



*Whoever  
receives one such child  
in My name  
receives Me*

*Matthew 18:5*

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

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### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Mission Feast*

September 10, 2017



*Grandparents Day*

*Happy Grandparent's Day!*

**Greeter This Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Greeter Next Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Reader This Week:** Marlee Blain

**Reader Next Week:** Marlene Rangnow

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Dickie Bettge

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Pam Haun

**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 #756 “*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*” (Verses 1-3)

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 Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

<sup>7</sup>So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 32:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

**<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guilt!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

**<sup>6</sup>I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

## SECOND READING

Romans 13:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments,

“You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”<sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them<sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.<sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.<sup>5</sup> Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,<sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.<sup>7</sup> Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!<sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.<sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.<sup>10</sup> See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.<sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?<sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.<sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.<sup>15</sup> If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.<sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.<sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax

collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE *Les Rabke and Pastor Wanda Ulrey*

HYMN: WOV #756 “*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*” (*Verses 4-5*)

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: WOV #755 “*We All Are One in Mission*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **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 9/10</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Mission Feast</i>
<b>Mon 9/11</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 9/12</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 9/13</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 9/14</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 9/15</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
	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, September 3, 2017**  
**Total Offering: \$12,086.86**

**Attendance: Worship - 125**

## Mission of the Month of September

# Mission Project



## HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER

As everyone knows Hurricane Harvey has been such a devastation to so many. There are thousands of people who lost everything. They are needing assistance immediately! Our Mission Team has decided to change our mission for the month of September to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey. This money will be given through Samaritan's Purse, a Christian based organization that has been helping people around the world since 1970. May God bless those that are in need through the goodness of others. Amen.



## MISSION FEAST

*St. John would like to welcome our Mission Speakers today, Les Rabke & Pastor Wanda Ulrey. They are from the Stevenson's Unit Prison Ministry. Thank you for coming and telling us about your Mission! All are welcome to please join us in the parish hall after the service for our Mission Feast.*

## Yorktown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

There will be an Open House on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 670 W. Fourth Street from 5-7 pm. The public is invited. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Tours of the facility will be given.

Thank you.





## Items needed: NALC Disaster Response

*Anything you can do to help, would be greatly appreciated!*

**Flood Buckets:** 5-gallon buckets w/ lid, 2 one-quart bottles of bleach or a gallon of bleach, rubber gloves, work gloves, large, heavy duty plastic bags (30-45 gallon size), room deodorizer, scrub brush, sponges, 100-ft. clothes line or two 50-ft., antibacterial soap, scouring pads, reusable wipes, dust masks, two 25-oz. or one 50-oz. liquid soap, insect repellent spray.

**Other needed items:** Shovels, rakes, garden hoses, tarps, tools to remove debris (such as wet flooring), mops, gas cans, BIBLES, bottled water, baby diapers & formula, feminine hygiene products, hand sanitizer gel or wipes, Non-perishable food items, pet food, paper plates, plastic eating utensils, paper towels, gift cards (Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, Walmart)

**Monetary donations may be sent to:**

**NALC Disaster Response**

**2299 Palmer Drive, Suite 220**

**New Brighton, MN 55112-2202**

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Coordinator 740-509-1132

[disasterresponse@thenalc.org](mailto:disasterresponse@thenalc.org)



## Confirmation News

Confirmation classes will start next Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Students need to have at least one parent present that day.

## St. John Youth Group

We are still looking for new Youth Group Leaders. Please contact Pastor John if this is something God is calling you to do. Thank you.



## Bunco Party!

Fun, Food & Fellowship! The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite you to a Bunco party in the Fellowship Hall at 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905

When: Monday, September 11, 2017

Registration/Refreshments: 6-7pm

Bunco: 7:05pm

RSVP to Barbara Schmidt 573-3806, Seda Weaver 575-0130 or The Church Office 578-5447



## Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Cordially invites you and your family to our

### **Annual Festival**

11220 FM 237 Meyersville, TX

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

Barbecue Beef Dinner

Serving: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dine In or Plates-to-Go are \$10.00

Bingo @ 1:00, Live Auction @ 1:00

Silent Auction ~ Country Store ~ Cake Walk



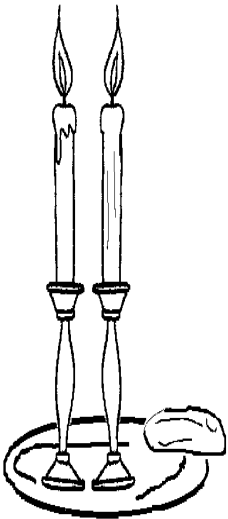
### Church Pictures

Save the date! October 6th and 7th. Pictures will be taken for our Pictorial Directory. A Sign-Up Sheet will be put out starting September 10th. Thank You!



### 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!



### 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  
Sandy Gohmert  
Marlene Dreier Rangnow

**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 14

September 10, 2017

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18 (Year A)



Jesus warned his followers that anyone who caused a child (or one who is childlike in faith) to stumble in the faith would have a worse fate than having a millstone hung around his neck and being thrown into the sea. Followers of Christ are called to be humble and to receive the childlike with grace and mercy, even as they are called to be like children who are in awe of the kingdom of heaven.



*“Owe no man anything, but to love one another.”  
To me, clearly and simply it means: Not as men,  
but as Christians, are we under obligations. Our  
indebtedness should be the free obligation of  
love. It should not be compulsory and  
law-prescribed... Love’s obligation enables a  
man to do more than is actually required of him.*

*- Martin Luther-*

*WIT FROM WITTENBURG on TEMPTATION*

*MARTIN LUTHER’S words “Young fellows are tempted by girls,  
men who are 30 years old are tempted by gold; when they are 40  
years old they are tempted by honor and glory; and those who are  
60 years old say to themselves, what a pious man I have become.”*

*TEMPTATION is with us ALL Always.*