

Herod feared John

Mark 6:20

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

Greeter This Week: Bishop Family

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Wendy Bishop

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

Altar Guild Next Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

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: WOV #771 "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*"

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: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, 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

The Plumb Line

In anger, God commanded Amos to tell Israel that he would never again pass by them with his forgiveness and mercy. Instead, the Lord would set a plumb line in the midst of the people Israel, exposing their crooked ways. Even though Amos pleaded with God for his people's salvation, God was adamant about never rescuing them ever again.

Amos 7:7-15

(Page 795, RSV Pew Bible)

⁷This is what {the Lord} showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel,

saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, “Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.” ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

RESPONSIVE READING

Restore Us, O Lord

The psalmist sang of hope for restoration to God’s good favor. “Don’t be angry with us forever,” he cried in lament, “but revive us so that we might praise your name.”

Psalm 85:[1-7] 8-13

(Page 512,513 RSV Pew Bible)

¹You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

³You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

**⁴Restore us then, O God our Savior;
let your anger depart from us.**

⁵Will you be displeased with us forever?
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

**⁶Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to him.**

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

**¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

SECOND READING

Spiritual Blessings

Through Jesus Christ, God has granted us every spiritual blessing, including re-demption, forgiveness of sin, grace upon grace, and knowledge of his holy will, as well as an inheritance for eternity. All this is given to us, who were chosen before the earth's foundations, so that we might live in praise of God's glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14

(Page 1017, RSV Pew Bible)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:14-29

(Page 872,873 RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of {Jesus' work}, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #499 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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 7/15	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 7/16	Office Closed	
Tues 7/17	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 7/18	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thurs 7/19	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	*Committee Reports Due	
Fri 7/20	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Office Hours
	*Newsletter Deadline	
Next Sun	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult 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, July 8, 2018

General \$1,377.25, MOM \$370.00, Youth Group \$20.00, Church Reno. \$760.00

Total : \$2,527.25

Attendance: Worship - 91 Sunday School - 0 - Children, 12 - Adults

Mission of the Month of July



House of Palms Mission Statement

The House of Palms is a Scholarship Program for homeless women and their children. The heart of the program is to embrace and strengthen their potential equipping them for a better future. Each resident will be provided with a room and living space for them (and their children if they have children), food, on-site day care and on-site guidance 24/7. They will participate in an Intern Program learning marketable skills that will allow them to become self-sufficient. The home will be a Christ-centered home of second chances, promoting self-sufficiency, emphasizing teamwork in a compassionate, caring, positive and encouraging environment. Women will be able to sustain themselves based on improved skills and technical skills taught at House of Palms. They will learn honor and a healthy self-respect to maximize personal growth and save children from a life of dependency, crime, poverty and hopelessness. The home will be able to house 13 to 15 women, and have two paid staff members. House of Palms is a 501C3 organized under the leadership of Faith Family Church in Victoria.

Col. Mike Petrich is the Administrator (not paid)

Despite the setback with Hurricane Harvey, the House of Palms is still scheduled to open in September of this year.

Backpack Blessing & Sunday School Update

The Backpack Blessing will be during the church service on Sunday, August 12th so bring your backpacks! Sunday School classes for the children will not start back up until Sunday, September 9th which will be Rally Sunday.



Attention Acolytes

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





The family of Wanda Rangnow wants to thank you all for the sympathy, kindness, prayers, thoughts and support at this difficult time. It is very grateful & rewarding to be a member of St. John's. May God Bless you!

Mike and Wanda Rangnow's Entire Family

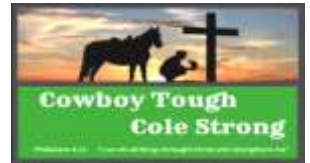


Special Prayers for Cole

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. You can make deposits at the branch.**
- **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)**

Church Renovation Update

At a called congregation meeting on May 20, 2018 our congregation took a huge step in approving the construction of the elevator renovation at a cost of \$538,292 by an overwhelming majority vote. The contractor has approximately 175 days to complete the project. To date contributions of approximately \$265,000 have come in for the renovation. The contractor must be paid as work is completed so we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider giving generously to this project. As construction begins on our renovation project, please heed warnings and temporary fencing around the work area. The only usable entrance to the parish hall will be the back entrance (Stone Church side). There may also be inconveniences during construction of the bathroom.



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 at (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
Michael Petrash II - Iraq



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura
Robby Bitterly
Carly Waters
Clifford Haun

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 8

July 15, 2018

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10 (Year B)



When humanity becomes complacent in the ways of God, we fall into sin and dis-obedience. God told Amos he was setting a plumb line in Israel. The plumb line showed the reality of sin and unfaithfulness among God's people. Even though Herod was the Jewish king, he showed no faithfulness toward God. Herod did not fear God; rather he feared that John had returned in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.



“On the vice of anger...we reason: “That fellow has done this and that to me; I would be doing wrong if I did not look sour and be angry about it. I would be encouraging in wrongdoing. I must let the rascal be softened a bit; otherwise he will not do any good as long as he lives.” If the heart... gets the notion that it is doing right and well by being angry, then the devil has won his game...”
- Martin Luther -