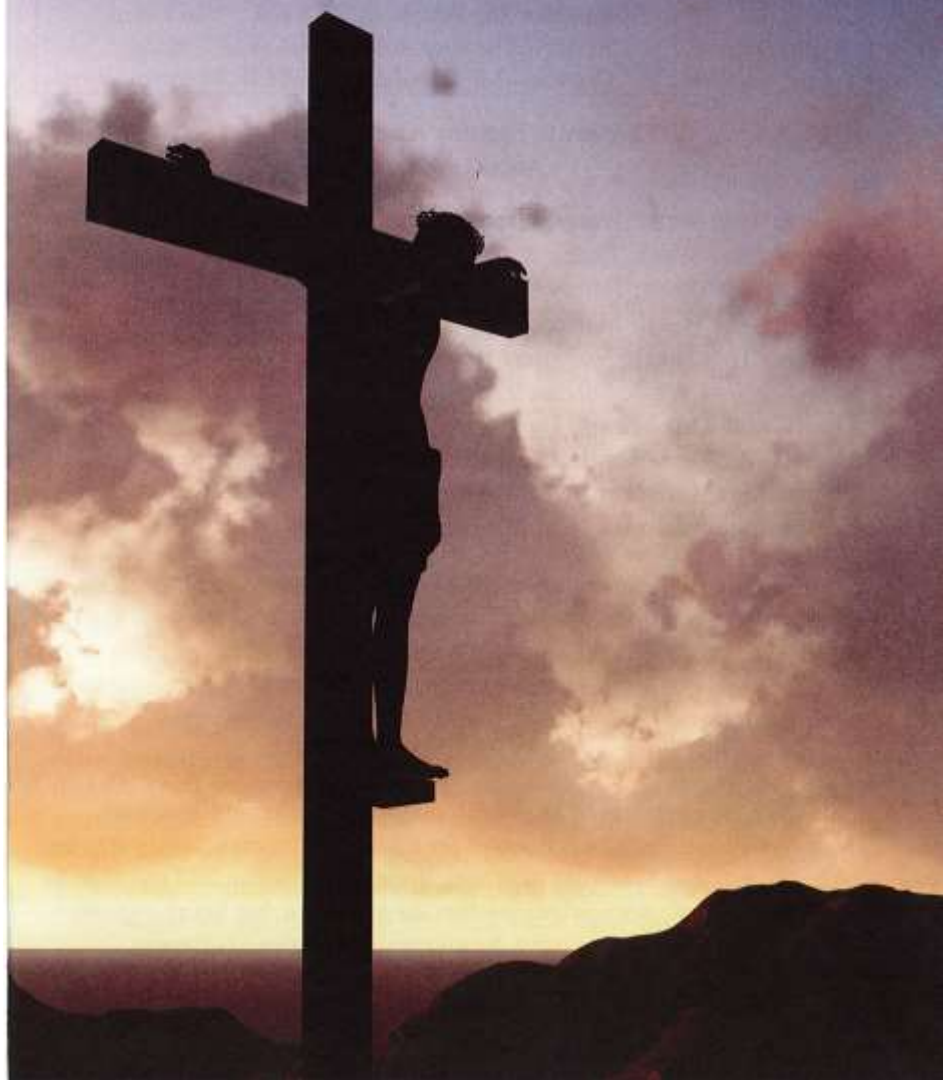


I have a baptism
to be baptized with

Luke 12:50



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 14, 2016

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Jeffery Bennett

Reader Next Week: Marlene Rangnow

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Marlee Blain

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays

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: LBW #500 "*Faith of Our Fathers*"

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 Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, 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

Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not

speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 119:81-88

⁸¹My soul has longed for your salvation;
I have put my hope in your word.

⁸²**My eyes have failed from watching for your promise,
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"**

⁸³I have become like a leather flask in the smoke,
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

⁸⁴**How much longer must I wait?
when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?**

⁸⁵The proud have dug pits for me;
they do not keep your law.

