



Which of you . . . does not  
first sit down  
and count the cost?

Luke 14:28

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 8, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden

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

**Reader This Week:** Neal Moritz

**Reader Next Week:** Dawn Otto

**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.

## 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: LBW #558 “*Earth and All Stars!*”

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 Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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

### *Choose Life*

*The Lord made it clear to Israel that worshiping false gods would only lead them into trouble. The direction in which their hearts were focused would result in the either blessing or curse. Obeying the Lord, loving him with all their hearts, and holding fast to him alone, means true life as well as dwelling in the Promised Land.*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(Page 180, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You

shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *The Lord Knows the Way of the Righteous*

*The psalmist proclaimed that those who walk in the ways of the Lord are like rees planted by streams of water. Growth and nourishment are readily available for those who love God and follow him; their work will prosper with God's help.*

Psalm 1

(Page 465, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

(Page 1017, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

<sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. <sup>5</sup>He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to

the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us. <sup>9</sup> For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 11:1-10

(Page 903, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>11</sup> He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread; <sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> And 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; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;

<sup>7</sup> and 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’? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

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P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #438 *“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”*

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 #406 *“Take My Life, that I May Be”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord  
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)  
POSTLUDE

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 9/8</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
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
	<i>*Grandparents Day/Family Luncheon in the Parish Hall</i>
<b>Mon 9/9</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 9/10</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 9/11</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 9/12</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 9/13</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fourteenth 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, September 1, 2019**

General \$1,208.50, MOM \$490.00, Sunday School \$109.30,  
Cemetery \$40.00, Organ \$20.00, OSC \$20.00, Building \$25.00,  
Church Reno. \$1,188.00 **Total: \$3,100.80**

**Attendance:** Worship - 86    Sunday School - 6,    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.

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Happy  
Grandparents  
Day

*Don't forget to join us after worship today in the Parish Hall for a delicious lunch served by our Youth Group! All Grandparents, Great-Grandparents & St. John Families are welcome!*





## 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 1, 2019: \$453,334.00



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 13

*September 8, 2019*

## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18 (Year C)**



Life lived in the intentional presence of God is one filled with true joy and spiritual abundance. There is a cost, however, to following Jesus. The cost isn't measured in silver or gold, but in the very giving away of one's life for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus warned his followers to "count the cost" before they embarked on the journey with him. It sounds daunting, but once you're on the path, you see it's true freedom.

