

*The one  
who hears you  
hears Me*

Luke 10:16

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

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### **Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

July 3, 2016

**Greeter This Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Greeter Next Week:** Daren & Dawn Otto

**Reader This Week:** Johnna Kethan

**Reader Next Week:** Jeffery Bennett

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolytes Next Week:** Mackenzie Blain

**Altar Guild This Month:** Cathie Bettge & Carly Waters

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Dickie Bettge

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Pam Haun

**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 #567 "God of Our Fathers"

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 never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

<sup>10</sup>“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; <sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” <sup>12</sup>For thus says the Lord: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. <sup>13</sup>As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

<sup>2</sup>**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

<sup>3</sup>All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name.”

<sup>4</sup>**Come now and see the works of God,  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

<sup>5</sup>He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.

<sup>6</sup>**In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;  
let no rebel rise up against him.**

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

## SECOND READING

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

<sup>14</sup>But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus

Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup>And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup>From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. <sup>18</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed <sup>72</sup>others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup>I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.”

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are

subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN:

“America the Beautiful”

O beautiful for spacious skies,

For amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,

Whose stern impassion’d stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat

Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control,

Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved,

And mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine

Till all success be nobleness,

And ev’ry gain divine!

O Beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam,  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

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

<b>Today 7/3</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
<b>Mon 7/4</b>	<b>Office Closed ~ Fourth of July</b>	
<b>Tue 7/5</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
<b>Wed 7/6</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
<b>Thurs 7/7</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Fri 7/8</b>	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	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 26, 2016:**

**Offering:**

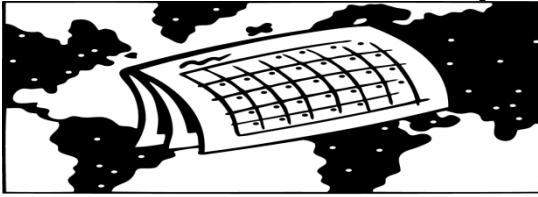
General	\$704.21	MOM	\$2,440.00	Building	\$150.00
VBS	\$125.00	Sunday School	\$15.00	Total	\$3,434.21



**Attendance:** Worship- 68    Sunday School- 10 Adults



## **Mission of the Month of July:**



### *Mission of the Month*

## **The American Family Association**

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the American Family Association is to inform, equip, and activate individuals to strengthen the moral foundations of American culture, and give aid to the church here and abroad in its task of fulfilling the Great Commission.

### **PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT**

The American Family Association believes that God has communicated absolute truth to mankind, and that all people are subject to the authority of God's Word at all times. Therefore AFA believes that a culture based on biblical truth best serves the well-being of our nation and our families, in accordance with the vision of our founding documents; and that personal transformation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest agent of biblical change in any culture.

### **ACTION STATEMENT**

The American Family Association acts to:

1. restrain evil by exposing the works of darkness
2. promote virtue by upholding in culture that which is right, true and good according to Scripture
3. convince individuals of sin and challenge them to seek Christ's grace and forgiveness
4. motivate people to take a stand on cultural and moral issues at the local, state and national levels
5. encourage Christians to bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ as they live their lives before the world

To that end, AFA spurs activism directed to:

- Preservation of Marriage and the Family
- Decency and Morality
- Sanctity of Human Life
- Stewardship
- Media Integrity

We believe in holding accountable companies that sponsor programs attacking traditional family values. We also believe in commending those companies that act responsibly regarding programs they support.

It is AFA's goal to be a champion of Christian activism. If you are alarmed by the increasing ungodliness and depravity assaulting our nation, tired of cursing the darkness, and ready to light a bonfire, please join us. Do it for your children and grandchildren.



## **CHURCH RENOVATIONS** **INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

On July 17 at 7:00 pm, an informational meeting will be held at the parish hall to discuss possible church renovations. At this meeting the structural engineer's report as well as our architects conceptual plans and cost estimates will be discussed

for basement improvements as well as church renovations. We would like to get as much input as possible from the congregation concerning your priorities to improve our facilities.

## **Vacation Bible School**

SAVE THE DATE: VBS Day Camp - August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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# **Pentecost 7**

July 3, 2016

## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9 (Year C)**



The Scriptures for today emphasize the reality of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Either the Gospel and the person who proclaims it are accepted, or the Word and the messenger are rejected. There is no in between. As followers of Christ, we are called to share the message of salvation and offer a sign of peace to every person we come in contact with — but we won't always receive a blessing in return.