

I have a baptism to be baptized with

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### **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 18, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Greeter Next Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Reader This Week:** Dwight Jander

**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge

**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:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank

**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 #333 “*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*”

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: Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. 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.**

FIRST READING

***Don't Listen to the False Prophets***

*The Word of the Lord came to the people through Jeremiah and warned them about listening to their false prophecies. Those so-called prophets were not sent by God, and their message is a delusional one. Those who lie in the name of the Lord will be punished severely. Their goal is to turn people away from the one God.*

Jeremiah 23:16-29

(Page 671-672, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.” <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then

they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### ***Comfort Me in Persecution***

*The psalmist cried out to the Lord for salvation and comfort amid the trials brought on by his enemies. "Spare my life," he begged, "so that I may tell of your goodness."*

Psalm 119:81-88

(Page 534, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>81</sup>My soul has longed for your salvation;  
I have put my hope in your word.

<sup>82</sup>**My eyes have failed from watching for your promise,  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"**

<sup>83</sup>I have become like a leather flask in the smoke,  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

<sup>84</sup>**How much longer must I wait?  
when will you give judgment against those who persecute me?**

<sup>85</sup>The proud have dug pits for me;  
they do not keep your law.

<sup>86</sup>**All your commandments are true;  
help me, for they persecute me with lies.**

<sup>87</sup>They had almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

<sup>88</sup>**In your lovingkindness, revive me,  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

## SECOND READING

### ***Cloud of Witnesses***

*The author of Hebrews proclaimed the source of believers' strength: faith in God. By faith the forefathers followed the Lord and were obedient to His holy*

*will. This gives the faithful the courage and perseverance to continue to run the race of the life of faith that is set before us. Jesus will not abandon us, but will help us endure.*

Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3 (Page 1051-1052, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. <sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. <sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-53 [54-56] (Page 906, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>49</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one

house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.  
<sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” [<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #324 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

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 8/18</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 8/19</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 8/20</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 8/21</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 8/22</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 8/23</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Eleventh 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.*

### **Sunday, August 11, 2019**

General \$4,250.00, MOM \$320.00, Sunday School \$22.50, Youth \$60.00,  
Building \$250.00, Church Reno. \$8,940.00      **Total : \$13,842.50**

**Attendance:** Worship - 110

Sunday School - 25

Adults - 22

## Mission of the Month of August



# MISSIONS



### *Water Missions International*

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas.

Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

#### **Mission**

Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

#### **Vision**

Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions .



Some of you may notice that this week Nickolas Jacobs name dropped off of the Prayer Requests for Our Military and their families. Nick has retired from the US Air Force after 20 of service to our country. Please continue to pray for Nick and his family as they begin a new chapter in a new country. Nick and his family have moved to Belgium, one of the places he has been stationed and where his wife, Katty, is from. We pray for a smooth transition into civilian life and continued success for Nick, Katty, Tom, and Lily.





## 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.

## 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

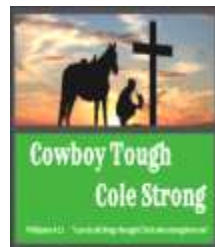
RECEIVED AS OF August 11, 2019: \$448,881.00

## 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)*



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

## SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

The Worship Team and the Parish Ed Team has been getting some questions regarding the possibility of having a second “Early” service and are considering trying 8:00 AM. But before we even begin any planning of such a change we need know how the congregation feels about it. Is there some interest in an early service, a lot of folks that this would benefit, or really not enough support to give it a try. So in the next few weeks bulletins and the August newsletter will be a Second Sunday Service Survey (Mrs. Ada Kirk would be so proud of the use of alliteration here). Fill one out per person, no stuffing the ballot, please. There will be a box in the narthex to collect the surveys. We will compile the results and take steps to comply with the wishes of the congregation. The Parish Ed and Worship Teams thank you for your input.

**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:**

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  
Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun



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# Pentecost 10

*August 18, 2019*

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15 (Year C)



Houses will be divided over the message of Jesus' salvation. Some will believe and some will resist the good news. Some will twist the truth and try to undermine our faith, but we can be confident that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth. God sends those who preach the good news to those who will hear and obey. We are encouraged by those who are strong in faith to continue the race set before us.

