

*He even makes the deaf hear*



*and the mute speak*

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

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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

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

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**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)

<sup>4</sup>Say 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.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then 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; <sup>7a</sup> 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)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! 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.

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

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

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

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

**<sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.**

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

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

<sup>9</sup>The 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)

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and 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," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, 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? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and 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? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But 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 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[<sup>24</sup>From 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. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And 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." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.] <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And 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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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

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| <b>Today 9/9</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 ( <i>under the trees</i> )   |
| 10:15 a.m.                        | Worship                                   |
| <i>~Happy Grandparent's Day!~</i> |   |
| <b>Mon 9/10</b>                   | <b>Office Closed</b>                      |
| <b>Tues 9/11</b>                  | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours        |
| <b>Wed 9/12</b>                   | 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          |
| <b>Thurs 9/13</b>                 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours        |
| <b>Fri 9/14</b>                   | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours        |
| <b>Next Sun</b>                   | <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> |
|                                   | 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



### *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

Confirmation classes will start on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4 pm. The plan is for these classes to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

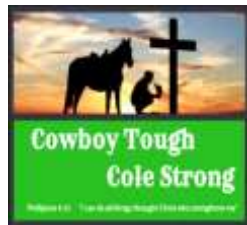
Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018-2019 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed.



### 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](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, 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.

