

*They ought always  
to pray and  
not lose heart*

*Luke 18:1*



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

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### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 20, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Greeter Next Week:** Marv & Norrean Sager

**Reader This Week:** Wanda Hays

**Reader Next Week:** Tammy Blain

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**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:

*“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

*By William Walford & William B. Bradbury*

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
May I thy consolation share,  
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,  
I view my home and take my flight:  
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize;  
And shout, while passing thro' the air,  
“Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!”

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 God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow 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

### *Jacob Wrestled with God*

*After Jacob left the home of his uncle/father-in-law Laban, he camped by the River Jabbok with his wives, children, servants, and possessions. He sent his people ahead and was left alone. That night a “man” wrestled with him until dawn. Jacob never gave up, even when the man hurt his hip. Jacob insisted on a blessing but what he received was more than that — he was given a new name, Israel.*

Genesis 32:22-30

(Page 28, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>22</sup>The same night {Jacob} arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### *The Lord Will Keep You*

*The psalmist proclaimed the good news that the Lord will keep his people from all evil and protect their lives. He will watch over their going out and their coming in.*

Psalm 121

(Page 536, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

<sup>6</sup>**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## SECOND READING

### *Scripture Makes One Wise*

*Paul instructed Timothy to continue in what he had been taught from the sacred scriptures, that they would make him wise for salvation through faith. He goes on, asserting that all scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching.*

<sup>14</sup>As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

(Page 911, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus} told {his disciples} a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #770 *“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”*

*HOLY BAPTISM* (LBW pg. 121)

Stand 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 10/20 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
**\*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class**

**Mon 10/21** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Tues 10/22** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**Wed 10/23 Office Closed**  
1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 10/24 Office Closed**

**Fri 10/25 Office Closed**

### **Next Sun Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Reformation Sunday  
*Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson*  
**\*Mission Feast ~ Pot luck lunch after 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, October 13, 2019**

General \$1,152.00, MOM \$215.00, Sunday School \$20.00, OSC \$40.00,  
Building \$1,500.00, Church Reno. \$410.00 **Total : \$3,337.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 76 Sunday School - Children - 5 Adults - 13



## Mission of the Month of October



### *Samaritan's Purse* *Mission Statement*

**President & CEO:** William “Franklin” Graham III, son of Billy Graham

**Founded:** 1970, by Bob Pierce

**Purpose:** Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries.

***Crisis and Disaster Response*** —

**U.S. Disaster Relief:** Since 1998, over 83,000 volunteers have worked with our staff to help more than 28,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies, repairing, cleaning and rebuilding homes. Five disaster relief units, tractor-trailers stocked with tools and cleanup supplies, are ready to deploy when disasters strike.

**International:** Samaritan's Purse specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, and famine in the world's most troubled regions, often working through local churches and ministry partners. Recent efforts include providing aid such as medical care, shelter items, shoes, warm clothing, heaters, food and water for Typhoon victims in the Philippines and Syrian refugees in northern Iraq.

***Feeding Programs*** — Samaritan's Purse has specialized programs to treat severely malnourished children and runs large-scale distributions to feed victims of disaster, famine and war.

***Health and Medical*** —

**World Medical Mission:** Each year, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse places hundreds of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals in voluntary, short-term service with hospitals and clinics in the world's least-developed countries. World Medical Mission also provides hospitals overseas with critical medical equipment and supplies.

**Emergency Medicine:** Samaritan's Purse responds to disasters by providing medical aid and essential equipment, including a mobile field hospital. The organization is able to mobilize hundreds of volunteer doctors at a moment's notice.

**Children's Heart Project:** This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan's Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,000 children with heart defects.

**Diseases:** Samaritan's Purse fights malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other epidemic diseases through medical care, health services, hygiene projects, preventative education and compassionate care.

**Operation Christmas Child** — The world's largest Christmas project collects and distributes gift-filled shoeboxes for needy children around the world. Since 1993, more than 113 million boxes have been distributed in more than 130 countries. Each year, the project mobilizes more than 100,000 volunteers in the United States.

**Operation Heal Our Patriots** — This program is designed to strengthen the marriages of wounded and injured members of the U.S. Military. The primary component is Samaritan Lodge Alaska, a wilderness retreat offering outdoor activities and Biblically based marriage enrichment classes. To date, more than 500 people have been through the program.

**Animals, Agriculture & Livelihoods** — Samaritan's Purse helps families in third-world countries meet their daily food and nutritional needs by providing seeds, tools and livestock. Programs also include training that enables beneficiaries and communities to transition from subsistence living to sustainability.

**Construction Projects** — Samaritan's Purse constructs houses, schools, hospitals, and churches for families and communities affected by disaster, poverty, and war around the world.

