

You have the words



of eternal life

John 6:68

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018

Greeter This Week: Candy Cowley

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Neal Moritz

Reader Next Week: Johnna Kethan

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

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 #501 *“He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!”*

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: Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Whom Will You Serve?

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to renew the covenant at Shechem. They remembered all God had done from the time he called Abram from far away. Each phase of the journey was recalled, remembering the faithfulness of the living God. Joshua called the people to choose the God they would serve in this new land.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

(Page 206-207, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people,

^{14c}Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the

Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods,¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed.¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Turn From Evil and Do Good

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, the psalmist wrote, but he turns his face from evildoers. The Lord delivers those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 34:12-22

(Page 482, RSV Pew Bible)

¹²Who among you loves life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³**Keep your tongue from evil speaking
and your lips from lying words.**

¹⁴Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵**The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.**

¹⁶The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷**The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.**

¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

**¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.**

²⁰He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.

**²¹Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**

²²The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING

Be Wise and Give Thanks

Paul instructed the Ephesian Christians to treat others as they would the Lord. Children are to obey their parents so that they receive the promise of long life in the land of God. Fathers are called to discipline their children so that they may know the Lord. Servants are charged with obedience as if they were serving the Lord himself. Walk as children of light, Paul said, because that's what you are.

Ephesians 5:6-21

(Page 1019-1020, RSV Pew Bible)

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-69

(Page 929, RSV Pew Bible)

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

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

⁵¹{Jesus said,} “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #480 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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 8/19	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 8/20	Office Closed
Tues 8/21	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 8/22	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 8/23	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
Fri 8/24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
Next Sun	Fourteenth 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, August 12, 2018

General \$1,236.00, MOM \$100.00, VBS \$20.00, Building \$20.00, OSC \$30.00,
Church Reno. \$2,555.00 **Total : \$3,961.00**

Attendance: Worship - 99 Sunday School - 0 - Children, 10 - Adults

Mission of the Month of August



NALC Disaster Response Mission Statement

The organization has been set up by the NALC to respond to disasters to those in need of help.

Last August after Hurricane Harvey hit the South, house hold goods and cleaning supplies were collected and distributed to those folks who were affected. However this year, at the Lutheran Week in Denver the Women of the NALC are collecting monies which will be used for purchasing gift cards from such stores as Lowes, Home Depot and Walmart. These cards will be sent to disaster areas as needed by the NALC Disaster Response.



Sunday School Update

Sunday School classes for the children will not start back up until Sunday, September 9th which will also be Rally Sunday!

Youth Group Leader

Anyone interested in becoming the Youth Group Leader(s) at St. John, please contact Pastor John at (361)243-0373 or Kathy Dunn at (361)275-4322.

Thank you.





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.

Attention Acolytes

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



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 Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL,
going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army
Aviation Flight School
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 13

August 19, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15 (Year B)



Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism in 1529, “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith.” The Scriptures for today emphasize the point between which the Spirit calls us and our hearts obey.



I make this point for the sake of those who, so soon as they observe that all Christians are not perfectly holy, but will occasionally stumble and fall, imagine there is no such thing as a Christian and the Gospel is impotent and fruitless. Just as if to be a Christian meant the mountain already climbed and complete, triumphant victory over sin! The fact is, it is rather a contest, a battle. - Martin Luther -