



Rejoice with me

Luke 15:9

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2016

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Reader This Week: Jeffery Bennett

Reader Next Week: Marlene Rangnow

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Altar Guild Next Month: May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

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: WOV #734 *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”*

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 O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich

pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

RESPONISVE READING

Psalms 119:169-176

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding, according to your word.

¹⁷⁰**Let my supplication come before you;
deliver me, according to your promise.**

¹⁷¹My lips shall pour forth your praise,
when you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷²**My tongue shall sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are righteous.**

¹⁷³Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your commandments.

**174 I long for your salvation, O Lord,
and your law is my delight.**

175 Let me live, and I will praise you,
and let your judgments help me.

**176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
search for your servant, for I do not forget your
commandments.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:[5-11] 12-17

[⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.]

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear {Jesus}. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #456 “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*”

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 #448 *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/11	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:00 a.m. Property Team
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<i>~Happy Grandparent's Day!~</i>
Mon 9/12	Office Closed
Tue 9/13	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 9/14	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Thurs 9/15	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 9/16	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
	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, September 4, 2016:



Offering:

General \$1,661.62, Sunday School \$55.00
Church Renovations \$101,455.00, Old Stone \$20.00
NALC \$162.00, Organ \$20.00, Mission \$550.00. Total \$103,923.62

Attendance: Worship- 89 Sunday School- 18-Adults 10-Children

Mission of the Month of September:

This Month's

MISSION

ZOE International

Mission Statement

REACHING EVERY PERSON.
RESCUING EVERY CHILD.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

ZOE International is a Christian anti-human trafficking organization with the mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of the unreached people of the world and to demonstrate God's compassion through rescuing and caring for orphans and children from human trafficking.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:27 (ESV)

VISION: EVERY PERSON REACHED. EVERY CHILD RESCUED.

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3 (NASV)

ZOE International's vision is to fulfill God's dream that every person on earth will know Him and possess eternal Life through Jesus Christ; and, that in lands where Christ is unknown, His love will be experienced, His Kingdom will reign, His Church will be built, His disciples will multiply, and He will be glorified for who He is. ZOE International is a 501C3

For more information please visit their website: <http://www.goZOE.org>

ACOLYTES



Please sign up to acolyte for the upcoming months. Thank you.



Fifteen years ago today on September 11, 2001 terrorism struck our nation in a devastating manner. A total of 2,996 people were killed in America on that day and more than 6,000 others were injured by the deadliest terrorist attack in world history. It was the most devastating attack on American soil since the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor seventy-five years ago, December 7, 1941. Please take a moment to pray for the families who lost their loved ones, the people who lost their lives, the survivors & the first responders of the 9/11 attacks.

Youth Group News

We hope everyone had a great Summer! Youth Group will start back up this **Wednesday, September 14th** in the Parish Hall from 6-8. Hope to see you there!



Happy
Grandparents
Day

St. John would like to wish a Happy Grandparent's Day to all of the wonderful Grandparents!

Annual Festival

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Cordially invites you and your family to our Annual Festival
11220 FM 237 Meyersville, Texas

Sunday, September 25, 2016

There will be a Silent Auction, Country Store, Bingo, Cake Walk & Kids Games

Barbecue Beef Dinner

Serving: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dine In or Plates-to-Go \$10.00

Live Auction @ 1:00

Bingo @ 1:00



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 17

September 11, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19 (Year C)



In our sinfulness and rebellion, we humans are prone to wandering away from God. However, as St. Paul proclaimed to his son in the faith, Timothy, Christ came to save the lost and sinful so that all might know his love and mercy. Like sheep who are easily led astray, God will shepherd us back into the fold of his mercy. He will seek those who are lost — even leaving the flock to do so — just so that one stray will be rescued.