



HE WILL  
TEACH YOU  
ALL THINGS

JOHN 14:26

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Day of Pentecost**

### **Confirmation Sunday**

May 15, 2016

**Greeter This Week:** Marvin & Norrean Sager

**Greeter Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader This Week:** Marlene Dreier-Rangnow

**Reader Next Week:** Tammy Blain

**Acolytes This Week:** Cason Jander

**Acolytes Next Week:** Caroline Roeske

**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 #488 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

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, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Genesis 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup>And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup>So the Lord dispersed

them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 143

<sup>1</sup>Lord, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; answer me in your righteousness.

**<sup>2</sup>Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.**

<sup>3</sup>For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

**<sup>4</sup>My spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is desolate.**

<sup>5</sup>I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds;  
I consider the works of your hands.

**<sup>6</sup>I spread out my hands to you;  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.**

<sup>7</sup>O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;  
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

**<sup>8</sup>Let me hear of your loving kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;  
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.**

<sup>9</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord,  
for I flee to you for refuge.

**<sup>10</sup>Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

<sup>11</sup>Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake;  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

**<sup>12</sup>Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught  
for truly I am your servant.**

## SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the disciples} were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; <sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.””

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

John 14:23-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.C **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered {Judas, not Iscariot}, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me. <sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, <sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV#775 "*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*"  
(sing song twice)

CONFIRMATION

Stand 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

<b>Today 5/15</b>	<b>Day of Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<b>*Confirmation Sunday</b>
	<i>*Parish Life Meeting following Worship</i>
<b>Mon 5/16</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue 5/17</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Worship Committee
<b>Wed 5/18</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	8:00 a.m. Old Stone Church
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	6:00 p.m. Mission/Evangelism Team
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 5/19</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 5/20</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>First Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship

*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, May 8, 2016:**

### **Offering:**

General: \$2,724.97    Mission: \$448.00    Sunday School: \$63.25  
Building: \$105.00    NALC: \$1,020.00    Total: \$4,361.22

**Attendance:** Worship- 138    Sunday School- 13 Children, 16 Adults



## *Celebrating their Confirmation*

### *Alyssa Welder Blain*

Alyssa is the daughter of Brandon & Lorel Blain and Eliza Welder & Matt Church. She was born on June 3, 2002 and was baptized at First Presbyterian on October 13, 2002.

### *Mackenzie Tyann Blain*

Mackenzie is the daughter of Britton & Sara Blain. She was born on September 25, 2002 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on January 12, 2003.

### *Michele Elizabeth Motley*

Michele is the daughter of William & Vicki Motley. She was born on March 8, 2003 and was baptized at First English Lutheran on March 30, 2003.

### *Mason Ray Nagel*

Mason is the son of Wade Nagel and Nikki Nagel. He was born on May 27, 2003 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on September 21, 2003.

### *Brooke Ann Wendel*

Brooke is the daughter of Jason & Michelle Wendel. She was born on April 13, 2003 and was baptized at Zion Lutheran on May 25, 2003.

### *Seth Matthew Wendel*

Seth is the son of Don & Heather Wendel. He was born on June 12, 2003 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran on September 28, 2003.



# St. John's Mission of the Month:



## 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.

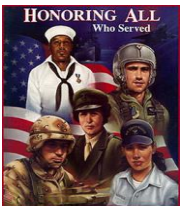
The congregation and Pastor Portillo became more and more concerned about the directions of the ELCA. They began exploring joining the NALC and began to take steps to do so. The ELCA bishop in north Texas responded by kicking them out of the ELCA. He said that Transfiguration was no longer an authorized 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!

### Memorial Day Service

We are looking for the names of veterans that have served and passed as well as those who are currently serving to be listed in our Memorial Day bulletin. Please fill out the form that has been placed in the bulletin today and put it in the collection plate or turn it into the church office.





## Bunco

Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Coletoville invites you to play bunco today May 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 2:00 pm & bunco will start at 2:30. No reservation is needed.

## Congregation Meeting

There will be a called Congregation Meeting immediately following Worship on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. At this meeting the congregation will be discussing and voting on the upcoming drainage project.



## Acolytes



Please sign up for the 2016 year. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have signed up. We still need a lot of dates filled. Thank you.

## Graduates

Calling all Graduates! We need all 2016 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school & college graduates to please fill out the sheet hanging on the Narthex bulletin board. Write your name, where you are graduating from, where you will be going to school or the degree you received. We will acknowledge all graduates in church once we have this information. More details to follow. Thank you.



## Old Stone Church Committee

Old Stone Church meetings will now start at **8:00 am** on the third Wednesday of January, March, May, September & November. Thank you.



## Youth Group

The Youth Group end of the year camping trip will be next weekend, Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Pt. O'Connor. We will meet at the Church Saturday @ 10 am & return Sunday afternoon. Anyone wanting to contribute sandwiches, chips, drinks, etc. please contact Dawn @ 550-9167. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



**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

Pastor Suggs

Crayton Rains- Recovering from surgery

**Hospitalized:** Helen Sievers

**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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# **Day of Pentecost**

May 15, 2016



## **Day of Pentecost (Year C)**

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide and counsel the first believers. All that he taught them while he was with them would be recalled to them by the power of the Spirit as they needed it. That same Spirit moves within all the various expressions of the Church today, guiding believers to keep the Word of Christ, which is also the Word of the Father who sent Him.