

The hairs of your head are all numbered

Matthew 10:30



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

June 25, 2017

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: John & Margie Swannack

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Johnna Kethan

Acolytes This Week: Seth Wendel

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

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 as you are able.

OPENING HYMN:

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) Lyrics - Matt Redman

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Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing, When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love, And You're slow to anger
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons, For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord

And on that day, When my strength is failing
The end draws near, And my time has come

Still my soul will, Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, And then forevermore
Forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
Lord, I will worship Your Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name.
Jesus, I will worship your Holy name.
Worship your Holy name.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C a people holy to the Lord our God.

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to talk to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

**Salvation belongs to our God
 and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
 Great and wonderful are your deeds,
 O God of the universe;
 Just and true are your ways,
 O Ruler of all the nations.
 Who can fail to honor you Lord,
 And sing the glory of your name?
 Salvation belongs to our God
 and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.
 For you alone are the Holy One.
 All nations will draw near, and worship before you,
 For your just and holy works have been revealed.
 Salvation belongs to our God
 and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning

fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him!
Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall.
“Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our
revenge on him.” ¹¹But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore
my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be
greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will
never be forgotten. ¹²O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees
the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you
have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he
has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 91:1-10 [11-16]

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

²**He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

³He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴**He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under
his wings;
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

⁵You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶**Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid day.**

⁷A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it shall not come near you.

⁸**Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.**

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

¹²**They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

¹⁴**Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV p. 48

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!
Our hearts burn with-in us
while you open to us the Scriptures.
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

^{5a}These twelve {apostles} Jesus sent out, instructing them,

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN:

Redeemed – Big Daddy Weave

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Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted, by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up, in shackles of all my failures
Wondering, how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this prisoner, and say to me "son"
Stop fighting a fight, it's already been won

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed, I'm redeemed

All my life, I have been called unworthy
Named by, the voice of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"
I remember, oh God, You're not done with me yet

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, now I'm not who I used to be

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name, a new life, I'm not the same
And a hope that will carry me home

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, 'cause I'm not who I used to be

I am redeemed, You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains
Wipe away every stain, yeah, I'm not who I used to be
Oh, God, I'm not who I used to be
Jesus, I'm not who I used to be
'Cause I am redeemed
Thank God, redeemed.

Stand as you are able.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- P** In Christ, you have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.
- C** **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith.

C Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God.

C Look forward in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share that peace.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

WOV p. 50-51

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your Holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P As God's people called to love one another let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

After each prayer or petition, we respond:

P God of mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now
and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN:

GLORIOUS DAY by CASTING CROWNS

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One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a Virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

'Cause living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day
One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him from rising again

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day
Glorious day

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
And buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day
Glorious day, oh, glorious day

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN LBW #565

POSTLUDE



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 6/25	Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m. Worship~SOTW/Contemporary
Mon 6/26	Office Closed
Tues 6/27	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 6/28	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Thurs 6/29	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 6/30	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m. Worship

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.



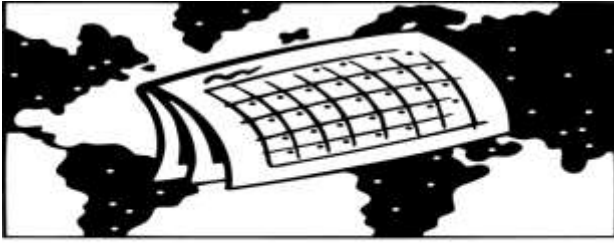
Sunday, June 18, 2017

Offering: General \$1,731.00, MOM \$240.00, Organ \$3.00, Building \$100.00, Church Reno \$3,020.00

Total: \$5,094.00

Attendance: Worship - 108

Mission of the Month of June



Mission of the Month

The Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

Mission Statement

In our community there are hundreds of boys and girls left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, or who, in increasing numbers, spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision. These youngsters often form groups or gangs and risk getting involved with the wrong leaders, eventually finding themselves in serious trouble. The Boys and Girls club mission is to work with youth of all backgrounds, with a special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to help them develop the skills to become productive citizens and leaders.

The DeWitt county community has needed something like this for a number of years. It has been well accepted by the school districts, the City of Cuero and area church leaders. St. John's own Laurie Pokluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.



Quilting

There will be no quilting on Wednesdays during the month of June.

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.



Ice Cream Social Meeting

Monday, June 26, 2017 an organizational Meeting for the 2017 Ice Cream Social will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Members who are interested in helping to plan this year's Ice Cream Social, please attend. Bring your ideas on how to make this event a success!



St. John Lutheran Summer Sunday School Schedule



~Sunday School will be closed all of June and July and most of August.

~Vacation Bible School Day Camp will be July 31 through August 4th

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.



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!



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,
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.

Pentecost 3

June 25, 2017

**Third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7
(Year A)**



Persecution for faith in God is inevitable. No one who follows Jesus in obedience will be spared the attacks of the enemy, Satan. Even so, those who love Christ are commissioned to go and share the good news without fear, for they will be protected by the Father in heaven who values them above all else. A life of discipleship is a risky one, but through a life in Christ we find true and abundant life.



Temptation is a most useful thing... (it) becomes a servant when we resist it, because it then produces a hatred of iniquity and a love of righteousness. And in our future immortal body it will neither have dominion nor rule, nor will it be a servant.
- Martin Luther -