

Forgive your brother from your heart

Matthew 18:35



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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 17, 2017

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

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

**Reader This Week:** Dwight Jander

**Reader Next Week:** Rylan Dreier

**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.

#### **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 #389 *“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

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: O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup>"Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you." And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>**He redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you with good things,  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.

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

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came up and said to {Jesus}, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a

hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

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

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ 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

<b>Today 9/17</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 9/18</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 9/19</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 9/20</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 9/21</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
<b>Fri 9/22</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours ~ <i>Fall Begins!</i> <i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>SOTW</i>

*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 10, 2017**

**Offering:** General \$999.45, MOM \$1,310.00, Organ \$5.00, Church Reno.\$105.00 **Total: \$2,419.45**

**Attendance:** Worship-87 Sunday School- 12 Children, 8 Adults

## 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 Statement

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.*



## **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)

## **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.

## **Men's Bible Study**

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for Men's Bible Study.



## **Altar Flowers**

The Altar flowers sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign-up if you wish to bring the altar flowers on those dates. Thank you.





## 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

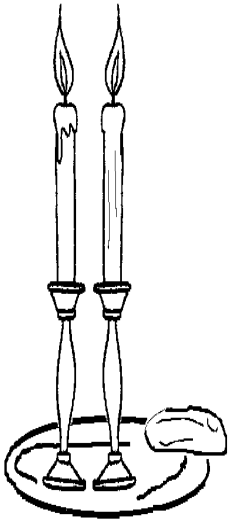
### Church Pictures

Save the date! October 6th and 7th. Pictures will be taken for our Pictorial Directory. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. 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

**Nursing Home:** Arlen Mueller, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation  
Marlene Dreier Rangnow, Cuero 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

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

# Pentecost 15

September 17, 2017

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19 (Year A)



Forgiveness is often a very difficult subject, even for those who know that we are called to forgive if we want to be forgiven. In our human sinfulness we seek to justify ourselves, coming up with reasons why our brother or sister does not deserve to be forgiven. Joseph speaks a word of forgiveness to his scheming brothers, pointing to the reality that God can work through great pain to bring healing of relationships.



*Now, if there were no one on earth who forgave sins, but there were on Law and works, how timid and miserable a poor distressed conscience would be! But now, when God has filled everyone's mouth so that he can say to another: "Your sins are forgiven," no matter where you are, the golden year has begun.*

*-Martin Luther- Church Postil*