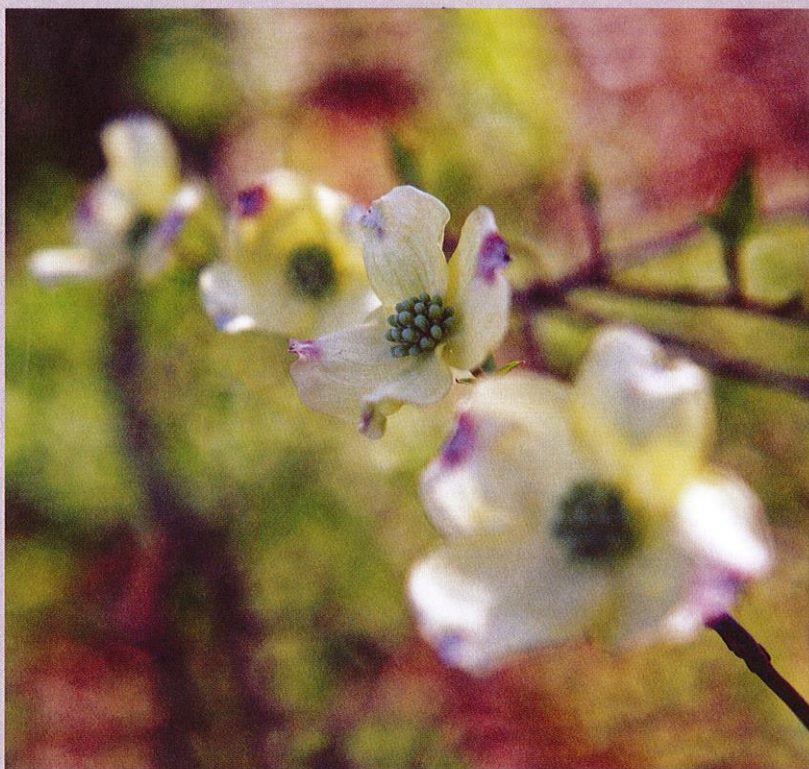


I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.



But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

Greeter This Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Greeter Next Week: Alfred & Marlene Rangnow

Reader This Week: Jeffery Bennett

Reader Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

Acolytes This Week: Will Green

Acolytes Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Communion Assistant This Month: Margie Swannack

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #561 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (*sung*)**

P Let us pray:

All: O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

⁹And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went

outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²**Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

⁷May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 16th chapter.

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

{Jesus said to the disciples,} ²³“In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #801 “*Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES' CREED
p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: "Let the vineyards..."
p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER
p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)
p. 71: LORD'S PRAYER
p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: "Thank the Lord . . ."
p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)
POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 5/1	Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship-with standard communion
Mon 5/2	Office Closed
Tue 5/3	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee
Wed 5/4	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 5/5	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*National Day of Prayer</i>
Fri 5/6	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Property Team 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Mother's Day</i>

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.

Sunday, April 24, 2016:

Offering:

Total Offering: \$2,182.77



Attendance: Worship- 80 Sunday School- 12 Children, 16 Adults

St. John's Mission of the Month:

This Month's
MISSION

Mission of the Month of May: **Transfiguration Lutheran Church** **Mission Statement**

Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Garland, Texas was a "synodically authorized worshipping community" of the ELCA. Its pastor was Rev. Pedro Portillo. It was worshipping in an ELCA congregation's building and worship was between 100 – 140 people.

The congregation and Pastor Portillo became more and more concerned about the directions of the ELCA. They began exploring joining the NALC and began to take steps to do so. The ELCA bishop in north Texas responded by kicking them out of the ELCA. He said that Transfiguration was no longer an authorized community, Pastor Portillo was no longer a pastor, and they could no longer worship at the place they had been worshipping. (The bishop actually had people in the parking lot to be sure that they couldn't return.) Transfiguration was being supported by the ELCA for \$48,000 a year, and those funds were immediately canceled.

Transfiguration is now in the process of joining the NALC. They have decided to continue to worship and minister; in fact they are using this as an opportunity to expand their worship life. They have met in a variety of places. At the moment they are meeting in a funeral home in Irving, a home in Garland, and an old warehouse in Oak Cliff. It has been a tremendous amount of work to continue to worship, but the congregation has actually grown in all of this. They are continuing their work and are actually looking at becoming three congregations in order to do more outreach. They see a tremendous opportunity for growth and expanded ministry.

Pastor Portillo and the people of Transfiguration continue to celebrate and spread the Gospel. Finances are a serious issue this year, and all help is much appreciated. May God continue to lead us onward!

NATE BOEHL BENEFIT- Saturday, May 7, 2016 **Cuero Park & Clubhouse:**

5K, golf tournament, garage sale, blood drive, raffle, silent auction, sausage meal plates & a live auction. Contact Haley Cowey at 210-621-8879 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE – Sat. May 7, 2016

8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Spring Workday

We are planning a spring workday and encourage everyone to participate. There are a lot of odd jobs around the Church, pariah hall, parsonage, and grounds that are hard to contract out, but need to be done. Please consider giving one Saturday morning of your time to help us care for God's House. The following are jobs that need to be done:

- Remove ball moss in newly planted trees.
- Brush removal along east property line fence.
- Trim trees.
- Dust parish hall fan blades.
- Remove dead tree at the AT&T easement area.
- Remove steel posts at trees planted last year in cemetery.
- Mulch trees

If anyone has noted other areas around the church, parish hall, parsonage, and grounds that need our attention, please contact someone on the property team. Property team members are as follows: Dickie Bettge, chm, Marv Sager, Pastor John, Clay Haun, Vance Egg, Glenn Ruschhaupt, and Will Roeske.

MaiFest

MaiFest is an annual fundraising event in support of our local benevolences; VCAM, Mid-Coast Family Services, Christ's Kitchen, Hospice of South Texas, Bluebonnet Youth Ranch, United Campus Ministry, Boys and Girls Club, Community Food Bank, Hope of South Texas, among others. MaiFest will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 202 Stanly, Victoria, Texas. There will be entertainment, a country store, kids games, a live auction, cake walk & Sausage plates, dine in or take out for \$10.00 each. Meal tickets will be available from 8am-Noon Monday through Friday at Christ the Victor Lutheran Church office, Phone: 361-575-4363.

*The live auction will begin at 12:00 noon.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - Reserves

John Otto - USMC, Cuba

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, USS
Philippines

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy



Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart

Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Crayton Rains- Scheduled for surgery May 6th

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg and Bette Jo Haun

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.

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Easter 6

May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)



The blessings of God are there for the taking; we need only ask in faith for his providence and care. Even when things don't go the way we think they ought, the Lord never leaves us. Jesus informed his followers that they have direct access to the Father and if they need anything they should ask for it in his name. It will be granted, he assured them (and us), because the Father loves him, and he loves us.