

# My burden is light

Matthew 11:30



## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 9, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Daren & Dawn Otto

**Greeter Next Week:** Alfred & Marlene Rangnow

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Marlene Rangnow

**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: WOV #746 *“Day by Day”*

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 never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible 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

Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to

sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:1-14

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your Name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to his greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will tell of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his compassion is over all his works.

<sup>10</sup>**All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.**

<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power;

<sup>12</sup>**That the peoples may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

<sup>14</sup>**The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and merciful in all his deeds.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 7:14-25a

<sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #734 “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*”

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: LBW #501 *“He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



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**Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org)**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 7/9</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 7/10</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 7/11</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 7/12</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 7/13</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 7/14</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 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, July, 2 2017**

**Offering:** General \$4,386.12, MOM \$545.00, Old Stone Church \$120.00, Youth \$20.00, Building \$25.00, Organ \$74.00  
Church Reno \$527.00     **Total: \$5,697.12**

**Attendance:** Worship - 103



## **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.*



## Save The Date!

Please join us Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>). All older youth are needed to help as Junior Counselors. Contact Kathy Dunn for more info: 361-275-4322.



## 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!



**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.

# Pentecost 5

July 9, 2017

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9 (Year A)



Human life is filled with burdens of many kinds. We are captive to our sinful natures, which cause us, as St. Paul says, to do the things we do not want to do. With God on our side, we are promised to have One who will look out for us, who will free us from our burdens. Jesus promises all those who are weary and heavily laden with stress, conflict, suffering, and the pains of life that he will give us rest.



*“Sin is a powerful and cruel master and tyrant over all humankind on the whole earth, and no one can resist it, however wise, high, learned, and mighty he may be. ... Jesus Christ alone is the hero who can thwart that cruel, unconquerable foe. But it costs our Lord very dearly, for he must lose his life in doing it.”*

— Martin Luther —