**Water, Sanitation & Hygiene** — Samaritan's Purse clean water programs have provided safe drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people in more than 25 countries through well projects and water filters for households and communities, coupled with health and hygiene education.

**Women's Programs** — Samaritan's Purse works to reach the vulnerable women by meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs through programs focused on maternal and child health, gender-based violence, job skills training, education, and human trafficking prevention.



## Mission Feast

MISSION FEAST Next Sunday, October 27, 2019 our mission speaker will be Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson, Director of Missions for the Guadalupe Baptist Association. Dr. Jackson has been in the ministry in Texas for the past 22 years. He has pastored four churches and held the position he is currently in since June of 2012. He has participated in mission trips to Belarus, Turkey, Haiti and Ecuador. He resides in Victoria with his wife of 31 years, Lisa. He and Lisa have three children and three grandchildren. Rev. Jackson will bring us a message about Operation Christmas Child a mission of Samaritan's Purse. The Mission Feast will be held after church in the parish hall. This will be a Pot Luck Lunch, each family is asked to bring a main or meat dish and a side dish or dessert. Parish Life will set up tables and decorate the day before. We will also prepare Tea and Water the morning of the lunch.

## Operation Christmas Child



We have kicked off Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project for St. John's. Shoe boxes will be available in the foyer of the church. If you need a box please call Linda Ruschhaupt at (361) 275-2059. Please leave your completed shoe boxes on the risers in the Parish Hall by 8 A.M. November 21, 2019.

## Shoebox Challenge

This year as we have in several of the past years, our church is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. Our speaker for Mission Feast Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, will be Pastor Walter Jackson, who will talk to us about that program and other ministries of Samaritan's Purse. We have all heard some of the stories of the effect these boxes have on the recipients, and I'm sure Pastor Jackson will add to that beautiful list. So let's all agree this is an amazing program and our participation in it is a good thing! That being said I would like to issue a challenge to all the members of St John. A few facts to validate the challenge. First of all, our church was founded in 1851 and 2019 will be our 168<sup>th</sup> year of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Third, we give ourselves and those we love gifts at Christmas. Fourth, the Shoebox program is a wonderful way of showing love to our neighbors by giving a Christmas gift to deserving children, just as we give ourselves. **So I challenge the members of St John Meyersville to exceed the goal of one box for each year of our church's existence, that's 168 shoeboxes.** That's considerably more than

we did last year, but it should be a very attainable goal. We average 80 something in attendance per Sunday. If each of us brought 2 boxes each we would almost be there in one Sunday. So let's do this, and I know it will be to the glory of God, however many we collect, but I bet it will make this Christmas feel a little different if we reach our goal.

**So grab a box, fill it and come back and get two more. Let's fill some shoeboxes with some St John Meyersville Texas love and make some children smile!**



### *HOLY BAPTISM*

Today we welcome as a member by Holy Baptism, Jaxon Wayne Egg son of Jordan & Stephanie Egg. Sponsors for his Baptism are Jon & Diana Fraiser and Nathan Morales & Steven Soto.

### **Raffle Tickets for Carly**

Raffle tickets are available to benefit Carly Arndt Waters in her fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Proceeds will help pay medical costs associated with her scheduled surgery. Tickets may be purchased from Brian Wendel or the Meyersville Store.



### **Trunk or Treat**

Meyersville Country Club invites you to our 1<sup>st</sup> Trunk or Treat this Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be an admission fee of \$2.00 per child, they will receive a wrist band & a ticket to vote for the best decorated car! Also, join in on the costume contest for all ages! A meal of chili for \$5.00 a bowl or Frito pie for \$8.00 will be served from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. All participating cars should arrive by 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in having a vehicle in the trunk or treat please contact Feather Diebel @ (361)571-7317 or Nikki Carver @ (361)655-3413.



### **~ Other Happenings ~**

*(Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for more details)*

**\*St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Ander Oktoberfest  
10/27/19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

**\*Bunco at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Cuero 10/28/19 6:00 p.m.**





## 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 RECEIVED AS OF October 13, 2019: \$464,089



### 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 TIRR 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:**

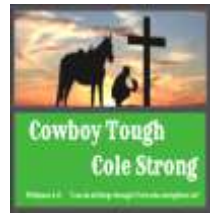
*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*To help family stay strong*

*Patience*

*Stay positive*

*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*



**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  
Carly Waters  
Joy Hoy  
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 19**

*October 20, 2019*

## **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 (Year C)**



How often do we lament injustices that we see in the world? It is always disturbing when the innocent are victims of evil and the wicked go unpunished. The good news is that our God is a just judge; he looks out for his people, blesses them, teaches them, and finds in their favor because of his great love for them. Life might not always be fair, but with God, love is gifted to us even when we don't deserve it.

