



**People will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and recline at table in the kingdom of God**

Luke 13:29

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

Greeter This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeter Next Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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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.

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

p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #718 “*Here in This Place Gather Us In*”

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 Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. 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

All Will Worship Before the Lord

The Lord will gather all nations and tongues of people together to worship him. This was the prophecy given to Isaiah in the midst of a disobedient and rebellious Israel. Those who were unfaithful will come and offer sacrifices before the Lord, even those who have never heard his Name.

Isaiah 66:18-23

(Page 646, RSV Pew Bible)

^{18c}For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord.”

RESPONSIVE READING

God is Judge Over His People

God's beauty and perfection shine forth, sang the psalmist. Even so, God does not keep silent in the face of unfaithfulness. The very heavens he created declare his righteousness as he judges between good and evil.

¹The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

**⁴He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people.**

⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

**⁶Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.**

⁷Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

**⁸I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will take no bull calf from your stalls,
nor he-goats out of your pens;

**¹⁰For all the beasts of the forest are mine,
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

¹¹I know every bird in the sky,
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

**¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

**¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

SECOND READING

The Lord's Discipline

The author of Hebrews reminded believers that they were in a struggle against sin, but they were not to lose heart when discipline from the Lord occurred. God loves those whom he cares to discipline. He does it for our own good, so that we might share in his holiness. We are not to fear the pain of correction, but instead should see it as a path to righteousness in His name.

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. [²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken — that is, things that have been made — in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.]

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:22-30

(Page 907, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

²²{Jesus} went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #479 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

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 #423 *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 8/25	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 8/26	Office Closed
Tues 8/27	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 8/28	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 8/29	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 8/30	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Twelfth 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.

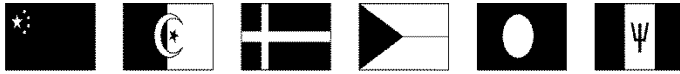
Sunday, August 18, 2019

General \$1,486.25, MOM \$270.00, Sunday School \$31.26,
Building \$70.00, Church Reno. \$2,115.00

Total : \$3,972.51

Attendance: Worship - 85 Sunday School - 12, Adults - 17

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.

Youth Grandparent's Day Luncheon

Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 8th. Our youth group is hosting a luncheon for ALL St. John families to celebrate this special day with their grandparents and great grandparents. The meal will be served in the Parish Hall immediately following the worship service. Each Youth Group family is asked to please bring a dessert. Be sure to invite your grandparents to church and lunch on this special day to honor them.

Grandparents
are a delightful blend of
Laughter,
Caring deeds,
Wonderful stories,
and Love!



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 continues the Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". In Part one we studied "Who We Are" and we are just beginning 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

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$599,553.00. 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 18, 2019: \$450,996.00



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)



SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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 - 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:
11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

Nursing Home: Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller
Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun



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Pentecost 11

August 25, 2019

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16 (Year C)



Sometimes the Word of the Lord is hard to hear. This is especially true when the words are about judgment, discipline, and the narrow way. These teachings can cause us to fear that we aren't doing enough for the Lord. The Good News for us is that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and not by our good works. The narrow door is the path of faith and complete trust in Christ.

