



It refers  
to Christ  
and the church

Ephesians 5:32

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

1764 Meyersville Road

Meyersville, TX 77974-4143

**CHURCH OFFICE: 361-277-8653**

[stjohnevlutheran@juno.com](mailto:stjohnevlutheran@juno.com)

**PARSONAGE: 361-275-9895**

(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)

[jboor1@juno.com](mailto:jboor1@juno.com)

Ministers - The People of St. John

Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 26, 2018

**Greeter This Week:** Marvin & Norrean Sager

**Greeter Next Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Reader This Week:** Johnna Kethan

**Reader Next Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**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.

## 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 #230 *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

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 Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. 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

### *A Vision Like a Sealed Book*

*The vision of the Lord came to the prophet, but even the learned could not comprehend it. God’s wisdom was hidden from even the wise and discerning. Israel had everything backward, said the Lord; should the potter ask the clay for advice, or the creator ask the creature for understanding?*

Isaiah 29:11-19

(Page 609,610 RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.” <sup>13</sup>And the

Lord said: “Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, <sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.” <sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?” <sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, “He did not make me”; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, “He has no understanding”? <sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *Are There Any Who Understand the Lord?*

*The psalmist sang a solemn hymn of the children of man who had turned aside from God. All had become corrupt in their nature; no one called upon the Lord anymore.*

Psalm 14

(Page 470, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,  
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**

<sup>3</sup>Everyone has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

<sup>4</sup>**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers  
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

<sup>5</sup>See how they tremble with fear,  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,  
but the Lord is their refuge.**

<sup>7</sup>Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and  
Israel be glad.

## SECOND READING

### *Sacrificial Love of Husbands and Wives*

*St. Paul proclaimed that wives are to submit to husbands in the same way they submit to the Lord Jesus, who is the head of the Church. Husbands have an even greater task, the apostle declared: Husbands are to love their wives in the way Christ loved the church. Jesus gave himself unto death for the holy church. Love between two married people is to be a sacrificial love.*

Ephesians 5:22-33

(Page 1020, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:1-13

(Page 874, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees gathered to {Jesus}, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ <sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God) — <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #370 “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*”

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 #369 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 8/26</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 8/27</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 8/28</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Wed 8/29</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 8/30</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 8/31</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
	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 19, 2018**

General \$1,724.05, MOM \$1,020.00, Cemetery \$20.00, OSC \$20.00,  
Church Reno. \$700.00

**Total : \$3,484.05**

**Attendance:** Worship - 97      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.

*Jeanette (Egg) Pardue passed away,  
Thursday August 23, 2018 at Christus  
Coushatta Health Care Center in Coushatta,  
L.A. Services are pending. The flowers in  
church today are placed in her memory by  
Barbara Mueller.*



*We keep the family of Jerry Fischer in our  
Prayers. May God comfort them at their  
time of loss.*

### Attention Acolytes

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



## 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](mailto: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)**

### Confirmation Meeting

Pastor John will have a short confirmation class meeting on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am on the stage in the Parish Hall. Any student eligible for confirmation should attend with a parent.



### Sunday School Update

Sunday School classes for the children will not start back up until Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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 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

# Pentecost 14

August 26, 2018

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16 (Year B)



The Word of the Lord is wisdom to those who believe, and yet those who are intelligent or wise by the world's standards often do not understand it. An element of faith is necessary for interpreting God's will among us; when we rely on our own wisdom, we end up being foolish. Jesus taught this lesson to the religious leaders who censured his followers for not following the traditions of ritual washing.



*This life is full of endless offenses; this is seen primarily in domestic relations. Therefore those who are married should be prepared to condone and forget their mutual offenses, no matter how great they may be, and should resume their customary loving behavior in their association with each other.*

*- Martin Luther -*