⁸⁶**All your commandments are true;
help me, for they persecute me with lies.**

⁸⁷They had almost made an end of me on earth,
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

⁸⁸**In your loving kindness, revive me,
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

[³²And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated — ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy — wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.]

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-53 [54-56]

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

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

⁴⁹{Jesus said to the disciples,} “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

[⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #242 “Let the Whole Creation Cry”

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: LBW #507 "*How Firm a Foundation*"

P Go in peace, serve the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 8/14 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 8/15 Office Closed

Tues 8/16 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 8/17 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero
Nursing & Rehab.

1:30 p.m. Quilters

6:00 p.m. Mission/Evangelism Team

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

Thurs 8/18 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Committee Reports Due*

Fri 8/19 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Newsletter Deadline*

Next Sun Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. **Worship- Rally Sunday &
Back Pack Blessing**

*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, August 7, 2016:

Offering:

General-	\$7,043.34	MOM-	\$425.00	Building-	\$1,308.00
Old Stone-	\$20.00	Cemetery-	\$25.00	Organ-	\$20.00
NALC-	\$20.00	Total:	\$8,861.34		

Attendance: Worship- 107 Adult Sunday School- 10

Mission of the Month of August:



Christian Warriors Retreat

Mission Statement

Christian Warriors retreat will be held for the second time at the end of October. It will again be held at the El Shaddi Retreat Center in Yorktown. The retreat is a 72 hour spiritual renewal through Jesus for Veterans by Veterans. This year the veterans who went last year will serve as team members. This will be St. John's fourth year to support this retreat which has grown to include a retreat in the Spring also. We hope to have the warriors at worship on a Sunday in the near future to give testimony on their experience at the retreat.

BUNCO PARTY



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Arneckeville, 509 Zion Cemetery Road, Cuero, TX 77954. This **Monday, August 15, 2016** Registration & Meal: 6:00 - 7:00 Games begin: 7:05 Women and men invited for a full house! RSVP by Friday, August 12th, to Barbara Hartman, 277-8187 or zion@hughes.net or leave message at church 277-6434.

Rally Sunday and Back Pack Blessing

Next Sunday, **August 21st** we will celebrate these two events. Bring your Back Pack to Sunday School and Church. The official blessing will be in church. With all the excitement and pressure of school, don't you want God's blessing?



Called Congregation Meeting

Council has voted to hold a called congregation meeting immediately following the service on **Sunday, August 28th**. The sole agenda item will be consideration of Council's recommendation to establish a fund for donations and/or pledges dedicated toward moving forward with the proposed **Elevator/Awning/Basement Project** for our church. Copies of detailed information developed to date on the project are available in the narthex.



Cross Trails Ministry



Invites you to our Fifth Annual Fall Festival 5K! You can choose to run, walk, jog, hop, skip, jump or even sleep in for camp if you want! This fun, chip-timed run through Fredericksburg, is to raise funds for improvements to our sites—Camp Chrysalis and

Ebert Ranch Camp. This race will kick off our Annual Lutheran Fall Festival in Fredericksburg on **September 17th**. Check in for the 5K begins at 7:30, and the run starts at 9:00. The cost is \$25 for all ages participating in the 5K. After the 5K, stay to enjoy the live music, activities for the kids, arts & crafts booths, silent auction, quilt show, chili cook-off, and great food! Runners needing a place to stay Friday evening can stay at Camp Chrysalis or Ebert Ranch for a minimal fee. **Online registration will open July 1, 2016 at www.CrossTrails.org.**

*Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.



ACOLYTES



Please sign up to acolyte for the upcoming months. 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 - 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

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg, 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.

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Pentecost 13

August 14, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15 (Year C)



Houses will be divided over the message of Jesus' salvation. Some will believe and some will resist the good news. Some will twist the truth and try to undermine our faith, but we can be confident that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth. God sends those who preach the good news to those who will hear and obey. We are encouraged by those who are strong in faith to continue the race set before us.