

Our Father
who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019

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Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

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.

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: WOV #776 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 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 God, your almighty power is most clearly shown in your mercy and pity. Multiply your grace that we may run to your promises and be made to share in your heavenly joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Abraham Negotiates for the Righteous

Soon after Abraham had received the promise of a son in his old age, the Lord saw the wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham asked God to reconsider wiping out the cities if there could be found fifty righteous persons among them. The conversation continued until the number was whittled down to ten; then the two parted ways.

Genesis 18:[17-19] 20-33

(Page 13-14, RSV Pew Bible)

[¹⁷The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”] ²⁰Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from

you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"²⁶ And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."²⁷ Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes."²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."³⁰ Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."³¹ He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it."³² Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."³³ And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

RESPONSIVE READING

The Lord Regards the Lowly

The psalmist gave thanks to the Lord for his goodness and mercy. He sang praises to the God most high for his steadfast love and faithfulness to his servant.

Psalm 138

(Page 541, RSV Pew Bible)

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³For you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

**⁴When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

⁷Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING

Rooted and Built Up in Christ

St. Paul continued his encouragement to the Christians in Colossae, reminding them that their lives are rooted in Jesus Christ. Therefore, they should make sure that no one leads them astray by a false gospel. It is only through Jesus' death and resurrection that believers are also raised to a new life.

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

(Page 1027, RSV Pew Bible)

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. [¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-13

(Page 903, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

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

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him

anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #507 *“How Firm a Foundation”*

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”

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!

page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #221 *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 7/28	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 7/29	Office Closed
Tues 7/30	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 7/31	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 8/1	Office Closed
Fri 8/2	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 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.

Sunday, July 14, 2019

General \$1,932.00, MOM \$645.00, NALC Disaster Relief \$40.00, OSC \$5.00, Building \$175.00, Church Reno. \$20,290.00 **Total : \$23,087.00**

Sunday, July 21, 2019

General \$878.00, MOM \$600.00, Church Reno. \$1,663.00 **Total : \$3,141.00**

Attendance: Worship - 71

Sunday School - 9 Adults

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.

Worship Team Announcement

The Worship Team has received some interest in an early second service. In order to find out how many people this might interest, we are developing a survey. This survey will be in the upcoming bulletins & the August newsletter. Please give us your input so we know how many people this would benefit. Thank you.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE



Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing



Please join us August 11th starting at 9 AM for our kick off to a new Sunday School Year! Our Rally Day Sunday theme is "Gear Up for Jesus" focusing on preparing our mind, body, and spirit to be disciples of Jesus. At 10:15 AM during our church service, we will have a Backpack Blessing to give our students their spiritual school supplies for the new school year. We will also be singing some familiar Sunday school songs during the service to keep the excitement going! All families are welcomed to both events, kids and adults, big and small! We hope to see everyone there!

Youth Group News



St. John's Youth Group will be getting together for lunch and games on Sunday, August 11th, immediately following church. Bring extra clothes to change into for the water fun and to stay cool. We'd love for all 6th-12th graders and their parents to attend to gather ideas for future activities. Hope to see you there!

Doug & Wendy Bishop

St. John Youth Group Sponsors

Parents' Sunday School/Bible Study Class

We are looking for interest for a Parents' Sunday school/Bible study class that would take place during Sunday school. We're looking for parents of all aged children to gather together, study the word of God, and help each other apply God's teachings to raising kids in today's society. We're wanting to make Sunday school a family event, and the studious learning of God a lifelong commitment. Please contact Johnna Kethan at 361-649-4234 if you are interested.



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)



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: \$599,553.00 RECEIVED AS OF July 21, 2019: \$431,068.00



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 - 1st 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:
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Nursing Home: Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 7

July 28, 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 12 (Year C)



God hears our prayers and answers when we call upon him in faith. Is it so incredible to think that our prayers have an effect on our heavenly Father? Abraham's requests were heard as God threatened to wipe out the evil of two faithless cities. Jesus taught his followers to seek the Lord, to ask for what they needed, and to trust that their Father in heaven would grant them all good gifts in love and mercy.

