

THE SON OF MAN
IS GOING TO BE DELIVERED
INTO THE HANDS OF MEN



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

Greeter This Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Mackenzie Blain

Reader Next Week: Tammy 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.

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 #492 *“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”*

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 Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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

Judah Breaks the Covenant

The Lord revealed to Jeremiah the truth of the abandonment of the covenant law by the house of Judah. Idolatry plagued God’s chosen people. God gave Jeremiah the wisdom and understanding he needed to prophesy to the exiles. His message was “Return to obedience to the Lord,” even as Jeremiah’s own people plotted to kill him for speaking God’s Word. It can be a dangerous business to proclaim the Word.

Jeremiah 11:18-20

(Page 660, RSV Pew Bible)

¹⁸The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

RESPONSIVE READING

Defend My Cause

The psalmist sang of God's protection against his foes in this imprecatory psalm. Enemies have been thwarted, his life has been saved; God is his faithful helper.

Psalm 54

(Page 493-494, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Save me, O God, by your Name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

SECOND READING

The Dangers of Coveting

James' words in this section of the letter are especially harsh to his intended audience, the twelve tribes of the diaspora (James 1:1). He chastised them for their covetous behavior, and criticized them for jealousy and vanity. They considered themselves wise, but were living unrighteously, fighting and quarreling with one another rather than being humble servants of the Lord.

James 3:13-4:10

(Page 1055-1056, RSV Pew Bible)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

(Page 877, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

³⁰{Jesus and the disciples} went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #801 “*Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*” (vs.1-3)

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

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

page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: WOV #801 *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”* (vs.4-5)

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

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

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/23	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
Mon 9/24	Office Closed
Tues 9/25	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 9/26	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 9/27	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 9/28	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<i>*Youth Group are Greeters</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.

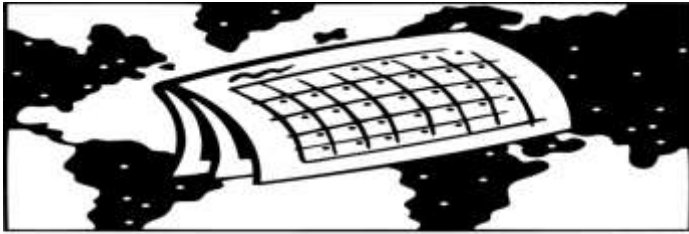
Sunday, September 16, 2018

General \$2,419.00, MOM \$265.00, Sunday School \$37.00,
Youth \$20.00, Building \$50.00, Church Reno. \$2,440.00

Total : \$5,231.00

Attendance: Worship - 82 Sunday School - 14 - Children, 15 - Adults

Mission of the Month of September



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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 today from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Annual Festival

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church cordially invites you to our Annual Festival next 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!



150th Anniversary Celebration

"Those Living Logs"



Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Arneckeville invites you on October 7, 2018 to celebrate 150 years with them 1868-2018! 9:00 am-Coffee, Sweet Rolls, and Fellowship in the Basement, 10:00 am-Anniversary

Worship Service in the Sanctuary, 12:00 pm-Meal under the Oak Trees. During the meal, there will be a Polka Band, exhibits and informal sharing. For tickets to noon meal \$10.00 per plate, please contact Allan Hartman, Cell: (361)649-2555, Home: (361)277-8165. For other questions, call Byron Wolf: (361)564-8843.



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)**

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

Our new bathroom is not quite complete, but the contractor is letting us use it until final finish work is completed. The contractor is in the process of pouring necessary concrete for the elevator shaft. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.

GOAL: \$ 599,553

RECEIVED AS OF AUG. 20, 2018 \$296,893

Attention Acolytes

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



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 18

September 23, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20 (Year B)



Idolatry, disobedience, and pride run deep amongst human beings. The prophets of old warned God's people to be humble and meek before Him. As the disciples argued among themselves over which of them was greatest, Jesus interjected the very image of greatness: a little child whom he pulled onto his lap. To be great in the kingdom is to put oneself last while serving and promoting others to be first.

