

He who
humbles
himself
will be
exalted

Luke 14:11



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

August 28, 2016

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Kernell Moritz

Acolytes This Week: Carlie Parsons

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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 as you are able.

OPENING HYMN: WOV #771 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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 O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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 25:2-10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

RESPONISVE READING

Psalm 131

¹O Lord, I am not proud;
I have no haughty looks.

**²I do not occupy myself with great matters,
or with things that are too hard for me.**

³But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; my soul is quieted within me.

**⁴O Israel, wait upon the Lord,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

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

¹One Sabbath, when {Jesus} went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN: WOV #765 “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*”

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: LBW #390 *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 8/28	Fifteeth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship-SOTW
Mon 8/29	Office Closed
Tues 8/30	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 8/31	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 9/1	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 9/2	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. 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, August 21, 2016:

Offering: General- \$1,105.75 MOM- \$103.00
Building- \$120.00 Old Stone Church- \$2000.00
Sunday School- \$74.00 Total Offering- \$3,402.75



Attendance: Worship- 126 Sunday School- 27 Adults 31 Children

The Humble Seat

Find the 23 **bold** words from Luke 14:7-11 (ESV)

D N H J A E T R A V C H T M F
T E O O D R G S R H U S A O R
H S H T S J G Y O M E S A V C
Z I A S I T Z S B W C E R E H
I S G E I C E L O E N C N V Q
C P D H F U E L D M E A P G X
Y Y E M E D G D N A S L U W D
C H Y L S R E N U H E P N E E
O C B F O T E T I S R S X D X
C A O L S L W N L T P O M D A
T S E L B M U H N A S L S I L
H T M A F R I E N D X I Y N T
U T R I N V I T E D T E D G S
X A G I V E F R O N O H Y Y V
P B K M L W R G X I P N G H H

Now he told a **parable** to those who were **invited**, when he **noticed** how they **chose** the **places** of **honor**, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a **wedding feast**, do not **sit** down in a place of honor, lest someone more **distinguished** than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘**Give** your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with **shame** to take the **lowest** place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your **host** comes he may say to you, ‘**Friend, move up higher.**’ Then you will be honored in the **presence** of all who sit at **table** with you. For everyone who **exalts** himself will be **humbled**, and he who **humbles** himself will be **exalted**.”

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.



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will begin **Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 am** on the stage in the parish hall. Parents are requested to be present that day for a short meeting. Thank you.

Notes from the Worship Team

Each week our organist, Bruce Weise, chooses the music for the prelude, offertory, and postlude. There are various reasons he chooses what he does for each. He has been selecting music, when he can, for the offertory that has the Psalm for the day as its scriptural basis. We don't sing this and unless you actually put the words down with the music I couldn't tell you how it matches. But even if we are not able to "sing along" this might be a good time to pick up the lessons and review the Psalm as you are waiting for the offering plate or preparing for the remainder of the service. The music, which actually has a connection to the Psalm can be our background to a second look at the message from the Psalm.





Council has voted to hold a called congregation meeting immediately following the service **today, 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.

Youth Group News

We hope everyone had a great Summer!
Youth Group will start back up in September.

We will meet on **Wednesday, September 14th** in the Parish Hall from 6-8. Hope to see you there!



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, Norfolk, VA

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, USS Philippines

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force



Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart
Adam Womble
Nate Boehl

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.

Pentecost 15

August 28, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17 (Year C)



We don't say it often in our American culture where class systems are allegedly non-existent, but in previous times it could be heard as a parent instructed a child or a servant to "Know your place." In the Kingdom of God, the last shall be first and the first shall be last. Humility is the mark of discipleship. Only the humble will be elevated to positions of honor; the faithful are ones who go to the end of the line.