

How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

Mark 10:24

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2018

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Johnna Kethan

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

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 #341 *“Jesus, Still Lead On”*

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 God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow 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

Increased Wealth Brings More Anxiety

Solomon taught that it is not necessarily joyful for a person to have more wealth; it may only bring on more worries. With increased prosperity come more demands from others as well as more to be concerned about protecting. Conversely, a person who labors for his wages is able to sleep well at night and enjoy the gifts of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

(Page 576-577, RSV Pew Bible)

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother’s womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous

evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil — this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

RESPONSIVE READING

Delight in God's Commands

The psalmist asserted that there is more delight in the decrees of the Lord than in wealth. What is to be treasured above all else are the promises of God.

Psalm 119:9-16

(Page 532, RSV Pew Bible)

⁹How shall a young man cleanse his way?

By keeping to your words.

¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments.**

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.

¹²**Blessed are you, O Lord;
instruct me in your statutes.**

¹³With my lips will I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴**I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches.**

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶**My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

SECOND READING

The Promise of God's Rest

From the days of the Exodus, God commanded people to rest as He did on the seventh day of creation. That promise is still offered through God to his people — that they shall experience true rest. There are distinct reasons that God's people need to rest, chief among them so that we listen and obey God's holy word, which is "sharper than any two-edged sword" and exposes our true hearts to the Lord.

¹While the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." ⁵And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." ⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." ⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. [¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.]

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:23-31

(Page 878, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left

house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #315 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN: WOV #775

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Lord, send Your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace!

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 BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 9/21	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 9/22	Office Closed
Tues 9/23	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 9/24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 9/25	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 9/26	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~Reformation Sunday~ <i>*Luncheon after worship in the parish hall</i> *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, October 14, 2018

General \$1,070.00, MOM \$470.00, OSC \$30.00, Building \$25.00,
Organ \$20.00, Sunday School \$71.00, Church Reno. \$1,633.00

Total : \$3,319.00

Attendance: Worship - 84 Sunday School - 16 - Children, 12 - Adults

Mission of the Month of October



This month's
Mission
Project

Samaritan's Purse Mission Statement

President & CEO: William "Franklin" Graham III, son of Billy Graham

Founded: 1970, by Bob Pierce

Purpose: Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries.

Crisis and Disaster Response

U.S. Disaster Relief

International

Feeding Programs

Health and Medical

World Medical Mission

Programs

Emergency Medicine

Diseases

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Heal Our Patriots Animals

Agriculture & Livelihoods

Construction Projects

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Women's

Children's Heart Project

Mission Feast

Next Sunday, October 28, 2018 we will have a guest speaker, Dane Fowlkes, PhD. He is the Regional Director of Church Partnerships for Samaritan's Purse. The Mission Feast will be held after church in the parish hall. This will be a Pot Luck Lunch, each family is asked to bring a main or meat dish and a side dish or dessert. Parish Life will set up tables and decorate the day before. We will also prepare Tea and Water the morning of the lunch.



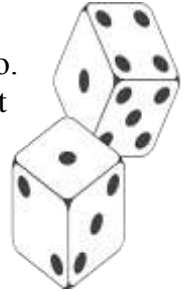
MISSION FEAST



We keep the family of Clifford Haun in our Prayers. May God comfort them at their time of loss.

Bunco Night!

Please join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! Monday, October 22, 2018 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero. Registration & Refreshments at 6:00 pm, Games begin at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP by October 18th to Marlene Fromme (361)275-3754 or (361)275-4214, Gladys Dieringer (361)275-5202 or the church office (361)275-2845. Hope to see you there!



Oktoberfest

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ander will hold it's 30th Annual Oktoberfest next Sunday, October 28th @ 4:00 p.m. Join them in the picnic area for Food, Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising. All funds from this year's event will benefit Golden Crescent Habitat for Humanity. Starting at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Silent Auction and Musical Entertainment & at 5:30 p.m. a sausage meal will be served (Free will offerings will be received).



Bunco Party!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Women of LCMC invite you to join them for a Bunco Party! Monday, November 5th, Multipurpose Room 4102 N. Ben Jordan, Victoria 77901. Registration/Refreshments from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Bunco starting at 7:05 p.m. Please RSVP by October 29th to OSL Church Office (361)575-4305, Mildred Johnston (361)575-4921, or Susie Breeden (361)573-6637.



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.



Election Day


Don't forget to vote in your precinct on Tuesday, November 6th!!!

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 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

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation
Ruth Peters, Elmcroft, Victoria, TX

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 22

October 21, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 (Year B)



The theme of wealth is a topic that occurs more often in the Scriptures than any other, including prayer, perhaps because God knows what can happen when we put our trust in money rather than in him. Jesus warned his followers that relying on riches rather than on the salvation offered through God is assuredly an exercise in futility. Only God can save us. Followers of Christ are called to trust in his promises.

