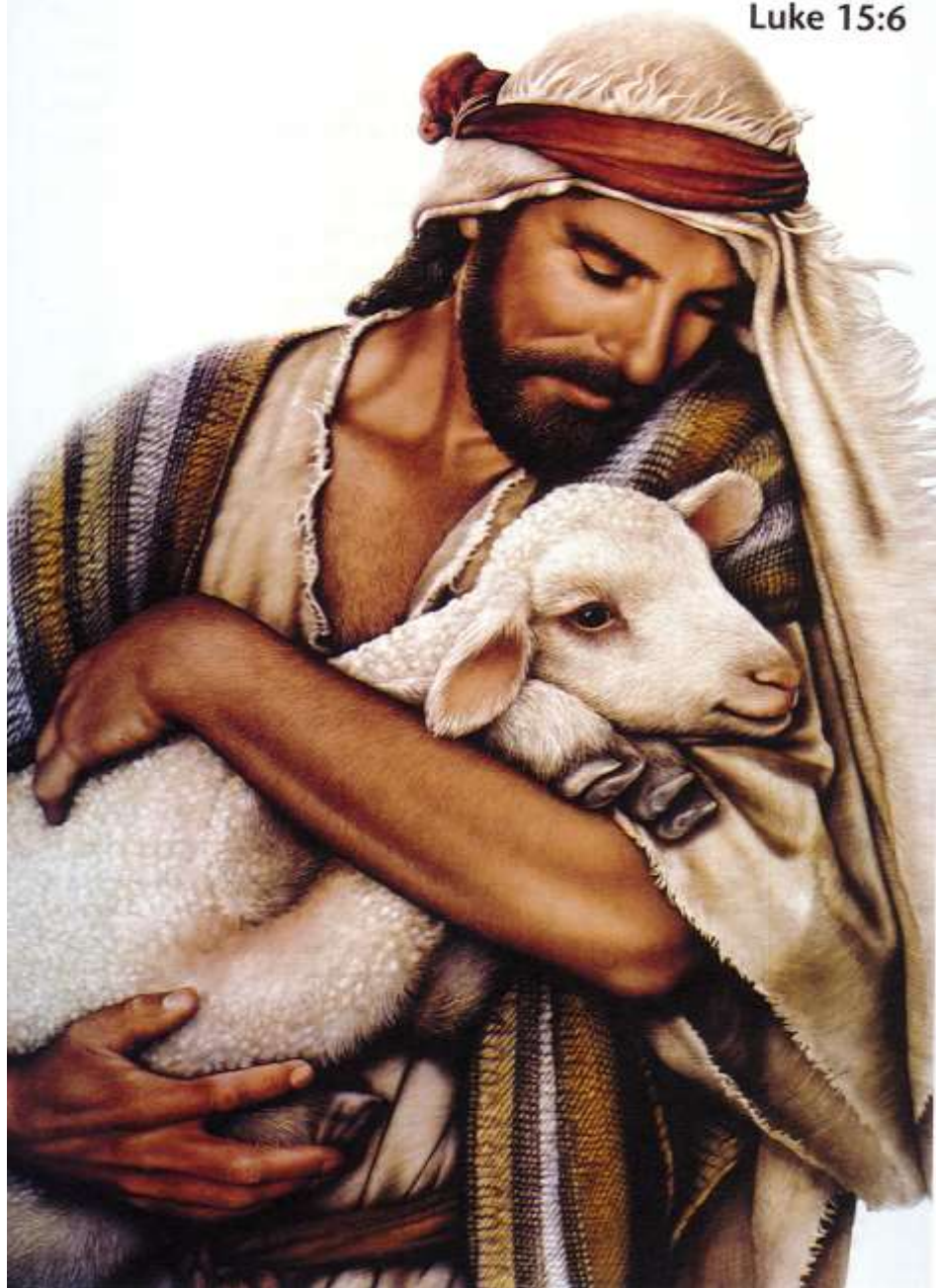


Rejoice with me,  
for I have found my sheep that was lost

Luke 15:6



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

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### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 15, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Greeter Next Week:** Dickie & Cathie Bettge

**Reader This Week:** Dawn Otto

**Reader Next Week:** Johnna Kethan

**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: LBW #499 “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*”

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, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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

Esther 7:1-10

(Page 431, RSV Pew Bible)

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup> And on the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” <sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. <sup>4</sup> For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.” <sup>5</sup> Then King Ahasu-e’rus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, that would presume to do this?” <sup>6</sup> And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was in terror before the king and the queen. <sup>7</sup> And the king rose from the feast in wrath and went into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. <sup>8</sup> And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was; and the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the words left the mouth of the king, they

covered Haman's face. <sup>9</sup>Then said Harbo'na, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, "Moreover, the gallows which Haman has prepared for Mor'decai, whose word saved the king, is standing in Haman's house, fifty cubits high." <sup>10</sup>And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mor'decai. Then the anger of the king abated.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### ***Gone Astray Like a Lost Sheep***

*The psalmist sang of God's deliverance in a time when he had gone astray from the Lord like a sheep lost and alone. Now, he said, he will never forget the Lord's commandments and asked that God would seek him.*

Psalm 119:169-176

(Page 536, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>169</sup>Let my cry come before you, O Lord;  
give me understanding, according to your word.

