

**I  
believe;  
help my  
unbelief!**

**Mark 9:24**

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 16, 2018

**Greeter This Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Greeter Next Week:** Daren & Dawn Otto

**Reader This Week:** Brooke Wendel

**Reader Next Week:** Mackenzie Blain

**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 #377 “*Lift High the Cross*”

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, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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

### *The Suffering Servant’s Song*

*God spoke to the exiles about their banishment saying it was only temporary. Through the prophet Isaiah the people heard the song of the Suffering Servant. This one is fully obedient to God, unlike Israel who ignored his will and wandered far from him. Vindication is near and soon the exiles will be freed to return home.*

Isaiah 50:4-10

(Page 631, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But

the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *The Lord Hears and Responds*

*The psalmist sang of God lending his ear to him as he cried for help. Though he suffered mightily, the Lord was listening and came to the psalmist's aid. For this reason, he vowed to call on the name of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 116:1-9

(Page 530-531, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.**

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

<sup>4</sup>**Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord watches over the innocent;  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.

<sup>6</sup>**Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the Lord has treated you well.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

<sup>8</sup>**I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

<sup>9</sup>I believed, even when I said, “I have been brought very low.”  
In my distress I said, “No one can be trusted.”

## SECOND READING

### *The Responsibility of Teaching*

*James warned those he wrote to that not many of them ought to become teachers, for teachers have a greater responsibility than others do. He asserted that they will be judged stringently for their behavior and the words that come off their tongues.*

James 3:1-12

(Page 1055, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:14-29

(Page 876-877, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>When {Jesus, Peter, James and John} came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw {Jesus}, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him,

“Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.  
<sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”<sup>19</sup>And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”<sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.<sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.”<sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”<sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”<sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”<sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”<sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”<sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.<sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”<sup>29</sup>And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #776 “*Be Thou My Vision*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: WOV #775 “*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*”

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 9/16</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 9/17</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 9/18</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 9/19</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 9/20</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 9/21</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Office Hours <b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

*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.*

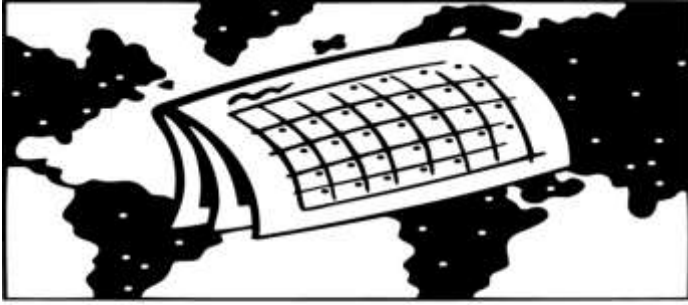
### **Sunday, September 9, 2018**

General \$2,395.42, MOM \$435.00, OSC \$11.00, Building \$10.00,  
Church Reno. \$400.00 **Total : \$3,251.42**

**Attendance:** Worship - 122 Sunday School - 28 - Children, 37 - 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.



#### Confirmation Classes

St. John's Confirmation classes will start next Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

#### Annual Festival

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church cordially invites you to our Annual Festival on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Barbecue beef dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dine in or plates to go. Bingo & live auction at 1:00 p.m. There will also be a silent auction, country store & a cake walk. Hope to see you there!



#### 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)**

## 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, Japan  
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 17

*September 16, 2018*

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19 (Year B)



God has promised to hear our prayers and respond. He speaks to us and desires that we would hear him. Some hear the Word of God and respond in faith while some fail to hear anything. The Lord, however, hears all of our cries for mercy. He responds by bringing healing and wholeness to his people in ways we don't even realize we need. Through faith we call on the name of the Lord.

