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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

May 22, 2016

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Tammy Blain

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Acolytes This Week: Caroline Roeske

Acolytes Next Week: Seth Wendel

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 as you are able.

OPENING HYMN: LBW #526 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GREETING

P 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.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to talk to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG

WOV p. 47

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,

O God of the universe;

Just and true are your ways,

O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you,

Lord and sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near, and worship before you,

For your just and holy works have been revealed.

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through 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

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice?
²On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴“To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²²“The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.”

¹O Lord our Lord,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

²**Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him?
the son of man that you should seek him out?

⁶**You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet:

⁸**All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,**

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰**O Lord our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know —

²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and

foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.” ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV p. 48

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!
Our hearts burn with-in us
while you open to us the Scriptures.
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

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

⁴⁸The Jews answered {Jesus}, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN: LBW #165 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Stand as you are able.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P In Christ, you have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Stand as you are able.

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 life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith.

C **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God.

C **Look forward in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything
has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one
another.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share that peace.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

WOV p. 50-51

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your Holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P As God's people called to love one another let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

After each prayer or petition, we respond:

P God of mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen

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.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now
and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN:

“We Will Glorify”

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We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone

He is Lord of heaven Lord of earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give

Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN
POSTLUDE

LBW #565

St. John Meyersville

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 5/22 First Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship-SOTW

**Called Congregation Meeting immediately following worship.*

Mon 5/23 Office Closed

Tues 5/24 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Primary Election Run-Off

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 5/25 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 5/26 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 5/27 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Memorial Day Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship-Tribute to Veterans

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 15, 2016

Total Offering: \$1,681.75



Attendance: Worship- 187 Sunday School- 2 Children, 12 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!

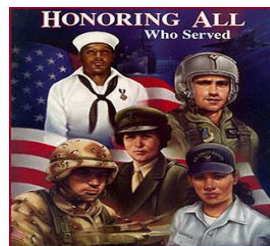


Congregation Meeting

There will be a called Congregation Meeting immediately following Worship today, May 22nd. 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.



Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE: VBS Day Camp - August 1st through August 5th Monday through Friday 8:30 to 3:30. Would you like to be our local contact person? For more info. call or text Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322. Last year everyone had a great time growing their Christian faith in this exciting venue of Christian Fellowship, right here in Meyersville, Texas! Our church is graciously paying all expenses. Day

Camp is designed as a seven hour program for youth who have completed grades K-5. Older youth are also needed as Junior Counselors.

Cross Trails Ministry will provide...

- A Day Camp Director and one energetic, college-aged staff member for each ten children
- All materials for a complete program including crafts, games, Bible studies, music and worships
- Souvenir camper t-shirts and water bottles
- Leadership of a closing celebration program for families and the congregation as a whole

Our congregation will need to provide...

- A Local Contact Person and one volunteer, age 14 or older, for every ten children you register
- Local housing and one meal per day for the staff

Primary Election Run-Off

Remember to vote in the primary election run-off this Tuesday, May 24th in your precinct. Voting will be held at St. John Parish Hall from 7:00am-7:00pm.





Graduates

Calling all Graduates! We need all 2016 8th 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.

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



Prayer
Requests

Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart

Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Pastor Suggs

Crayton Rains- Recovering from surgery

Hospitalized: Helen Sievers- St. Luke's Hospital, San Antonio

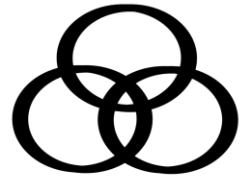
Betty Jo Haun- Warm Springs, San Antonio

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg

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.

The Holy Trinity

May 22, 2016



Trinity Sunday (Year C)

The lessons for Trinity Sunday all point to the co-eternal nature of Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, Jesus is often portrayed as “wisdom,” which connects Jesus, the incarnate Word, to the creation at the beginning of time. It was upsetting to Jesus’ antagonists that he equated himself to God, even going so far as to say that before Abraham was alive, He existed.