A dirt road winds through a lush green field under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the background, a line of tall, dark cypress trees stands against the horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

I AM
THE WAY,
AND
THE TRUTH,
AND
THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

Greeter This Week: Marv & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Marlene Rangnow

Reader Next Week: Tammy Blain

Acolytes This Week: Marlee Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

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: *Ladies Choice*

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 God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These

they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

^{2a}And Stephen said:

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

**⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**⁸The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the
wicked.**

⁹The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

¹{Jesus said,} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: *Ladies Choice*

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: *Ladies Choice*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 5/14 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

~Happy Mother's Day!~

Mon 5/15 Office Closed

Tues 5/16 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 5/17 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 Team

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thurs 5/18 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Committee Reports Due*

Fri 5/19 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Newsletter Deadline*

Next Sun Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Confirmation Sunday

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, May 7, 2017

Offering: General \$5,787.25, MOM \$780.00, Sunday School \$88.00, Old Stone Church \$23.00, Youth \$20.00, Church Reno \$1,409.00, Organ \$20.00, Cemetery \$2,400.00 **Total: \$10,527.25**

Attendance: Worship- 118 Sunday School- 15 Adults, 7 Children

Mission of the Month of May



Christian Warrior's Retreat Mission Statement

Christian Warriors retreat will be held for the second time at the end of October. It will again be held at the El Shaddi Retreat Center in Yorktown. The retreat is a 72 hour spiritual renewal through Jesus for Veterans by Veterans. This year the veterans who went last year will serve as team members. This will be St. John's fourth year to support this retreat which has grown to include a retreat in the Spring also. We hope to have the warriors at worship on a Sunday in the near future to give testimony on their experience at the retreat.

Memorial Day Service

Our Memorial Day, Veterans recognition service will be Sunday, May 28, 2017. We have a long list from last year. Please let the office know during office hours if there are any changes to your status or you need to add someone that was not on there last year. If you are not sure, call the office & the secretary can let you know. You can also leave a note in the box outside of the church office. Thank you.



*Happy Mother's
Day to all of
the wonderful
Mothers! Have a
blessed day!*



Calling All Graduates!

Graduates

Please send graduating 8th graders, high school seniors & college graduates names to the church office. Either by email: stjohnvlutheran@juno.com, call during office hours (361)277-8653 or leave names in the secretary's box outside of the office door. Thank you.

Save the Date for Summer Day Camp

July 31st through August 4th

Four Camp Counselors from Luther Hill in LaGrange will lead our youth in Worship, Music, Activities and lots of fun. Day Camp is open to youth ages 5 through 12. All older youth are needed to help as Junior Counselors. Contact Kathy Dunn for more info: 361-275-4322



Sunday School

Need a ride to Sunday school? Sometimes parents need that extra hour of sleep. Let us pick up your kids! Call or text Kathy Dunn at 361-275-4322 or Wanda Hays at 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,
Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
John Otto - USMC, Bahrain
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
Lee Magrauder - U.S. Army, Afghanistan



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Mike Meyer
Kenny Jacob

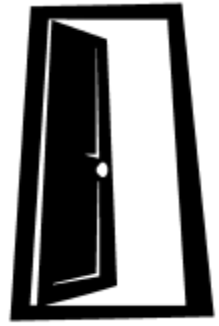
Homebound: Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun

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.

Sunday 5

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Our God forms his people into a holy nation — equipping and protecting them as they do his holy will in the world. Suffering for the Gospel is bound to come; Ste-phen, the first Christian martyr, is stoned for his proclamation of the Good News. In the midst of uncertainty and insecurity, Jesus continually urges his followers to trust in him; he will not leave them, but will show them the way.



“But if you abandon this clear prospect and climb up into God’s majesty on high, you must stumble, fear, and fall because you have withdrawn yourself from God’s grace and have dared to stare at the majesty unveiled, which is too high and overpowering for you. For apart from Christ, nature can neither perceive nor attain the grace and love of God, and apart from him there is nothing but wrath and condemnation.”

- Martin Luther -