

The image features a central sunburst pattern of golden rays emanating from the center. The rays are set against a background of various US coins, including quarters, dimes, and pennies, some of which are stacked. The overall composition is a collage of money and light.

**You cannot serve God and money**  
Luke 16:13

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

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### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 18, 2016

**Greeter This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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

**Reader This Week:** Marlene Rangnow

**Reader Next Week:** Rylan Dreier

**Acolytes This Week:** Marlee Blain

**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 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 #406 *“Take My Life, that I May Be”*

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: Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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

Amos 8:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

<sup>6</sup>**He takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

<sup>7</sup>He sets them with the princes,  
with the princes of his people.

<sup>8</sup>**He makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children.**

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and

an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. <sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness — with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing — if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus} also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons

of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup>One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." <sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #221 "*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*"

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



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 9/18</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 9/19</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue 9/20</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 9/21</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 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
<b>Thurs 9/22</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
<b>Fri 9/23</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship-SOTW

*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 11, 2016:**

**Offering:**

**General \$2,597.00, Mission \$820.00,**

**Sunday School \$65.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Youth \$80.00,**

**NALC \$205.00, Elevator Fund \$12,152.00 Total: \$15,939.00**

**Attendance:** Worship- 106 Sunday School- 16-Adults 22-Children



## Mission of the Month of September:



**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>

## CHURCH RENOVATION FUND

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.



## 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



## Ice Cream Social

Please sign up to bring something to the Ice Cream Social on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you.



## Youth Group

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you would like to provide a meal for one of the Youth Group gatherings. We truly appreciate all the help from our congregation.

\*Youth Group will meet next on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm.



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

ACOLYTES



**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, Germany

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force



**Please Pray for:** Lisa Kincart

Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

**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 18**

September 18, 2016

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20 (Year C)**



No one likes to be in debt to another, and yet it seems to be a reality of this human life. Our sin is a debt that cannot be repaid, yet through Christ we have been forgiven and restored to a right relationship with God. Jesus paid our debt by offering us grace and mercy through his death on the cross. We, too, are called to offer grace and mercy to our neighbors, forgiving their debt so that they also might know God's love.