

**THE ONE WHO SOWS
THE GOOD SEED
IS THE SON OF MAN**

MATTHEW 13:37

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

Greeter This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

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.

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 #407 “*Come, You Thankful People, Come*”

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 Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

⁵⁷You only are my portion, O Lord;
I have promised to keep your words.

⁵⁸**I entreat you with all my heart,
be merciful to me according to your promise.**

⁵⁹I have considered my ways
and turned my feet toward your decrees.

⁶⁰**I hasten and do not tarry
to keep your commandments.**

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked entangle me,
I do not forget your law.

⁶²**At midnight I will rise to give you thanks,
because of your righteous judgments.**

⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you
and of those who keep your commandments.

⁶⁴**The earth, O Lord, is full of your love;
instruct me in your statutes.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For

we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

²⁴{Jesus} put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #770 *“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”*
HOLY BAPTISM (LBW pg. 121)

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 #448 *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

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.

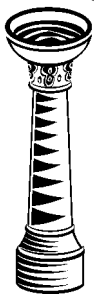
*Wish kids are more willing to comply with difficult, but vital, treatment regimens.

*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.

HOLY BAPTISM

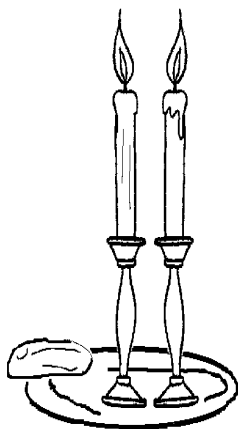


HOLY BAPTISM

Today we welcome as members by Holy Baptism *Clayton Clyde Constable Jr.*, son of Clayton Constable & Rebecca Grigsby. Sponsors for his Baptism are Ashley & Ray Keck. *Brileigh Elizabeth Dobey*, daughter of Carson Dobey & Rebecca Grigsby. Sponsors for her Baptism are Ashley & Ray Keck. *Adelynn Ann Grigsby*, daughter of Jared & Rebecca Grigsby. Sponsors for her Baptism are Justin & Erin Bloch.

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 next 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.



Summer Sunday School

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



We keep the family of Mike Meyer in our Prayers, whose Mother Helen passed away on July 8th. May God comfort you at your time of loss.



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



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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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Pentecost 7

July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 (Year A)



Paul uses the image of labor pains to describe how the entirety of God's creation is stretching and growing. God is birthing something new through Christ Jesus, and the culmination of that will be visible when he returns in glory. Growth can be a hard process, as Jesus teaches his disciples. Good seeds are planted only to be surrounded by weeds sown by an enemy. Even so, God is in control of the creation.



“St. Paul shows the holy cross in all creation, in that heaven and earth and all the creatures in it sure with us and bear the dear, treasured cross. Therefore, we must not weep and moan so piteously when we fall on evil days. We must instead wait patiently for the redemption of the body and for the glory that shall be revealed in us.”

— Martin Luther —