



*Lord,
save me*

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2017

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Mackenzie Blain

Reader Next Week: Caden Jander

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

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 p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION &
FORGIVENESS

Opening songs by Sunday school

Fruit Song

Fruits of the Spirit Song

Sit CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

¹I love you, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

²**My God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge: You are
worthy of praise.**

³I will call upon the Lord,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

⁴**The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.**

⁵The cords of hell entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.

⁶**I called upon the Lord in my distress
and cried out to my God for help.**

⁷He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling;
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

⁸**The earth reeled and rocked;
the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his
anger.**

⁹Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his
mouth; hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

¹⁰**He parted the heavens and came down
with a storm cloud under his feet.**

¹¹He mounted on cherubim and flew;
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

**¹²He wrapped darkness about him;
he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.**

¹³From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds,
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

**¹⁴The Lord thundered out of heaven;
the Most High uttered his voice.**

¹⁵He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

**¹⁶The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of
the world laid bare, at your battle cry, O Lord, at the blast of
the breath of your nostrils.**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-17

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it

is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN LBW #474 “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”

Stand page 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

Backpack Blessing

(All students and their parents in the church are invited to come with their backpacks to the front of the worship space.)

L Heavenly Father, we want to begin this new school year as we begin each day, with your blessing and guidance.

C Watch over our students, the owners of these backpacks, as they take the next steps in their education.

L You have called these children to be your own by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Their backpacks will be filled with books, but fill their lives to overflowing with your Spirit and the fruit he brings.

L We know the Spirit's fruit of love, because we daily experience the love that you, Lord, show to us.

C We pray that these students will go through each school day confident in Jesus' love and eager to share his love with others.

L We have the Spirit's fruit of joy in the forgiveness of our sins and in the sure and certain hope of eternal life.

C As our students experience the excitement of learning and the happiness of new friendships, may they live in the joy that Jesus brings.

L You are the Prince of Peace, and you have promised to give us your peace.

C On good days and on sad days, in frustrating times and scary situations, fill these children with the Spirit's fruit of peace, the peace found in your promise to be with them always.

L You have been patient with us in our doubts and failings. Through your love we experience the Spirit's fruit of patience.

C We pray that during difficult days, these children will bring their hopes and sadness to you in prayer and with your help show to others the Spirit's fruit of patience.

L Even though we do not deserve it, out of your grace you shower us with kindness and blessings.

C We pray that these children will share the Spirit's fruit of kindness with other students, especially those who may be lonely or sad. May we all, children and adults alike, show kindness to those in need.

L Your gracious goodness toward all people is displayed in the blessings of sun and rain, days of fruitful work and nights of peaceful rest.

C We ask that our students might display the Spirit's fruit of goodness toward their friends and even toward those who may act unkindly toward them. Let your goodness be reflected in their thoughts, words and actions.

L You kept your promise to send your Son, and you are faithful in keeping all of your promises.

C Help each child here to grow in the Spirit's fruit of faithfulness. Keep their faith strong, even when they are challenged because of the love they have for you.

L With confident hope in God's watchful care, We bless these backpacks and their owners in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May all of us, young and old, be strong in faith and filled with the Spirit that we might bear fruit to the glory of our God and Savior.

C Almighty God, hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

(All parents and students return to their seats with their backpacks.)

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand OFFERTORY

*“We give thee but thine own,
What ere the gift might be,
All that we have is thine alone,
A gift O Lord from thee.”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN WOV #721 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

L Go in peace, serve the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)
POSTLUDE



Keep up with St. John online
St. John Meyersville
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>
Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 8/13	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m. Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing
	10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 8/14	Office Closed
	7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
Tues 8/15	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 8/16	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 8/17	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
Fri 8/18	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
Next Sun	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	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, August 6, 2017

Offering: General \$3,041.00, MOM \$525.00,
Old Stone Church \$2,073.00, Youth \$20.00, Building \$30.00, Cemetery
\$22.00, Organ \$20.00, Church Reno \$6,934.00 **Total: \$12,665.00**

Attendance: Worship - 94

Mission of the Month of August



MILITARY BIBLESTICK: HOPE FOR OUR HEROES

Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom and helping to fight the war on terror.

Many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines live in cramped quarters with other personnel, in very uncomfortable and challenging circumstances, working hard and putting in long hours every day — too tired to read a Bible, even if they have one.

The Military BibleStick reaches these service men and women, deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, with God’s Word in audio — It can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances.

It contains the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for “warriors,” yet it’s only about the size of a pack of chewing gum. Designed to military specifications for safe and discreet use in low-light conditions, it features a matte black finish and red-light-only operation — and runs on a single AAA battery!

Each service member who receives a Military BibleStick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home — although they may be separated from loved ones, they know they are listening through the Word together.

Military BibleSticks provide real hope for our heroes!

Military service is dangerous — not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually. Many servicemen and women come home with “mental shrapnel.”

- 400,000 have been diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- 22 commit suicide every day

We must help them before the battlefield takes its awful toll. God’s Word offers peace, comfort, strength, balance — real help and real hope. This is why we’re dedicated to providing Military BibleSticks, real hope for our heroes. Each Biblestick cost \$25.00. If we could raise money for 100 that would be an entire company of servicemen. Military Biblestick is a ministry of Faith Comes by Hearing and has an excellent rating from Charity Navigator.

St. John Vacation Bible School Fun!



~Working Together to Spread God's Word!~



St. John Back to School Blessings!

STUDENTS KEEP IN MIND TO.....



LET JESUS BE THE



OF YOUR LIFE!

Have a Great first day &
a very fruitful year!



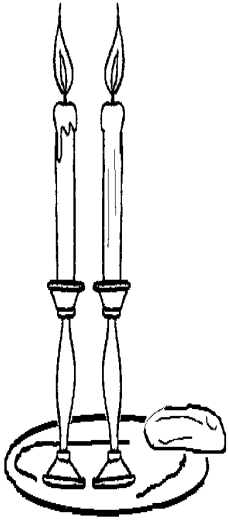
SCHOOL PRAYER: GOD HELP MY CHILD TO:

BE SAFE & SECURE,
WALK WITH THE WISE,
MAKE LIKE-MINDED FRIENDS,
HOLD WISDOM TIGHTLY,
BE DILIGENT & WORK HARD,
GAIN FAVOR WITH THEIR TEACHERS,
BE HUMBLE & KIND,
REACH OUT TO THE LONELY,
& BE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.



~AMEN~

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!

Quilting

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



Save The Date!!!

Save the Date for September 10th! We will be having a meal following church. The church will provide brisket, beans and potato salad. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join us for fun and fellowship!



MISSION FEAST

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 10

August 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14 (Year A)



The disciples in their small boat are being thrashed around by a storm, and, seeing Jesus, they cry out, thinking he is a ghost. Peter calls to him and ventures onto the water, but when he takes his eyes off the Lord, he plunges into the waves. Jesus urges us to keep our eyes on him, especially when the storms of life seek to engulf us. It is God who is in charge — the God who made and calms the wind and waves.



“The first duty of a preacher of the Gospel is, through his revealing of the law and of sin, to rebuke and to turn into sin everything in life that does not have the Spirit and faith in Christ as its base.”

-Martin Luther-