Sunday School – 19 Children, 4 Teachers; Adult Study – 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/5

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Sunday School ~ Resurrection Egg Hunt (3rd grade & younger)
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion

Mon 4/6

Office Closed

Tues 4/7

9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Worship Team

Wed 4/8

10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Office Hours
12:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting

Thurs 4/9

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours

Fri 4/10

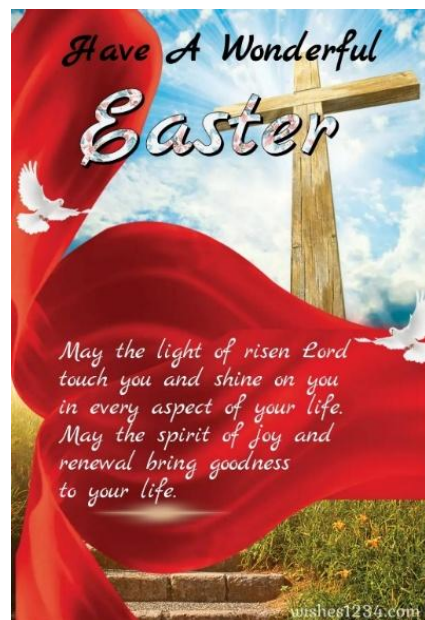
Office Closed

Sat 4/11

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Sun 4/12 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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





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

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

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
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 powder scouring cleanser (like comet)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)
- 1 pair leather gloves (size L preferred)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags

What's in a Health Care Kit?

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth (optional)
- 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 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!

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of April, our collection items will be **RUBBER, COTTON, OR LEATHER GLOVES** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

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!

Mission of the Month for April
NORTH TX

DISASTER WAREHOUSE IN TYLER

We chose the North Texas Disaster Warehouse in Tyler in response to a letter received from Bob Tardiff, the coordinator. They want to insulate their metal building to maintain moderate temperatures to house the large amounts of liquids along with bleach and other requested cleaners. It is important they don't freeze. This request has been issued to every congregation in the North TX/OK Mission District. The cost of the closed cell foam insulation is \$4,527. Should they receive above this amount, those funds will only be used for disaster response.

With Our Deepest Sympathy

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*



*Please keep the family of
Virgil Hartman
in your thoughts & prayers.
Virgil passed away on
Saturday, March 28, 2026
May God comfort his family
at this time of loss.*



*Visitation is Tuesday, April 7 from 5-7 pm at Grace
Funeral Home in Victoria.
Memorial Service is 10 am Wednesday, April 8 at
Arneckeville church.*

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.

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – Special Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Saturday, April 18, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in the Parish Hall @ 6 PM

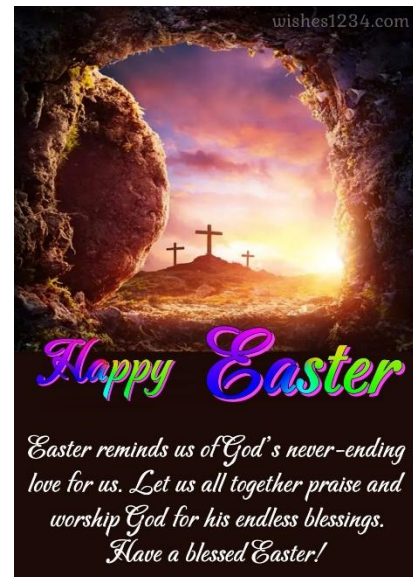
An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 – Confirmation @ 9 AM

– Grave Decoration Day/Church Under the Trees with Communion

Monday, April 20, 2026 – 4-H Meeting @ 6:30 PM

– Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM



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

mbraaten@oslctyler.org

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 21, 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

