



*Whoever does not bear his  
own cross . . .  
cannot be My disciple* Luke 14:27

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 4, 2016

**Greeter This Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Greeter Next Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Reader This Week:** Kernell Moritz

**Reader Next Week:** Jeffery Bennett

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**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 #558 *“Earth and All Stars!”*

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: O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter

and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 31

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. <sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is

required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #377 “*Lift High the Cross*”

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

**Today 9/4**      **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.                      Worship

**Mon 9/5**              **Office Closed ~ Labor Day**

**Tue 9/6**              8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours  
7:00 p.m.                      Worship Team

**Wed 9/7**              8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:30 p.m.                      Quilters

**Thurs 9/8**              8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Fri 9/9**                8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Next Sun**            **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 a.m.                      Property Team Meeting  
9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.                      Confirmation Classes Start  
10:15 a.m.                      Worship  
~Happy Grandparent's Day!~

*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 28, 2016:**

**Total Offering: \$2,620.50**



**Attendance:**    Worship- 87    Sunday School- 15-Adults    10-Children

## **Mission of the Month of September:**



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**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>



## WOMENS' MISSION PROJECTS



Now that our summer break is coming to an end, we plan to resume quilting activity and assembly of kits on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 PM on the stage in the Parish House. All are welcome! Please join us if you can.

We had a very successful past year, with kits and quilt projects for Lutheran World Relief as follows:

--18 School Kits, 18 Health Kits, 6 Baby Kits, and 104 quilts!!

Additionally three quilts, (one of which was made by Leah Bishop and Brooke Wendel) and two pillows(made by Evelyn Diebel and Madeline Hoy) were distributed by John and Margie Swannack to veterans at Warriors' Weekend. Also, one quilt was sent to Lutheran Sunset Home in Clifton, Texas as an auction item for their fund raising event.

Many thanks to all who contributed time, money, materials, and effort to these projects to help those in need!!

Sincerely,

Norrean Sager, Co-ordinator

## Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will begin next **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Youth Group News

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

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





## 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

## **Bear Your Cross**

Find the 26 **bold** words from Luke 14:27-33 (ESV)

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Whoever does not **bear** his own **cross** and **come** after me cannot be my **disciple**. For which of you, desiring to **build** a **tower**, does not first sit down and **count** the **cost**, whether he has enough to **complete** it? Otherwise, when he has **laid** a **foundation** and is not **able** to **finish**, all who see it begin to **mock** him, saying, 'This man **began** to build and was not able to finish.' Or what **king**, going out to **encounter** another king in **war**, will not sit down first and **deliberate** whether he is able with ten thousand to **meet** him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a **delegation** and **asks** for **terms** of **peace**. So therefore, any one of you who does not **renounce** **all** that he has cannot be my disciple.

**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 16**

September 4, 2016

## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18 (Year C)**



Life lived in the intentional presence of God is one filled with true joy and spiritual abundance. There is a cost, however, to following Jesus. The cost isn't measured in silver or gold, but in the very giving away of one's life for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus warned his followers to "count the cost" before they embarked on the journey with him. It sounds daunting, but once you're on the path it is true freedom.