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WORD

JOHN 8:31

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday & Mission Feast October 27, 2019**

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

**Greeter Next Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Reader This Week:** Tammy Blain

**Reader Next Week:** Trish Hood

**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.

## 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.*

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #229 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 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 God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

#### *An Angel's Message*

*John described, from his apocalyptic vision, an angel who flew overhead and delivered a message to the inhabitants of the earth. The hour of God's judgment has come upon the nation. "Give God the glory!" There is nothing to fear for those who love and follow Jesus. God's people respect and adore him.*

Revelation 14:6-7

(Page 1080, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>6</sup>I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

<sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

### SECOND READING

#### *The Law Points to Sin*

*Paul explained to the Romans that those who are held under the law will be judged by the law as the law points to sin. But those who believe in Christ are justified, made right with God. This is accomplished by the grace of God through faith in Christ. All this is done apart from the law, for the law kills, but the Gospel saves.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Sit MESSAGE: Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson

HYMN: WOV #756 *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

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 #369 *“The Church's One Foundation”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### **Today 10/27 Reformation Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Reformation Sunday  
Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson  
*\*Mission Feast Luncheon after Worship\**

### **Mon 10/28 Office Closed**

**Tues 10/29** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 10/30** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 10/31** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Fri 11/1** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Next Sun Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
*\*Daylight Savings Time Ends, Fall Back!*

*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 20, 2019**

General \$885.00, MOM \$1,365.00, Sunday School \$90.05, Youth \$20.00,  
Cemetery \$20.00, NALC \$10.00, OSC \$10.00, Building \$20.00,  
Church Reno. \$815.00 **Total: \$3,235.05**

**Attendance:** Worship - 102 Sunday School - 12 - Children, 12- Adults  
Confirmation - 12

## 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

The Mission Feast will be held today after church in the parish hall. We hope everyone can join us!

About our mission speaker, 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.

Thank You!

*The members of St. John Church would like to thank Rev. Dr. Walter C. Jackson for being our guest speaker today. Samaritan's Purse is a great organization that helps so many people in need. May God continue to bless Rev. Dr. Jackson, his family & this mission.*

### 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!**

### 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.







## Pancake Breakfast & Youth News

There will be a pancake breakfast next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30-9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Also, on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> the Youth Group will be making Thanksgiving meal baskets during the Sunday School hour that will be taken back to their schools to share with families in need this Thanksgiving.

**Youth**

### ~ 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

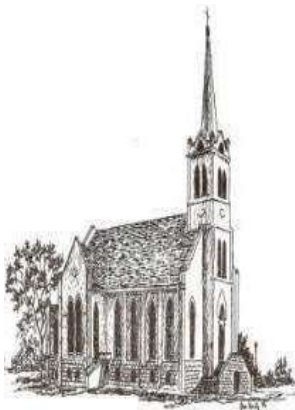


We will continue collecting **Health Kits** and **Flood Buckets** for the **NALC Disaster Relief** indefinitely. Because the Texas warehouse was totally depleted of all the disaster relief items during the recent tornadoes and flooding in the midwest we will continue to try to stock it for the next need. 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 20, 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:**

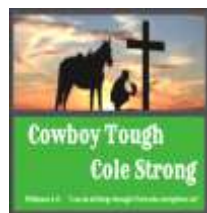
*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*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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# Reformation Sunday

*October 27, 2019*

## Reformation Sunday (Year C)

Freedom is not necessarily the absence of chains. We who are sinners don't wear shackles, yet we know ourselves to be in bondage to all that draws us away from our Lord. The truth of all truths is that Jesus, the one and only Son of God, took on flesh and lived among us — pointing us to the source of true freedom, his own self. If we abide in Him, he abides in us, and we are truly free from sin and death.

