

He will give justice . . . speedily

Luke 18:8



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016

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Reader This Week: Marlene Dreier-Rangnow

Reader Next Week: Tammy Blain

Acolytes This Week: Marlee Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Caroline Roeske

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 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: WOV #746 “*Day by Day*”

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 God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow 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.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night {Jacob} arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then

he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

⁶**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

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

¹{Jesus} told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #320 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

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 10/16	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 10/17	Office Closed
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Tue 10/18	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 10/19	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
Thurs 10/20	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
Fri 10/21	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
Next Sun	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<i>*Mission Feast-Guest Speaker from Samaritan's Purse, Dr. Dane Fowlkes</i>

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 9, 2016:

Offering:

Total Offering: \$1,850.00

Attendance: Worship- 88 Sunday School- 15-Adults, 18-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.



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.

Mission Feast News

Join us after church October 23rd for our Mission Feast. The church will provide brisket, beans and potato salad. We ask for each family to bring a side dish or dessert. We look forward to fun Christian fellowship with friends & family! Dr. Dane Fowlkes with Samaritan’s Purse will be our guest speaker during the church service.



MISSION FEAST

CALLING ALL VOICES!!



Choir practice will begin this coming Monday at 6pm. We will start with listening to several selections we are considering from a longer program and setting our practice schedule. This year, we will be using recorded accompaniment and provide you with CDs of the different parts to help with learning and practice. This music should be a beautiful contribution to our Advent celebrations. Please, call Brenda Boor (361-571-5014) or Johnny Jank (361-550-3500) if you have questions or just want to let us know you are willing to add your voice to our St. John Christmas Choir. All are welcome!

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

ACOLYTES





Prayer For Our Nation

Dear Lord, there is so much that divides our nation. Our system and its moral compass are very broken. Please move your people to faithfully pray for this nation, its leaders, its people and our enemies. Please shine your light in the dark places and help truth, justice and common sense to prevail. Please bring revival to our land and the world. Help us to not be complacent or apathetic. Help us to speak your truth with love and point the way to you. May our own hearts be right before you. Please pour out your grace and mercy. May people come to know the peace and hope that is found in you. Please do what only you can do. In the name of Jesus we ask these things. Amen

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.



Pentecost 22

October 16, 2016

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 (Year C)



How often do we lament injustices that we see in the world? It is always disturbing when the innocent are victims of evil and the wicked go unpunished. The lessons today point to our God, who is a just judge; he looks out for his people, blesses them, teaches them, and finds in their favor because of his great love for them. Life might not always be fair, but with God, love is gifted to us even when we don't deserve it.