



*They
all ate
and
were satisfied*

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

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.

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 #481 *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

A Remnant Will Be Returned to the Fold

The Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah promising that a righteous branch of the line of David would be raised up and Judah would be saved out of exile. Justice and righteousness will be restored to the people. Woe be upon those who would be given authority to rule and would not properly care for God’s children.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

(Page 670,671 RSV Pew Bible)

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. ⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

RESPONSIVE READING

The Shepherd Lord

The psalmist put his ultimate trust in the Lord, who is like a faithful shepherd who leads his flock to clear water and green pastures.

Psalm 23

(Page 476, RSV Pew Bible)

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING

Peace in Christ

St. Paul reminded his Gentile audience that once they were far off from God, having no hope because they were not part of the covenant community of Israel. Now, in Christ they have been brought near to God and are no longer strangers or aliens. Now they are citizens with the Jews in the kingdom of God. All this came through the peace granted them in Christ Jesus, who put an end to all hostility.

Ephesians 2:11-22 (Page 1018, RSV Pew Bible)

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-44

(Page 873, RSV Pew Bible)

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

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

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #459 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Stand page 65: APOSTLES' CREED

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 #479 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)
POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 7/22	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 7/23	Office Closed	
Tues 7/24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 7/25	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Revelation
Thurs 7/26	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 7/27	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Next Sun	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ <i>Contemporary Service</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, July 15, 2018

General \$1,039.00, MOM \$340.00, Cemetery \$20.00, NALC \$20.00

Sunday School-VBS \$100.00, OSC \$10.00, Church Reno. \$5,620.00

Total : \$7,149.00

Attendance: Worship - 88 Sunday School - 0 - Children, 15 - 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 also be Rally Sunday.

Attention Acolytes

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





THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School at St. John a success! Thank you also to those who donated snacks for the kids! We had a great turnout & it was a wonderful week! God bless the children that attended, the counselors we had & those who were there to help volunteer!



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 9

July 22, 2018

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 (Year B)



The “shepherds” of Israel who were supposed to be caring for God’s people sinned against God and ended up far from home, exiled in Babylon. God would bring his people home to Jerusalem even as he would also send a shepherd who would re-store his people to a right relationship with him. This one is Jesus, God’s only Son, who brought peace, reconciliation, and inclusion for all in God’s kingdom.



“We should learn from this psalm not to despise God’s Word. We should hear and learn it, love and respect it, and join the little flock in which we find it, and flee and avoid those that revile and persecute it. Wherever this blessed light does not shine, there neither happiness nor salvation can be found”.

- Martin Luther - LW 12