



Yes, Lord, yet even the  
dogs eat the crumbs

Matthew 15:27

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

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### **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 20, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Candy Cowley

**Greeter Next Week:** Marvin & Norrean Sager

**Reader This Week:** Marlene Rangnow

**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.

#### **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: LBW #290 *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

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: Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, 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.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” <sup>8</sup>The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

**<sup>2</sup>Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations  
upon earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

<sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>13</sup>Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup>in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup>As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>For just as you were at one time

disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #439 “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

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



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**St. John Meyersville**

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

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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 8/20</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School 10:15 a.m.                      Worship
<b>Mon 8/21</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 8/22</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m.                      Council Meeting
<b>Wed 8/23</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Thurs 8/24</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 8/25</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School 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, August 13, 2017**

**Offering:** General \$1,225.05, MOM \$110.00, Sunday School \$11.00, OSC \$140.00, NALC \$3.00, Church Reno \$811.00  
**Total: \$2,300.05**

**Attendance:** Worship- 94      Sunday School- 11

## 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 Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing**

*Thank you*

*A big thank you to everyone who made Rally Day a huge success! Our students had a great start with God's love & prayers. Thank you again to all who helped. We couldn't do it without you!*



*Wanda & Kathy*



**MISSION FEAST**

### **Save The Date!!!**

Save the Date for September 10<sup>th</sup>! 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!

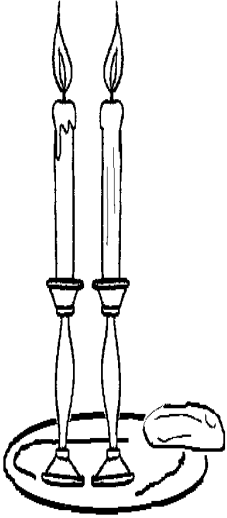
## Quilting

There will be no quilting on Wednesdays during the month of August. Quilting will resume in September.



## 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!



## 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 11

August 20, 2017

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15 (Year A)



Themes of inclusion and exclusion are a common thread running through this week's Scriptures. Isaiah prophesies about who is accepted and who is not in God's house, which depends upon obedience to God's law. St. Paul passionately asserts that even though Israel did not believe in Jesus, God will not turn away from his chosen people. Jesus crosses ethnic boundaries to heal a girl from Syrophoenicia.



*Faith takes Christ captive in his word,  
when he's angriest, and makes out of his  
cruel words a comforting inversion as  
we see here. You say, the woman  
responds, that I am a dog. Let it be, I  
will gladly be a dog; now give me the  
consideration that you give a dog. Thus  
she catches Christ with his own words,  
and he is happy to be caught.*  
— Martin Luther, Sermon on Mark 7 —