

Mary has chosen the good portion,  
which will not be taken away from her

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 21, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Greeter Next Week:** Candy Cowley

**Reader This Week:** Tammy Blain

**Reader Next Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Pam Haun

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Wanda Hays

**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 – *Throughout the service you may remain seated or stand as you are able.*

p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #294 “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

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: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

***Abraham Receives Three Visitors***

*Soon after Abraham and all his male kindred were circumcised according to the covenant God made with them, he was visited by three men who stood at his doorway. Abraham quickly made the men welcome and fed them. A promise was made in that meeting that Sarah would have a son in the next year.*

Genesis 18:1-10a [10b-14]

(Page 13, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to {Abraham} by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man,

who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup>The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” [<sup>10b</sup>And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”]

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### *Seek My Face*

*The Lord said to the psalmist, “Seek my face.” In response, the poet asked God to teach him His ways, and to lead him in all goodness and mercy.*

Psalm 27: [1-6] 7-14

(Page 477-478, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**<sup>2</sup>When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army should encamp against me,  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**<sup>4</sup>And though war should rise up against me,  
yet will I put my trust in him.**

<sup>5</sup>One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**<sup>6</sup>To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

**<sup>8</sup>Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**<sup>10</sup>Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.**

<sup>11</sup>You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.”  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

<sup>12</sup>**Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

<sup>13</sup>You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

<sup>14</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the Lord will sustain me.**

## SECOND READING

### *Holy and Blameless Before Christ*

*St. Paul reminded the Colossians that once they were captive to sin and evil deeds that kept them alienated from God. Through the death of Christ they have been made holy and above reproach before God. The mystery of God’s love for all humanity has been revealed in Christ so that God may be fully known in all the world.*

Colossians 1:21-29

(Page 1026-1027, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. <sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

(Page 903, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care

that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”<sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,<sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #780 “*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*”  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED  
p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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. 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

<b>Today 7/21</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 7/22</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 7/23</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Wed 7/24</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 7/25</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 7/26</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Parent's Rally
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 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.*

**Attendance:** Worship - 86

Adult Sunday School - 11

## Mission of the Month of July



### Life at Its Best Foundation

#### House of Palms

The House of Palms is a Scholarship Program for expectant teen mothers and their children.

The heart of the program is to embrace and strengthen their potential equipping them for a better future. Each resident will be provided with a room and living space for them (and their child ) food, on-site day care and on-site guidance 24/7. They participate in an Intern Program learning marketable skills that will allow them to become self-sufficient. The home is a Christ-centered home of second chances, promoting self-sufficiency, emphasizing teamwork in a compassionate, caring, positive and encouraging environment. The young mothers will be able to sustain themselves based on improved skills and technical skills taught at House of Palms. They learn honor and a healthy self-respect to maximize personal growth and save children from a life of dependency, crime, poverty and hopelessness

The program is designed to accommodate up to 10 juniors or seniors that are from VISD and surrounding districts who can commit to the faith-based program. The young mothers are selected by how well they exemplify honesty, respect and a willing heart.

House of Palms is a 501C3 organized under the leadership of Faith Family Church in Victoria.

Col. Mike Petrich is the Administrator (not paid)

The house opened in September of 2018.





## Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing

We will have Rally Sunday & the Backpack Blessing on August 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Be ready for a fun Sunday School kick-off! Don't forget your backpacks, they will be blessed during the church service!

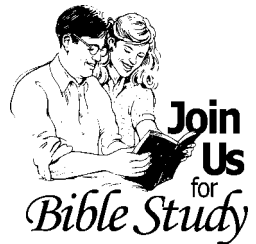


## NALC Disaster Relief

We will continue collecting **Health Kits** and **Flood Buckets** for the **NALC Disaster Relief** indefinitely. Because the Texas warehouse was totally depleted of all the disaster relief items during the recent tornadoes and flooding in the midwest we will continue to try to stock it for the next need. The instructions for building them are in the back of the church in a folder. Norrean Sager has made about 30 bags for the health kits and Norrean or Linda will be glad to get as many as you need from storage. If you just want to purchase some of the items, Linda will put it together. Leave the items in the kitchen at church. Linda will collect them if you let her know - (361) 275-2059.

## Bible Study

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary describes a disciple as a follower, student or apprentice of a teacher or leader. Our Sunday Morning Bible study begins a new Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". Part one is "Who We Are" and will be followed by Part Two, "What We Do". Our group invites you to join us for this interesting look at "what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how that plays itself out in many areas of life and ministry." Just get up a little earlier and come in for a cup of coffee, a couple of donut holes or a cookie or two, some fun fellowship and a discussion of our lesson and current events each Sunday morning. We would love to have your input.

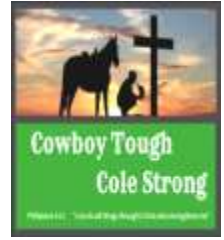




## Special Prayers for Cole

### ~UPDATE~

After extensive research, many prayers and overwhelming support, Cole is in China for treatment of his injury. It is felt this is the best chance for his recovery.



Cole will be in China possibly up to six

months for this treatment. We ask that you will keep Cole and his family in your prayers each and every day as they continue on this difficult journey. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so. We want to thank each and every one for the past thoughts, prayers and support for Cole and his family. They have truly been a blessing. May God bless you all.

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*To help family stay strong*

*Patience*

*Stay positive*

*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*

## Communion Cards

St. John provides tan cards in the pew backs that need to be filled out on communion Sundays. Please provide the names of those attending communion and check attending communion at the bottom. You may place these cards in the offering plate. This helps us keep count of communion attendance. Thank you!



## Church Renovation Update

Roth is currently finishing up installing the elevator. Once installed, they can then complete the masonry and will begin installing the metal roof immediately thereafter. Canopy is to be installed in May. The estimated costs for construction, change orders,

materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$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 July 7, 2019: \$409,115



**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, Camp Lejeune, NC

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 - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army



**Please Pray for:**

Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

Glynn Yurick

Kenny Jacob

Cole Ohrt

Carlton Migura

Robby Bitterly

Carly Waters

Joy Hoy

Breidi Toney

Glenn Ruschhaupt

Marie Liner

Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:*

*11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

**Nursing Home:** Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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## **Pentecost 6**

*July 21, 2019*

### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 (Year C)**



Martha is as busy as any person can be, tending to the household chores and working hard to serve Jesus a meal. We don't know if she enjoys her work, only that she is sorely anxious over it and resentful of her sister's attention to Jesus. What Martha considers idleness, Jesus renames "the good portion." Our Lord calls us to seek his face, then sit at his feet, and to be fully present with him as he is fully present.

