

**I ...ask
...also for those who will believe in Me**

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2016



Greeter This Week: Alfred & Marlene Rangnow

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Mackenzie Blain

Reader Next Week: Marlene Rangnow

Acolytes This Week: Marlee Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Cason Jander

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 on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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: *Ladies Choice*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then {the disciples} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a

guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 133

¹Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**

³Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

⁴**It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

⁵For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life forevermore.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

[⁷“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” ⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” ¹⁰And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”]

¹²“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

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

{Jesus said,} ²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: *Ladies Choice*

Stand page 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”
page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: *Ladies Choice*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



St. John Meyersville

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 5/8

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Property Team

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

**Mother's Day*

Mon 5/9

Office Closed

Tues 5/10

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 5/11

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown
Manor

1:30 p.m. Quilters

6:00- 8:00 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thurs 5/12

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 5/13

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun

Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

**Confirmation*

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 1, 2016:

Offering:

Total Offering- \$3,293.85

Attendance: Worship- 89 Sunday School- 6 Children, 15 Adults

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!



Today is Mother's Day!
St. John would like to wish a
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
to all of the wonderful Mother's!
"A Mother's heart is a patchwork of love."
-Unknown

Congregation Meeting

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



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.



Youth Group will meet this Wednesday,
May 11th from 6-8 pm.



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be this Wednesday May 11th at 7:00p.m.

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.



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

Loni Hartman

Crayton Rains-Crayton was in surgery at the time the bulletin was printed. Please pray for a successful surgery & a quick recovery.

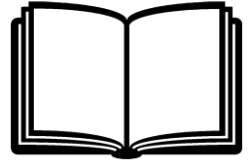
Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg and Bette Jo Haun

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.

Easter 7

May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)



Jesus didn't come to earth as a human being to divide people, one from another. His self-emptying sacrifice on the cross was the antidote to sin and death. As Jesus prepared for the cross of his death, he prayed for the well being and future unity of his followers. In the New Jerusalem, that will exist when he comes again, the picture of togetherness will be signified by a glorious vision of perfection.