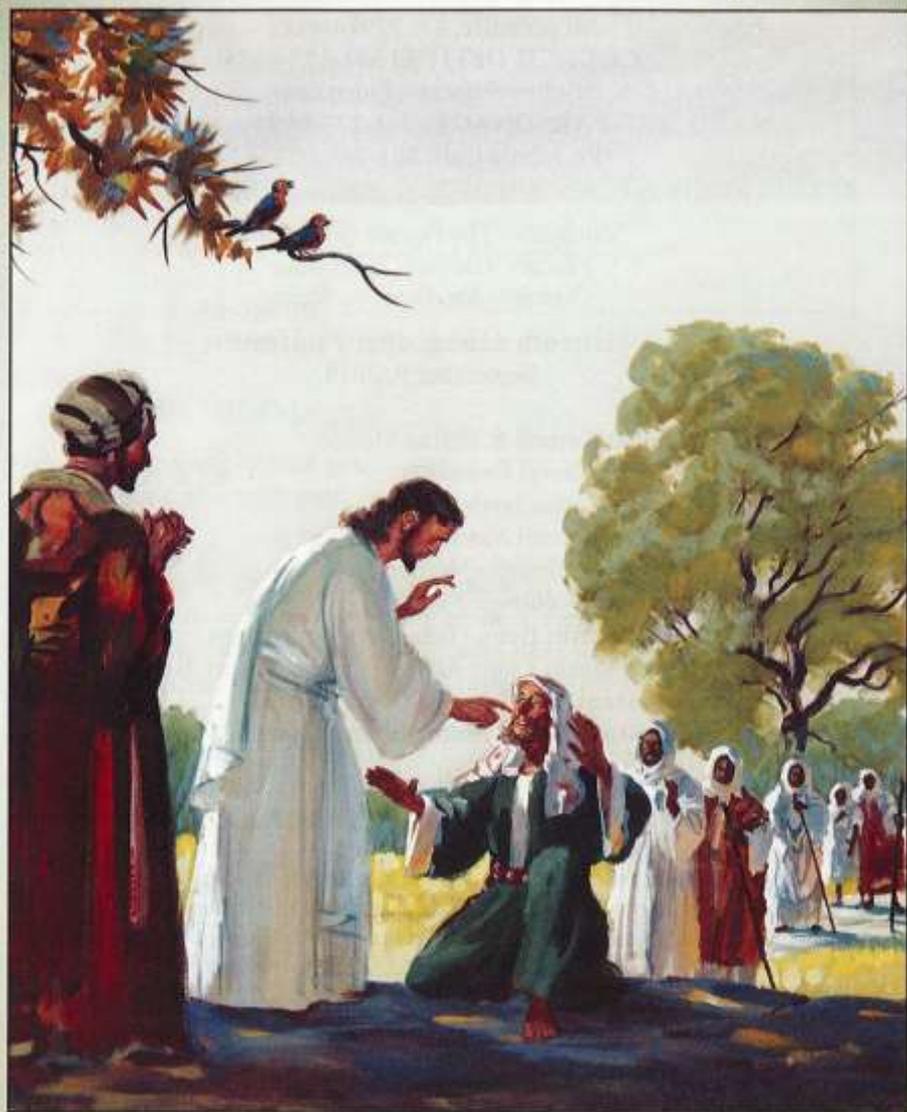


He even makes the deaf hear



and the mute speak

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Kernell Moritz

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

Happy
Grandparents
Day

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 #474 “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”

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 O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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

Be Strong! Fear Not!

The prophet proclaimed the Word of the Lord concerning the future judgment of all people. God promised to gather his chosen ones and return them to their homeland. To those who were anxious came a word of comfort and encouragement. God will come to save his people, proclaimed the prophet, and then the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will leap for joy.

Isaiah 35:4-7a

(Page 615, RSV Pew Bible)

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and

the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a} the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water

RESPONSIVE READING

Trust the Lord Alone

The psalmist sang that the Lord is the one in whom there is salvation; he is faithful forever. Do not put your trust in princes who cannot save you or set you free.

Psalm 146

(Page 545, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.**

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;

**⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.**

⁷The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**⁸The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the
wicked.**

⁹The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Make No Distinctions Among Persons

James made it very clear to his Christian brothers and sisters that it is inconsis-tent with faith in Christ to show favoritism to one person over another. This is especially true when it comes to paying attention to those who are wealthy or who have status over those who are poor and have nothing but themselves to offer.

James 2:1-10, 14-18

(Page 1054-1055, RSV Pew Bible)

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:[24-30] 31-37

(Page 874-875, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

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

[²⁴From there {Jesus} arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.] ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #359 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

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: LBW #558 “*Earth and All Stars!*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord
C **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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/9	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m.	Property Team
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Rally Sunday (<i>under the trees</i>)
10:15 a.m.	Worship
<i>~Happy Grandparent's Day!~</i>	
Mon 9/10	Office Closed
Tues 9/11	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 9/12	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	7:00 p.m. Bible Study Revelation
Thurs 9/13	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 9/14	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00 a.m. Adult/Student 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, September 2, 2018

General \$4,583.00, MOM \$650.00, Cemetery \$3.00, OSC \$30.00,
NALC \$20.00, Organ \$20.00, Building \$50.00, Church Reno. \$3,205.00
Total : \$8,561.00

Attendance: Worship - 76 Sunday School - 0 - Children, 11 - 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

Confirmation classes will start on Sunday, September 23rd from 2-4 pm. The plan is for these classes to be held the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.



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



Attention Acolytes

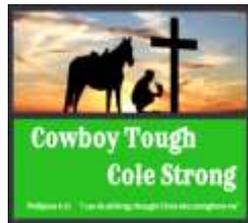
Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018-2019 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.



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 - 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, 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 16

September 9, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18 (Year B)



The Lord's salvation changes everything for those who believe. Isaiah proclaimed that the coming of the Lord would bring healing and wholeness. This wholeness is reflected in James' instructions to the church to show no partiality among members of the Body of Christ. All people are to be treated with equal respect. Jesus healed the daughter of a Gentile woman, demonstrating the impartiality of God's love.

