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God has done
for you



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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 19, 2016

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Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Marlene Dreier-Rangnow

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolytes This Week: Caroline Roeske

Acolytes Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

Happy
Father's
Day

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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: *Men's Choice*

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: For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; 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

Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. ²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds." ⁸Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 3

¹Lord, how many adversaries I have!
how many there are who rise up against me!

²**How many there are who say of me,
"There is no help for him in his God.**

³But you, O Lord, are a shield about me;
you are my glory, the one who lifts up my head.

⁴**I call aloud upon the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy hill;**

⁵I lie down and go to sleep;
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

⁶**I do not fear the multitudes of people
who set themselves against me all around.**

⁷Rise up, O Lord; set me free, O my God;
surely, you will strike all my enemies across the face,
you will break the teeth of the wicked.

⁸**Deliverance belongs to the Lord.
Your blessing be upon your people!**

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23 - 4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

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

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

²⁶Then {Jesus and the disciples} sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command

them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: *Men's Choice*

Stand p. 65: APOSTLE'S 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 6/19	Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
		<i>Father's Day</i>
Mon 6/20	Office Closed	
Tue 6/21	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 6/22	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 6/23	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	<i>*Committee Reports Due</i>	
Fri 6/24	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	<i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>	
Next Sun	Sixth Sunday After Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult 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, June 12, 2016:

Offering:

General \$1,464.50 MOM \$2,240.00 Building \$350.00
Total \$4,054.50



Attendance: Worship- 72 Sunday School- 10 Adults

Mission of the Month of June:



This month's
Mission
Project

The Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County Mission Statement

In our community there are hundreds of boys and girls left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, or who, in increasing numbers, spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision. These youngsters often form groups or gangs and risk getting involved with the wrong leaders, eventually finding themselves in serious trouble. The Boys and Girls club mission is to work with youth of all backgrounds, with a special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to help them develop the skills to become productive citizens and leaders.

The DeWitt county community has needed something like this for a number of years. It has been well accepted by the school districts, the City of Cuero and area church leaders. St. John's own Laurie Pokluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

Happy Father's Day to all of the
wonderful Dads!!!

You are invited to the Boys & Girls Club of
Dewitt County's Second Birthday Party.
Thursday, June 23rd from 5-7 at the Club
(across from CHS.) Come visit the club
and meet the kids!

*You're Invited
To a Party!*



College Graduates

Garrett Egg- Graduated from Victoria College with a degree in Processed Technology

Justin Meyer- Graduated from University of Houston-Victoria with a BS in Accounting

High School Graduates

Cody Bishop- Cuero High School Valedictorian, going on to Texas A&M University

Dylan Ohrt- Victoria West High School, going on to University of Texas Permian Basin

Milam Eckhardt- Yorktown High School, going on to TSTC-Houston

8th Grade Graduates

Alyssa Blain- Cuero Junior High, going to Cuero High School

Will Green- Meyersville ISD, going to Cuero High School

Church Camp

Some of our youth will be leaving for Camp Chrysalis today, Please keep them in your prayers for a fruitful journey with Christ. May our youth continue to grow in their faith.



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.

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 - U.S. Air Force, Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army 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

Helen Sievers

Loni Hartman

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg, Betty 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.

Pentecost 5

June 19, 2016

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7 (Year C)



There is a profound movement in the Scriptures for today: Israel is judged “rebellious,” and the door for the Gentiles to receive God’s grace begins to open. Salvation is a gift from God to repentant sinners, who by faith are no longer captive to the law but are freed to live joyfully, trusting they are saved by grace. The result of that freedom is the declaration to all who will listen of what Christ has done for us.