A close-up photograph of a stone wall. The wall is constructed from large, rectangular, light-colored stone blocks with visible mortar joints. The texture of the stone is rough and weathered. In the center of the image, a single stone block is highlighted as the 'cornerstone'. The text is overlaid on this central stone.

The stone
that
the builders
rejected
has become
the
cornerstone

Matthew 21:42

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

Greeter This Week: Volunteer Needed

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays

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: LBW #294 *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

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 Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 80:7-19

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

**¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

**¹²Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and
tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.**

¹⁵They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

**¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

³³{Jesus said to the chief priests and the Pharisees,} “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #453 "*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*"

Stand page 65: APOSTLES' CREED

Quilt Litney of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts-a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the quilts we have made, to you.

People: We dedicate these quilts and kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt or kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items-making each piece we have created an expression of love.

There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life-how you can use something as small as a quilt, a layette, a school kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Pastor: Lord, we know all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of your being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

People: Amen

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: LBW #526 "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*"

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/8	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 10/9	Office Closed
Tues 10/10	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Altar Guild Bi-Annual Meeting
Wed 10/11	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
Thurs 10/12	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 10/13	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	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.



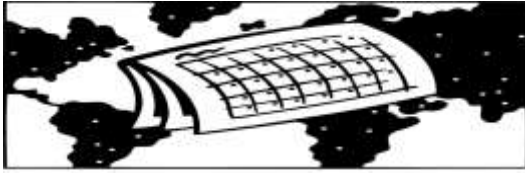
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, October 1, 2017

General \$2,910.00, MOM \$1,000.00, Sunday School \$93.00, NALC \$120.00, Youth \$25.00, OSC \$10.00, Building \$5.00,
Church Reno. \$1,295.00 **Total : \$5,458.00**

Attendance: Worship - 85 Sunday School - 3 Children, 16 Adults

Mission of the Month of October



Mission
of the Month

CAMAL House Mission Statement

St. John's Mission of the Month of October is CAMAL House which is the local food bank. Volunteers run this food bank. Funds are needed to help prepare the pantry for the upcoming holidays. They especially need funds to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys.



Thank You

St. John wants to give a very special thank you to Jason Ohrt for leading our service today. We appreciate you!

Reformation 500

Moments with Martin Luther

It would be very proper to place in the coat-of-arms of every pious prince a loaf of bread instead of a lion... or to stamp it upon the coin, to remind both them and their subjects that by their office we have protection and peace, and that without them we could not eat and retain our daily bread. (Large Catechism)

Martin Luther had a heart for the poor and in need. As a young monk he, along with his Augustinian brothers, had to beg for coins in order to eat. He knew what it was like to be hungry. In a letter to his dear friend George Spalatin, who was a priest and colleague at the University of Wittenberg, Luther wrote concerning a poor fisherman. At the time of the letter, June 7, 1522, George was the private secretary and court chaplain to Elector Frederick the Wise and thus had the ruler's ear.

Luther wrote, "A poor fisherman made a mistake and on only one occasion fished too close to the waters of my Most Gracious Lord (Elector Frederick). I interceded in his behalf with the tax collector, and I am now informed that he transferred responsibility to my Most Gracious Lord. I beg you, therefore, to intercede in my name with my Most Gracious Lord, in order that the penalty be changed. I understand that a fine of six hundred pieces of silver has been imposed on him. I do not ask that he go unpunished; his case should serve as an example to inspire respect and to demonstrate that there is a government. But I ask that his punishment should not deprive him of his living." (LW 49, p.9)

Prayer: *Lord, grant daily bread for all people, we pray. Amen.*

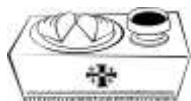




We keep the family of Mike Meyer in our Prayers, who went to be with his eternal Father on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. May God comfort his family at this difficult time of loss.

One-Night Movie Event

Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the new Martin Luther film at: Cinemark Theatre in Victoria tomorrow, October 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please take a flyer with more information regarding this screening. They are located in the Narthex.



Altar Guild

Altar Guild

The ALTAR GUILD will hold it's bi-annual MEETING on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 PM. At least one member from each team needs to attend this meeting.

It's Time For Bunco!

Please join us for an evening of Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Monday, October 23, 2017

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

400 North Esplanade, Cuero, Texas

Registration & Refreshments 6:00 p.m.

Games Begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by October 20th

Marlene Fromme (361)275-3754 or (361)275-4214

Gladys Dieringer (361)275-5202

Church Office (361)275-2845



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.



Please Note

If anyone goes to the hospital or needs pastoral care please contact Marvin Sager at (361)275-6029 or (361)243-1166.

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
Kenny Jacob
Sandy Gohmert
Marlene Dreier Rangnow

Nursing Home: Arlen Mueller, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation
Merton & Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun

Pentecost 18

October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22 (Year A)



When it comes to righteousness, Paul says, “I win the medal!” When it comes to following the law to the letter, again he says, “I get the prize!” But now his life is in Christ who showed the apostle the worthlessness of his labors. Paul confesses his zeal for the law and says that whatever he gained by that, he now counts as loss. The only gain we can rejoice in is the love and mercy of Jesus, our Savior.



By faith, as St. Peter says, we acquire a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. . . And such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins is followed by good works. . . We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, faith is false and not true.
*- Martin Luther- Smalcald Articles, Part III,
Article VIII*