

A woman with short brown hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, brown pants, and white sneakers, is leaning against the trunk of a large, dark tree. The tree is heavily laden with red fruit, possibly apples or pomegranates. The background is a vast, green field under a bright sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

He indeed bears fruit

Matthew 13:23

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

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Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Marlene Rangnow

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Communion Assistant This Month: Dickie Bettge

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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.

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 #783 *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

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: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 65: [1-8]9-13

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²**To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.

⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

**⁶You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

**¹⁰You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.**

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

**¹²You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as

sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN:

“The Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

REFRAIN

So I cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

REFRAIN

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
Such a wonderful beauty I see;
For ‘twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me.

REFRAIN

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then he’ll call me someday to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I’ll share.

REFRAIN

- 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 7/16	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 7/17	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Tues 7/18	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 7/19	Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 7/20	Office Closed <i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
Fri 7/21	Office Closed <i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
Next Sun	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m. Worship~SOTW

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, July 9, 2017

Offering: General \$1,780.00, MOM \$845.00, Cemetery \$25.00, OSC \$5.00, Church Reno \$830.00 **Total: \$3,485.00**

Attendance: Worship -73

Mission of the Month of July



Make A Wish Foundation

Make-A-Wish® Central & South Texas has granted more than 3,000 wishes to area children living with life-threatening medical conditions. Experience the stories of those who know firsthand the power of a wish-come-true.

Make-A-Wish® grants a wish, on average, every 38 minutes to a child with a life-threatening medical condition. Wishes come in all shapes and sizes. Some are heartfelt or jaw-dropping, funny or tear-jerkers.

Wish Impact: According to the results of a 2011 Wish Impact Study that surveyed wish parents, health professionals, and Make-A-Wish® volunteers, a wish come true empowers children with life-threatening medical conditions to fight harder against their illnesses. When wish kids are granted a wish, they get more than just a great experience for a day, two days, or a week. That experience improves the quality of life for them and their entire family.

Health professionals treating them say the wish experience is an important adjunct to medical treatment, and they observe their patients feel better and comply more readily with treatment protocols when they experience their wish come true. And the community volunteers who grant wishes say the wish granting process heightens both their ability to see the best in others, and their commitment to actively help more people in need.

Improved Health Status

*Health professionals who treat wish kids, including nurses and doctors, overwhelmingly believe that the wish experience can improve a wish kids' Physical health.

*Most health professionals say a wish come true has the potential to be a positive turning point in the child's battle for health.

*Parents and volunteers observe that a wish come true makes kids feel stronger and more energetic.

*Wish kids are more willing to comply with difficult, but vital, treatment regimens.

*Parents and medical professionals alike describe the wish experience as a frequent turning point in wish kids' battles for health.

*A combined 89 percent of doctors, nurses and health professionals surveyed say they believe a wish experience can influence wish kids' physical health.**

These folks granted a wish to our own Hunter Jacob. Make A wish has an excellent rating on Charity Navigator.



The family of Hunter Jacob would like to express their sincere gratitude to Pastor John, Brenda and everyone who cheered Hunter home. It was a magical day for him, Gary and Debbie. You have been there for us through every step of Hunter's journey. Your support, love and most of all prayers have given him a new life with a new heart.

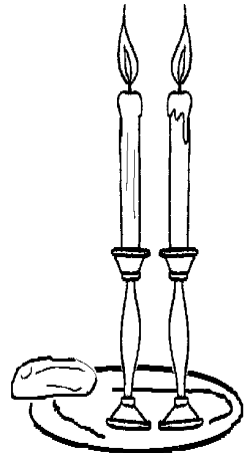
Keep those prayers going!

Cliff & May Dell Jacob

Pat, Wanda & Tristan Hays

In Search Of

The Worship team is asking/looking for information about the two "silver" altar candlesticks/candleholders. Specifically who donated them and/or approximately when. We are considering having them refurbished and the idea was mentioned that we also consider having them changed to a brass finish, if this is financially feasible or possible. Please let someone on the team, Pastor, or the office know of your information or your thoughts on these matters-especially when and how, etc. the "silver" altar candlesticks/candleholders were given to the church. Thank you!



Save The Date!

Please join us Sunday, July 30th for our contemporary worship service featuring

**204 MINISTRIES,
CLAY CROCKETT'S
WORSHIP BAND!!!**



Quilting

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



Save the Date for Summer Day Camp

July 31st through August 4th 8:30am-3:30pm

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 6 through 12 (5 year olds can sign up if they will be 6 by the time school starts or by September 1st). All older youth are needed to help as Junior Counselors. Contact Kathy Dunn for more info: 361-275-4322.

Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessing

Meyersville Lutheran Church will celebrate Rally Sunday, the beginning of our Sunday School year, along with Backpack Blessings for School, on August 13, at 9 am. We will have a Bounce House and explore Fruits of the Spirit with games and prayer stations. All youth three years and older are invited!

Kathy Dunn (361) 275-4322 and
Wanda Hays (361)-648-4033



Bring
Your
Back-
Pack!



Summer Sunday School

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



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, Cuba
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
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force



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

Nursing Home: Arlen Mueller, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

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.



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St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Pentecost 6

July 16, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 (Year A)



Themes of growth and abundance abound on this Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Word of God goes forth continually, reminding God's people that they are beloved, chosen, and cared for without fail. Because of his great love for humanity, God provides beauty to enjoy and hope in the midst of suffering. Some will hear this word of promise, and it will grow like a seed planted in fertile soil.



“Where there is faith in Christ, there the Holy Spirit pours both comfort and childlike confidence into the heart. The heart no longer doubts God’s gracious will and help, because he has promised both grace and help, fulfillment and comfort, not because of our own worthiness but because of the merit and the name of Christ, his Son.”

— Martin Luther —