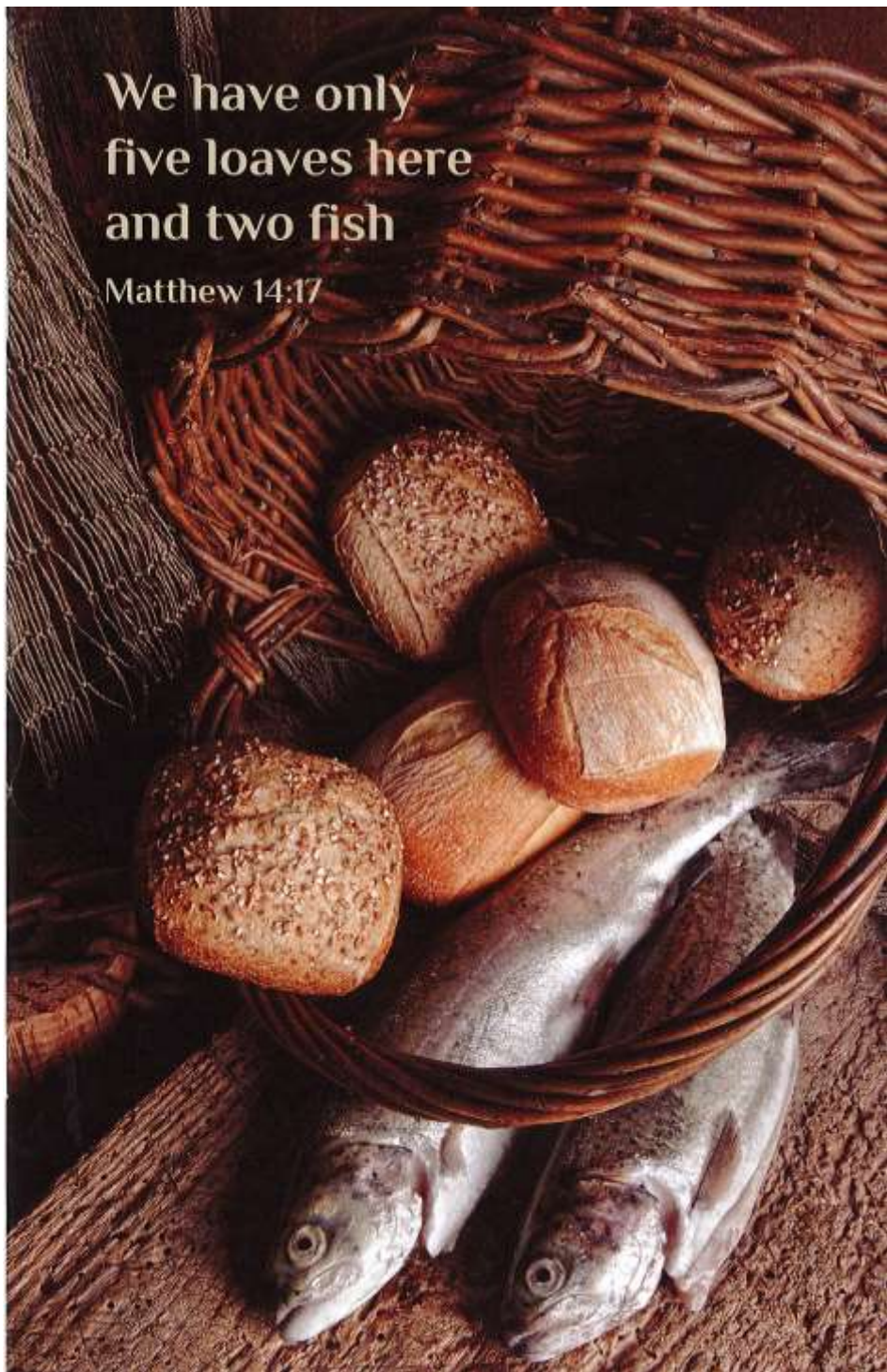


We have only
five loaves here
and two fish

Matthew 14:17



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

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 #406 *“Take My Life, that I May Be”*

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, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to 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 55:1-5

¹Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

²**Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his mercy endures forever.**

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endures forever.

⁴**Who only does great wonders,
for his mercy endures forever;**

⁵Who by wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endures forever;

⁶**Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures forever;**

⁷Who created great lights,
for his mercy endures forever;

⁸**The sun to rule the day,
for his mercy endures forever;**

⁹The moon and the stars to govern the night,
for his mercy endures forever.

²³**Who remembered us in our low estate,
for his mercy endures forever;**

²⁴And delivered us from our enemies,
for his mercy endures forever;

²⁵**Who gives food to all creatures,
for his mercy endures forever.**

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5 [6-13]

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. [⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”]

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

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

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

¹³When Jesus heard {of John the Baptist’s death}, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and

said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #390 *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

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 8/6	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 8/7	Office Closed
Tues 8/8	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 8/9	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Thurs 8/10	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 8/11	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing 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 30, 2017

Offering: General \$1,178.00, MOM \$165.00, Building \$5.00,
Youth VBS \$100.00, NALC \$10.00, Church Reno \$598.00
Total: \$2,056.00

Attendance: Worship- 163

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.



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!

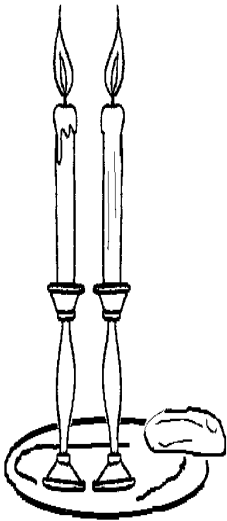
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In Search Of

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.



Summer Sunday School

~Sunday school will resume on August 13th.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers today are in memory of Chad Boyer given by his parents Ray & Linda Boyer.



Thank You

St. John would like to say THANK YOU to all of our Vacation Bible School volunteers as well as the kids, counselors & junior counselors who made it possible & fun! It was a great week!



MISSION FEAST

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!

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 9

August 6, 2017

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13 (Year A)



God's love and devotion for his people are seen clearly in the Scripture lessons for this Sunday: invitations to banquets, covenant promises, a passionate reminder that it is God who calls and adopts. Jesus provides a meal made from meager provisions that overflows into abundance, pointing to God's incredible care for the hungry. As we gather at the Lord's Table, we get to eat, drink, and be renewed again.



“Thus we learn from these words that the apostle regards the servants of Christ as stewards of the mysteries of God. That is, they should regard themselves and be regarded by others as persons who preach and give to the people of God nothing but Christ and what belongs to Christ.”

— Martin Luther —