

**He sent them into his vineyard**

**Matthew 20:2**



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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Service of the Word**

September 24, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Greeter Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Reader This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Reader Next Week:** Mackenzie Blain

**Acolytes This Week:** Scott Motley

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**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 as you are able.*

OPENING HYMN:

### *Good Good Father*

*Chris Tomlin*

I've heard a thousand stories, of what they think you're like.  
But I've heard the tender whispers, of love in the dead of night.  
And you tell me that you're pleased, And that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good, Father.

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are

And I'm loved by you,

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

I've seen many searching, for answers far and wide.  
But I know we're all searching, For answers only you provide.  
'Cause you know just what we need, Before we say a word.

You're a good, good, Father

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are

And I'm loved by you

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Because you are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways to us

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak.

Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think.

As you call me deeper still, As you call me deeper still

As you call me deeper still, Into love, love, love

You're a good, good, Father.

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are

And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am  
You're a good, good, Father.  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am  
You're a good, good, Father.  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am  
You're a good, good, Father.  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are  
And I'm loved by you  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C** **a people holy to the Lord our God.**

**P** Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to talk to your children.

**C** **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

**P** One does not live by bread alone,

**C** **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

## SCRIPTURE SONG

WOV p. 47

**Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.  
Great and wonderful are your deeds,  
O God of the universe;  
Just and true are your ways,  
O Ruler of all the nations.  
Who can fail to honor you Lord,**

**And sing the glory of your name?  
Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.  
For you alone are the Holy One.  
All nations will draw near, and worship before you,  
For your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Salvation belongs to our God  
and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

**All: Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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.**

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27:1-9

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**<sup>2</sup>When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**<sup>4</sup>And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.**

<sup>5</sup>One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**<sup>6</sup>To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a  
rock.

**<sup>8</sup>Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great  
gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really  
served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout  
the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for  
Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord  
by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without  
fear.

<sup>19</sup>For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus  
Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager  
expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full  
courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by  
life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am  
to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall  
choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to  
depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the  
flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that  
I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the  
faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus,  
because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be  
worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am  
absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with  
one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not  
frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of  
their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has  
been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only  
believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict  
that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV p. 48

**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!**  
**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**  
**Our hearts burn with-in us**  
**while you open to us the Scriptures.**  
**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!**  
**Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glorify you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said,} “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

HYMN: WOV #764 “*Blest Are They*” (verses 1-3)

*Stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- P In Christ, you have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.
- C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

*Stand as you are able.*

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith.
- C **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**
- P Keep yourselves in the love of God.
- C **Look forward in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
- C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**
- P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.



*Silence for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

**C Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**C Amen**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us share that peace.

*Please be seated.*

### OFFERING

*Stand as you are able.*

### OFFERTORY

WOV p. 50-51

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
Yours the anointing, the radiant worth.  
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;  
Ours the thanksgiving to your Holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P As God's people called to love one another let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

*After each prayer or petition, we respond:*

P God of mercy

C **Hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**HYMN: WOV #721 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE DOXOLOGY HYMN LBW #565**

### **POSTLUDE**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 9/24</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship~SOTW
<b>Mon 9/25</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 9/26</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Wed 9/27</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	9:00 a.m. Old Stone church Meeting
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 9/28</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 9/29</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	3:00-5:00 p.m. ~Ice Cream Social~

*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 17, 2017**

**Offering:** General \$1,065.00, MOM \$650.00, Sunday School \$96.25, Youth \$30.00, Building \$25.00, Organ \$3.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Church Reno \$125.00      **Total: \$2,014.25**

**Attendance:** Worship - 86      Sunday School - 6 Children, 13 Adults

## Mission of the Month of September



### 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.*

#### 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.

## **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)

### **Ice Cream Social**

St. John's Second Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, October 1, 2017

3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Please bring a friend, a neighbor and the entire family

If you like a particular game bring it along to teach and share with others

We will have dominoes and cards

Play inside or outdoor games

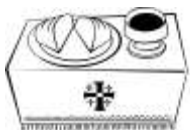
There will be ice cream judging and ice cream eating!!!

Come enjoy Christian fellowship with our church family and guests

### **Altar Guild**

The ALTAR GUILD will hold it's bi-annual MEETING on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

At least one member from each team needs to attend this meeting.



*Altar Guild*



## Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Cordially invites you and your family to our

### **Annual Festival**

11220 FM 237 Meyersville, TX

**Today, 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

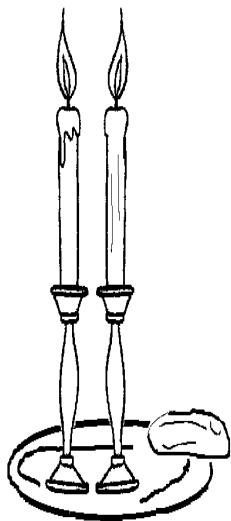
Save the date! October 6th and 7th. Pictures will be taken for our Pictorial Directory. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. If anyone is unavailable to have their picture taken, they can submit a digital picture through e-mail by October 2, 2017. Please send digital pictures to the church email:

[stjohnelutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnelutheran@juno.com), 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  
Merton & Marjorie Ideus, 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 16

September 24, 2017

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20 (Year A)



God's generosity to his people is beyond our human understanding. We often count and keep score of what is given to us and compare it to what others have received. This is not the way God works. God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. It is not for us to compare or to cry "Unfair!" because God's ways are beyond our limited human understanding.



*Therefore we must not consider this parable in every detail, but confine ourselves to the leading thought, that which Christ designs to teach by it... what the householder had in mind and what he aims to teach, how he desires to have his goodness esteemed higher than all human works and merit, yea, that his mercy alone must have all the praise.*

*- Martin Luther- Sermon on Matthew 20*