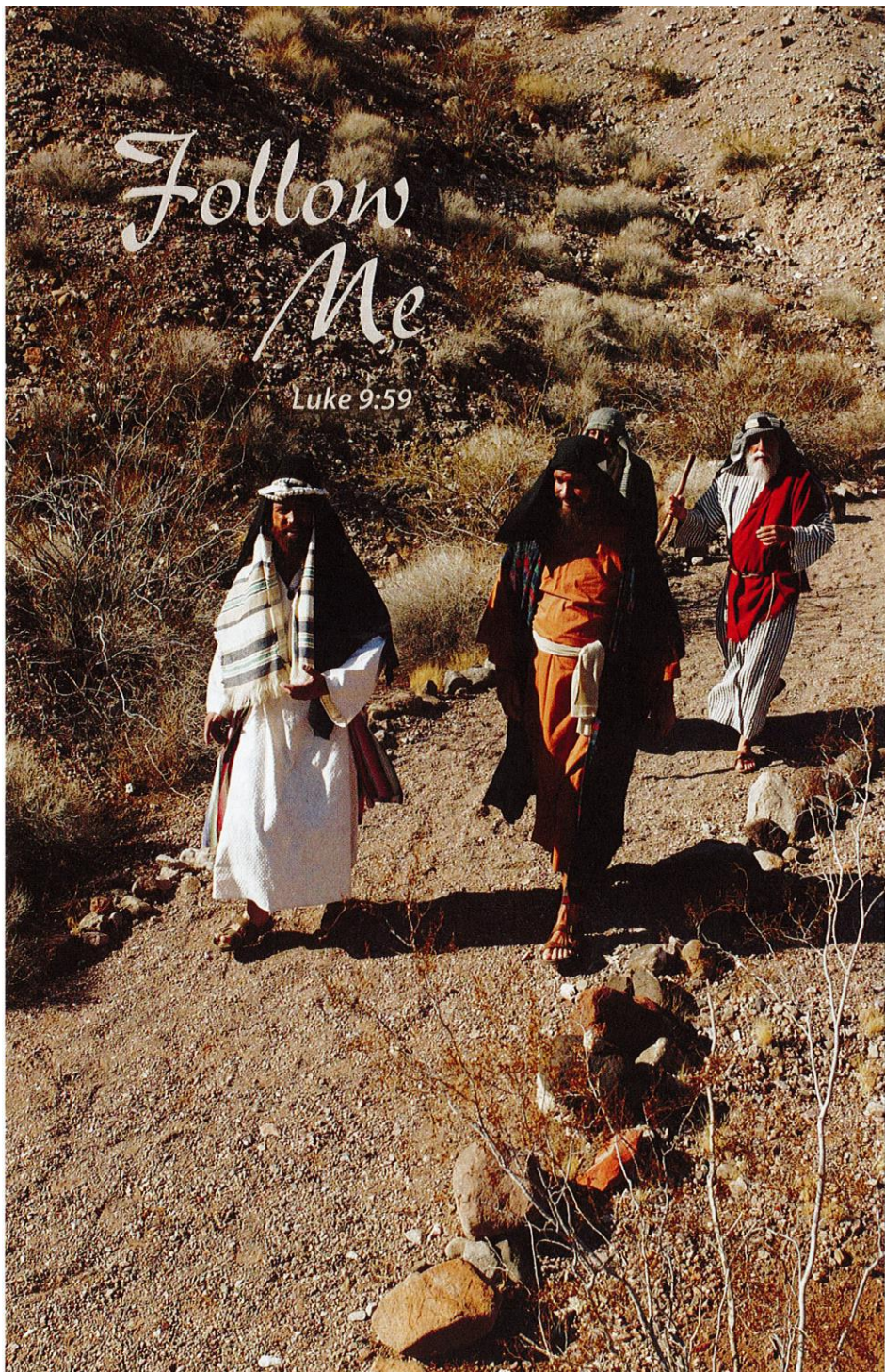


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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

June 26, 2016

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Marlee 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

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: WOV #777 "In the Morning When I Rise"
Give Me Jesus

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 Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9b-21

^{9b}And behold, the word of the Lord came to {Elijah}, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the

one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

⁸**I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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 Luke, the 9th chapter.

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

⁵¹When the days drew near for {Jesus} to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN: WOV #776 "Be Thou My Vision"

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: WOV #731 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN

LBW #565

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 6/26	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Worship-SOTW
Mon 6/27	Office Closed	
Tues 6/28	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 6/29	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 6/30	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 7/1	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Next Sun	Seventh 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 19, 2016

Offering:

General	\$2,311.63	MOM-	\$500.00
Building-	\$1,000.00	NALC-	\$126.00
Old Stone Church-	\$1,000.00	Cemetery-	\$20.00
Total:	\$4,957.63		



Attendance: Worship- 103 Sunday School- 10 Adults

Mission of the Month of June:



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.

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 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 6

June 26, 2016

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost,

Proper 8 (Year C)

Freedom in Christ is a paradox. On one hand, Jesus' grace and mercy frees us from the law that kills; on the other hand, obedience to God's call is the way of the cross. How are disciples of Christ meant to balance these seemingly contradictory ways of being? Paul reminded the Galatians that following Christ meant walking in the Spirit and turning away from the flesh. Jesus proclaimed a singular focus in life.

