



Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,  
the blind, and you will be blessed Luke 14:13-14

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 1, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Greeter Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader This Week:** Wanda Hays

**Reader Next Week:** Neal Moritz

**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:** Johnny Jank

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**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: WOV #776 “*Be Thou My Vision*”

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 Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always 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.**

FIRST READING

***Be Humble Rather Than Presumptuous***

*Solomon offered some practical advise about living a godly life. He taught that it is the way of God to keep certain things hidden about his nature, whereas it is typical for humanity to search and find things out. He urged people not to seek a place of honor in the king’s court, rather it is best to wait to be invited to move up than to be sent away for being forward. Solomon also warned against putting a neighbor to shame; it could come back to haunt a person when you bring another to shame.*

Proverbs 25:2-10

(Page 567, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. <sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; <sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put

lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### *A Calm and Quiet Soul*

*For the psalmist it is more important to trust in the Lord than striving to make sense of everything. Often, it is hard to understand the mysterious ways of the Lord, so it is better to settle down and trust God, than it is to question and fret.*

Psalm 131

(Page 538, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, I am not proud;

I have no haughty looks.

**<sup>2</sup>I do not occupy myself with great matters,  
or with things that are too hard for me.**

<sup>3</sup>But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; my soul is quieted within me.

**<sup>4</sup>O Israel, wait upon the Lord,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## SECOND READING

### *Do Not Neglect Strangers*

*The author of Hebrews reminded readers that we are not to neglect showing kindness to strangers because some have actually cared for angels and didn't know it. (Genesis 18:1 and following.) He also taught that we are to remember those who are persecuted and imprisoned. Marriage should be held in the highest honor, and we need to pay attention to what is true teaching in the faith.*

Hebrews 13:1-17

(Page 1052-1053, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

<sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, "The

Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. <sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1-14

(Page 907-908, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when {Jesus} went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he

may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

<sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #212 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

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

- Today 9/1**      **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10:15 a.m.                      Worship
- Mon 9/2**      **Office Closed ~ Happy Labor Day!**
- Tues 9/3**      10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
7:00 p.m.                      Worship Team
- Wed 9/4**      10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:30 p.m.                      Quilters
- Thurs 9/5**      10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Fri 9/6**      10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Next Sun**      **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 a.m.                      Property Team Meeting  
9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
9:00 a.m.                      Confirmation Class  
10:15 a.m.                      Worship  
***Happy Grandparent's Day!***  
***\*Grandparents Luncheon after Worship in the Parish Hall***

***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 25, 2019**

General \$541.00, MOM \$75.00, Sunday School \$68.00, Building \$40.00,  
Church Reno. \$1,150.00      **Total : \$1,874.00**

**Attendance:** Worship -86

Sunday School - 20

Adults - 14

## Mission of the Month of September



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### CAMAL House Mission Statement

St. John's Mission of the Month of September is CAMAL House which is the local food bank. Volunteers run this food bank. Funds are needed to help prepare the pantry for the upcoming holidays. They especially need funds to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys.



### 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.

### 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.





## Confirmation Meeting

Confirmation classes will start on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am during the Sunday School hour on the stage in the Parish Hall. Any student eligible for confirmation should attend with at least one parent. A discussion will be held regarding days & times of future confirmation classes.

## 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

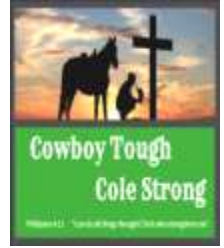
RECEIVED AS OF August 25, 2019: \$452,146.00

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)*

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM SURVEY

*Please Take My*  
**Survey**

Parish Ed Team has gotten some suggestions that the participation in the Christmas Eve program might be increased if the program was held sometime other than Christmas Eve. Most other churches have moved away from the Christmas Eve program because of the

conflict with family Christmas events and activities but since this has been a long standing tradition here at St. John we thought before we change this we wanted more input from the congregation. So we are taking a survey to see what the congregation thinks. Please take the time to give your input because either you take part in the program, have children in the program or ones that might be in it, or you attend the program. So it effects more than just parents with Sunday school age children. The survey will be in the September bulletins & newsletter. There will be a box in the Narthex of the church to collect the surveys. Thank you for taking the time to give us your opinion.

Parish Ed Team

**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 12

*September 1, 2019*

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17 (Year C)



Following Jesus requires great humility. No one who insists on being in a place of honor has a place at the Lord's table. Those who are disciples of Jesus understand that life in him requires putting ourselves last and others first. We need not worry about understanding all the ways of the Lord, instead we put our trust in him and he grants us peace, comfort, and the desire to serve in his name.

