



*If you abide
in My word,
you are truly
My disciples*

John 8:31

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2016

Greeter This Week: Youth Group

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Acolytes This Week: Mackenzie Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Morgan Goebel & Jeri Ficklen

Altar Guild This Month: May Dell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

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 #229 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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 God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the
sea;**

³Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.**

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁹Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰**It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the
shields with fire.**

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the
earth.”

¹²**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

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

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #365 *“Built on a Rock”*

Stand page 64: NICENE 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 #369 *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



St. John Meyersville
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/30 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m.

Worship-Reformation Sunday

Mon 10/31 Office Closed ~ *Happy Halloween!*

6:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Tue 11/1

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Office Hours

7:00 p.m.

Worship Team

Wed 11/2

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Office Hours

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

Thurs 11/3

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Fri 11/4

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Next Sun

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m.

Worship

**Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall Back!*

**Rocky Creek Maze-Youth Group*

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, October 23, 2016:

Offering: General \$1,058.00, MOM \$505.00, Cemetery \$5.00, Church Renovation \$675.00, Total: \$2,243.00

Attendance: Worship-127 Sunday School- 12-Adults 20-Children

Mission of the Month of October:



Samaritan's Purse

Mission Statement

President & CEO: William "Franklin" Graham III, son of Billy Graham

Founded: 1970, by Bob Pierce

Purpose: Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries.

Crisis and Disaster Response —

U.S. Disaster Relief: Since 1998, over 83,000 volunteers have worked with our staff to help more than 28,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies, repairing, cleaning and rebuilding homes. Five disaster relief units, tractor-trailers stocked with tools and cleanup supplies, are ready to deploy when disasters strike.

International: Samaritan's Purse specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, and famine in the world's most troubled regions, often working through local churches and ministry partners. Recent efforts include providing aid such as medical care, shelter items, shoes, warm clothing, heaters, food and water for Typhoon victims in the Philippines and Syrian refugees in northern Iraq.

Feeding Programs — Samaritan's Purse has specialized programs to treat severely malnourished children and runs large-scale distributions to feed victims of disaster, famine and war.

Health and Medical —

World Medical Mission: Each year, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse places hundreds of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals in voluntary, short-term service with hospitals and clinics in the world's least-developed countries. World Medical Mission also provides hospitals overseas with critical medical equipment and supplies.

Emergency Medicine: Samaritan's Purse responds to disasters by providing medical aid and essential equipment, including a mobile field hospital. The organization is able to mobilize hundreds of volunteer doctors at a moment's notice.

Children's Heart Project: This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan's Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,000 children with heart defects.

Diseases: Samaritan's Purse fights malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other epidemic diseases through medical care, health services, hygiene projects, preventative education and compassionate care.

CALLING ALL VOICES!!



If you can consider singing with the CHRISTMAS CHOIR that is now forming, please get with Brenda Boor for a free CD of the music. You can listen at your leisure, and maybe you will be inspired to add your voice to this choral worship. Practices will be Monday evenings from now until the week before Christmas-working together to craft a beautiful musical offering. All are welcome!

Boys & Girls Club News

There will be a musical extravaganza launching the First Annual Boys and Girls Club Campaign today from 5-7 PM. The event will be held at the Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center. The sponsorship and ticket purchase form is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Youth Group

Next Sunday, November 6th the Youth Group will be visiting the Rocky Creek Maze in Moulton. We will have lunch in the Parish Hall after church and leave from there. Family and friends are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun. Please contact Dawn Otto if you want to go, so she can pre-order tickets.



Youth Group

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

ACOLYTES



Bunco Party!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women of LCMC Invite you to join them for a Bunco Party! Next Sunday, November 6, 2016 registration is at 1:30 & at 2:00 bunco will start. The games will be held in Victoria at 4102 N. Ben Jordan in the church multipurpose room. **Please RSVP to:** OSL church office (361)575-4305, Mildred Johnston (361)575-4921 or Susie Breeden (361)573-6637.



VOTE

Don't forget to vote here at St. John parish hall or in your precinct on November 8th!



CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Will you help us with this centerpiece of our Christmas Celebration of Jesus' birth?

Please call or text:

Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322 or

Wanda Hays 361-648-4033



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.



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
Glynn Yurick

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.

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2016

Reformation Sunday (Year C)



Freedom is not necessarily the absence of chains. We who are sinners don't wear shackles, yet we know ourselves to be in bondage to all that draws us away from our Lord. The truth of all truths is that Jesus, the one and only Son of God, took on flesh and lived among us — pointing us to the source of true freedom, his own self. If we abide in Him, he abides in us, and we are truly free from sin and death.