



That you may be able to stand

Ephesians 6:11

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

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### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 2, 2018

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

**Greeter Next Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Reader This Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Caden Jander

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Brian Wendel

**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 #403 “*Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*”

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 Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; 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

### ***Never Forget***

*As Israel entered the Promised Land, God spoke to them through Moses reminding them of the statutes he had given them in the wilderness. “Do not add or subtract from them,” God commanded, “but teach them to your children and your children’s children so that you will be wise and no one forgets all you’ve seen.”*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

(Page 154-155, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>{Moses said,} “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command

you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you.

<sup>6</sup>“Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>9</sup>Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children ....”

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *My Soul Keeps Your Testimonies*

*This psalm is one that continually iterates the love the psalmist has for the Lord’s commandments. He delighted in learning and keeping the statutes of the Lord. In this section of the acrostic poem, the singer laments because many do not learn or keep the Lord’s law. God’s holy Word gives light to our lives.*

Psalm 119:129-136

(Page 535, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>**When your word goes forth it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant;  
I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me in mercy,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Steady my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**<sup>134</sup>Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your countenance shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

**<sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law.**

## SECOND READING

### *The Whole Armor*

*As Paul wrapped up his letter to the Christians in Ephesus he commanded them to put on the whole armor of God so they might walk in holiness with the Lord and withstand the attacks of the enemy. "Stand firm," he encouraged, for the day will come when all believers must be ready to do battle with darkness.*

Ephesians 6:10-20 (Page 1020, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:14-23

(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>14</sup>{Jesus} called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #509 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

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 BLESSING

Pastor:    Go in peace, serve the Lord

**People:    Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



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St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 9/2</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
<b>Mon 9/3</b>	<b>Office Closed ~ Happy Labor Day!</b>	
<b>Tues 9/4</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Wed 9/5</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
<b>Thurs 9/6</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Team
<b>Fri 9/7</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.	Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Rally Sunday Under the Trees
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<i>~Happy Grandparent'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, August 26, 2018**

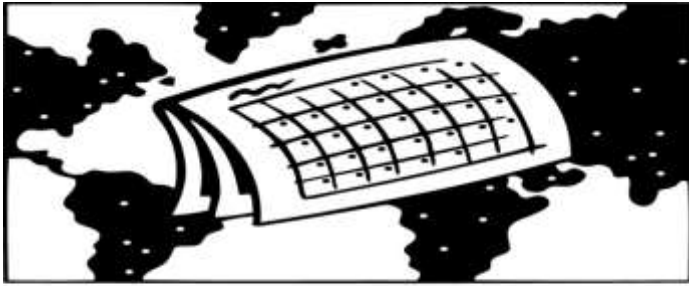
General \$996.00, MOM \$150.00, OSC \$20.00, Church Reno. \$820.00

**Total : \$1,986.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 67      Sunday School - 0 - Children, 11 - Adults



## Mission of the Month of September



### *Mission of the Month*

#### CAMAL House Mission Statement

St. John's Mission of the Month of September is CAMAL House which is the local food bank. Volunteers run this food bank. Funds are needed to help prepare the pantry for the upcoming holidays. They especially need funds to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys.

#### RALLY SUNDAY

September 9, 2018 at 9:00 AM

2 Bits, 4 Bits, 6 bits a dollar,

All for JESUS stand up and holler!!!

Bring on that team spirit as we celebrate and learn how awesome it is to be on God's team under the guidance of God himself. Join us under the trees for Rally Day Sunday School Kickoff. We plan on lots of fun including a pep rally, games, and yummy snacks. Wear your favorite team gear, cheer outfit, or spirit shirts as we celebrate God as our Coach for Life. He doesn't coach with whistles and headgear; He coaches with the Bible, prayer and confession of our sins. Hope to see you there!!

#### Confirmation Meeting

Pastor John will have a short confirmation class meeting next 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.



#### Attention Acolytes

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



ACOLYTE



### 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)**

### Your Invited to Bunco & Dominoes

Place: Zion Lutheran Church in Mission Valley

When: Monday, September 10, 2018

Registration/Refreshments: 6-7pm

Bunco & Dominoes: 7:05pm

\*Men are also invited to play dominoes or 42

RSVP to Sheron Alex (361)575-7220

Seda Weaver (361)575-0130

Church Office (361)578-5447



### 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 15

*September 2, 2018*

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17 (Year B)**



The issue of keeping God's Law is at stake. When we follow the ways of our Lord, God is very close to us. It helps us remember all he has done for his people, throughout history and in our own lives. When we fail to keep his statutes, darkness ensues. St. Paul encouraged believers to put on the armor of God to do battle with the darkness of evil. Putting on the full armor of God keeps us focused on Christ and his love.