<sup>170</sup>**Let my supplication come before you;  
deliver me, according to your promise.**

<sup>171</sup>My lips shall pour forth your praise,  
when you teach me your statutes.

<sup>172</sup>**My tongue shall sing of your promise,  
for all your commandments are righteous.**

<sup>173</sup>Let your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your commandments.

<sup>174</sup>**I long for your salvation, O Lord,  
and your law is my delight.**

<sup>175</sup>Let me live, and I will praise you,  
and let your judgments help me.

<sup>176</sup>**I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;  
search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

(Page 1018-1019, RSV Pew Bible)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were

called to the one hope that belongs to your call, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-31

(Page 920, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emma'us, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning <sup>23</sup> and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, <sup>29</sup> but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #306 "*Chief of Sinners though I Be*"

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 9/15</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 9/16</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 9/17</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 9/18</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
	6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 9/19</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Committee Reports Due</i>
<b>Fri 9/20</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Newsletter Deadline</i>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

*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, September 8, 2019**

General \$2,144.80, MOM \$245.00, Water Missions \$1,000.00, Youth \$120.00,  
Sunday School \$53.90, Building \$100.00, Church Reno. \$1,735.00

**Total : \$5,398.70**

**Attendance:** Worship -134 Sunday School -18 Adults -12, Confirmation -6

# 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 Service

Please join us Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for our Youth Service! St. John Youth Group & Sunday School classes will be conducting the worship service. This will be an awesome service, hope to see everyone there! There will be a luncheon & swimming after this service at the Meyersville Country Club for all Youth Group/Sunday School kids & their parents. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to sign-up to bring food.

## Breakfast Buzz & Story Time

Wanting to go to Sunday School but no time to eat breakfast? No problem! We'll be serving pancakes hot off the griddle from 8:30-9:00 am in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 6th. Planning to hold this breakfast the first Sunday of each month if it's a big hit with our Sunday Schoolers.

"Following the pancake breakfast, we will be having a story time Sunday school on the story of Rahab and the Walls of Jericho. All students are encouraged to bring their beanbag chairs, pillows and blankets to get comfortable for the story. All students from 2 to 102 are invited to join us that Sunday morning." Thank you!



## Confirmation

Confirmation classes will continue on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The classes will be every other Sunday. Please contact Pastor John if you have any questions.





## 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

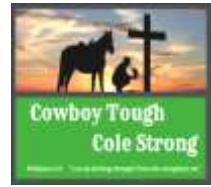
Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$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 September 8, 2019: \$455,069.00



Special Prayers for Cole  
~UPDATE~UPDATE~UPDATE~



Cole will be returning from China on September 22<sup>nd</sup> after six months of treatment

for his injury. God truly blessed Cole with many outstanding doctors, nurses and therapist that took care of him while he was in China. Cole has shown some improvement since he's been in China. Even though he is still on the ventilator he is able to take nine deep breaths on his own off the ventilator with very little difficulty. He is also able to hold his head on his own for at least sixteen minutes or more. He is getting stronger every day. We pray for continued healing for Cole each and every day. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so.

When Cole leaves China he will be going to New Jersey for a surgery on his diaphragm that hopefully will help get him completely off the ventilator. After about one week in New Jersey he will be returning to TIERR in Houston for continued rehab. It will be so great to have him so close to home.

We want to thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns and support for Cole and his family while they were in China. They have truly been a blessing. We ask for those continued prayers as Cole and his family continue on this slow and difficult journey. Thank you again and may God bless each and every one.

**+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**

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

*Please Take My*  
**Survey**

**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 14

*September 15, 2019*

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19 (Year C)



In our human sinfulness we are prone to wandering away from God. However, as St. Paul proclaimed to his son in the faith, Timothy, Christ came to save the lost and sinful so that all might know his love and mercy. Like sheep who are easily led astray, God will shepherd us back into the fold of his mercy. He will seek those who are lost—even leaving the flock to do so—just so that one stray will be rescued.

