

*Whoever loses his life for My sake
will find it*

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Kernell Moritz

Reader Next Week: Marlee Blain

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 #377 *“Lift High the Cross”*

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, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make

you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 26

¹Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**²Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

**⁴I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**⁸Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

⁹Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

**¹⁰Whose hands are full of evil plots,
and their right hand full of bribes.**

¹¹As for me, I will live with integrity;
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

**¹²My foot stands on level ground;
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #748 *“Bind Us Together”*

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/3	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 9/4	Office Closed ~Labor Day~
Tues 9/5	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team
Wed 9/6	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 9/7	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 9/8	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Property Team 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship-Mission Feast ~Happy Grandparent's Day!~

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 27, 2017

Offering: *No service due to the weather.*

Attendance: Worship-0 Sunday School- 0

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.



QUILTERS

Quilting

Quilting will resume on Wednesdays
@ 1:30 starting September 6th.

Mission Feast

Save the Date for September 10th! We will be having a meal following church. Due to a change in plans, we will now be having a pot luck meal instead. Each family is asked to please bring a main dish & side dish or dessert. Please join us for fun and fellowship!



MISSION FEAST



St. John would like to send our prayers out to those affected by the hurricane. May God help everyone to stay safe & receive the assistance they need during this very difficult time.

Confirmation News

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

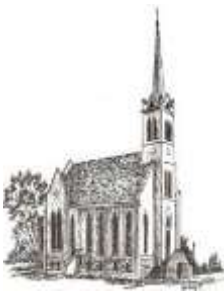


St. John Youth Group

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.

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!



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.



Bunco Party!

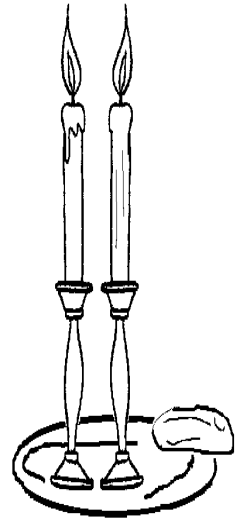
Fun, Food & Fellowship! The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite you to a Bunco party in the Fellowship Hall at 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905

When: Monday, September 11, 2017
Registration/Refreshments: 6-7pm
Bunco: 7:05pm

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

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!



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
Sandy Gohmert

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 13

September 3, 2017

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
Proper 17 (Year A)**



Life in Christ is not an easy way to live. On the contrary, to be a disciple of Jesus is a costly endeavor! It means being tested and tried, it requires great patience and perseverance, and it means acting the opposite of what our most basic instincts compel us to do. Instead of being vengeful, it means forgiving. Instead of fussing and fighting, it means living in harmony with fellow believers.



*So, too, pure love is a rare thing on earth.
Not that love in itself is impure, but too
often it is mere pretense. John implies as
much in his words (1 Jn 3, 18), “My little
children, let us not love in word, neither
with the tongue; but in deed and truth.”*

- Martin Luther -