



Love one another

John 15:12



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

Greeter This Week: Bishop Family

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

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 in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

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 #385 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

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 God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

We Are Witnesses

Peter spoke to Cornelius of the Good News, telling him the story of Jesus beginning with John the Baptist and then all that the apostles had seen and witnessed while following Jesus. Peter then announced that God’s invitation to believe and follow was meant for all people. His impassioned preaching led many to faith.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-48 (Page 957, 958 RSV Pew Bible)

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of

the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Joyful Songs to God

Sing to the Lord a new song, the psalmist instructed, and tell of his mighty deeds throughout the earth, how he has not forgotten his people. God will come to set the earth right, to make all things new. God will establish righteousness in all the earth.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 98 (Page 519, 520 RSV Pew Bible)

¹Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

²**With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for him-self the victory.**

³The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, re-joyce, and sing.

⁶**Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

**⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to
judge the earth.

**¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

To Love God is to Keep the Commandments

John brought the message of love back to the commandments. The way by which we will love our neighbors, the children of God, is by keeping the commandments God has given us. Yet again, John portrayed love as a concrete way of life rather than empty words. For those who are in Christ, keeping God's commandments is not burdensome, but rather a joyous response to God's gift of eternal life.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-8 (Page 1067 RSV Pew Bible)

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17 (Page 939, 940 RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

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

⁹{Jesus said,} “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this; that someone lay

down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #699 “*Blessed Assurance*”

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

Today 5/6	Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 5/7	Office Closed
Tues 5/8	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 5/9	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 5/10	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. "End Times" Adult Bible Study
Fri 5/11	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Mother's Day!</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.



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, April 29, 2018

General \$1,438.00, MOM \$705.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00,
Sunday School \$21.00, Church Reno. \$50.00 **Total : \$2,234.00**

Attendance: Worship - 55 Sunday School - 4 - Children, 7 - Adults

Mission of the Month of May



This month's
Mission
Project

Christian Warrior's Retreat Mission Statement

Christian Warriors retreat will be held for the second time at the end of October . It will again be held at the El Shaddi Retreat Center in Yorktown. The retreat is a 72 hour spiritual renewal through Jesus for Veterans by Veterans. This year the veterans who went last year will serve as team members. This will be St. John's sixth year to support this retreat which has grown to include a retreat in the Spring retreat and a retreat for wives of soldiers.

We hope to have some of the soldiers involved with us for our service on Memorial Day weekend.

Adult Bible Study

Please join us for bible study on the "End Times" by David Jeremiah, scheduled for Thursday May 10th at 7 pm at the parish house led by Pastor John. Hope to see you there!



Youth Group

Youth group will meet Wednesday, May 16th from 6-8 pm for their monthly meeting. We will honor the seniors at this meeting. Thank you to Britton & Sara Blain for providing dinner at the meeting.



CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING!!

There will be a called congregation meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, May 20th to discuss bids and possibly select a contractor for the church renovation/elevator project.





We keep the family & friends of Jeffery Bennett in our Prayers. May God comfort them at their time of loss. A graveside memorial for Jeffery will be held here at St. John on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11:00 am.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Calling all Graduates!

If you are graduating from 8th grade, high school or college please let the office know by calling (361)277-8653 during office hours or emailing us at stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Please be specific about where you are going so we can recognize that in the bulletin. All graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 20, 2018 during the church service. We look forward to hearing your plans as you move into a new chapter of your life!



Memorial Day Service

We will have a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 27, 2018 honoring & remembering all Veterans. We will have refreshments in the parish hall after this service. We have a running list that we have used the last several years. If someone has passed away or you know of any new military personnel please let the office know during office hours or by emailing us. 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.





Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is home now and able to be with his family & friends. Though he has a long road ahead of him, God has been with him every step of the way.

We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's recovery and for spiritual strength, strong faith and unlimited patience for him and his family. Thank you and may God bless you all.



Ways you can help the Ohrt family:

- **Cole's Benefit Account - New First National Bank - make checks payable to Garrett or Julie Ohrt. Can make deposits at the branch or pm me for an address to mail a check to and we will take care of depositing for you.**
- **PayPal account - coleohrtfund@gmail.com - Please send funds as friend or family and put a note on what money is for - donation, payment for raffle, football pots, or shirts (please do not send funds for shirts without ordering from Sarah Rowlands first)**



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:

The current Thrivent Choice balance available for allocation is \$4,831.00. The Finance Team recommendation is that these monies be allocated to the Renovation/Elevator Fund effective May 31, 2018. Should you have any questions or have a different allocation preference, please contact Glenn Ruschhaupt prior to that date. Thank you.

Church Picture Directories

Church picture directories are here! If you have a picture in the directory you may take one from the table in the Narthex. Thank you to Terri Jank for your hard work getting these together, they look great!



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018-2019 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.



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, North Carolina
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
Jeff Zengerle - Victoria Texas National Guard



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Sandy Gohmert
Jimmy Caskey
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura
Britany Jank
Robby Bitterly

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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Easter 6

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)



Our world is filled with many who feel unloved and overlooked. To love one another is to abide in the love of Christ, who first loved us. Without his love, we are incapable of loving one another — but with his love, we show the world what love really is: obedience to the Lord, a sacrificial existence, a sharing of all things good and right. The love of Christ overcomes the shallow, selfish, fleeting ways of the world.



“God does not want to have a Christian life for his own sake. Indeed, accursed be the life for that is lived for itself. For everything that is done after one has come to faith is done for the sake of others.”

- Martin Luther -