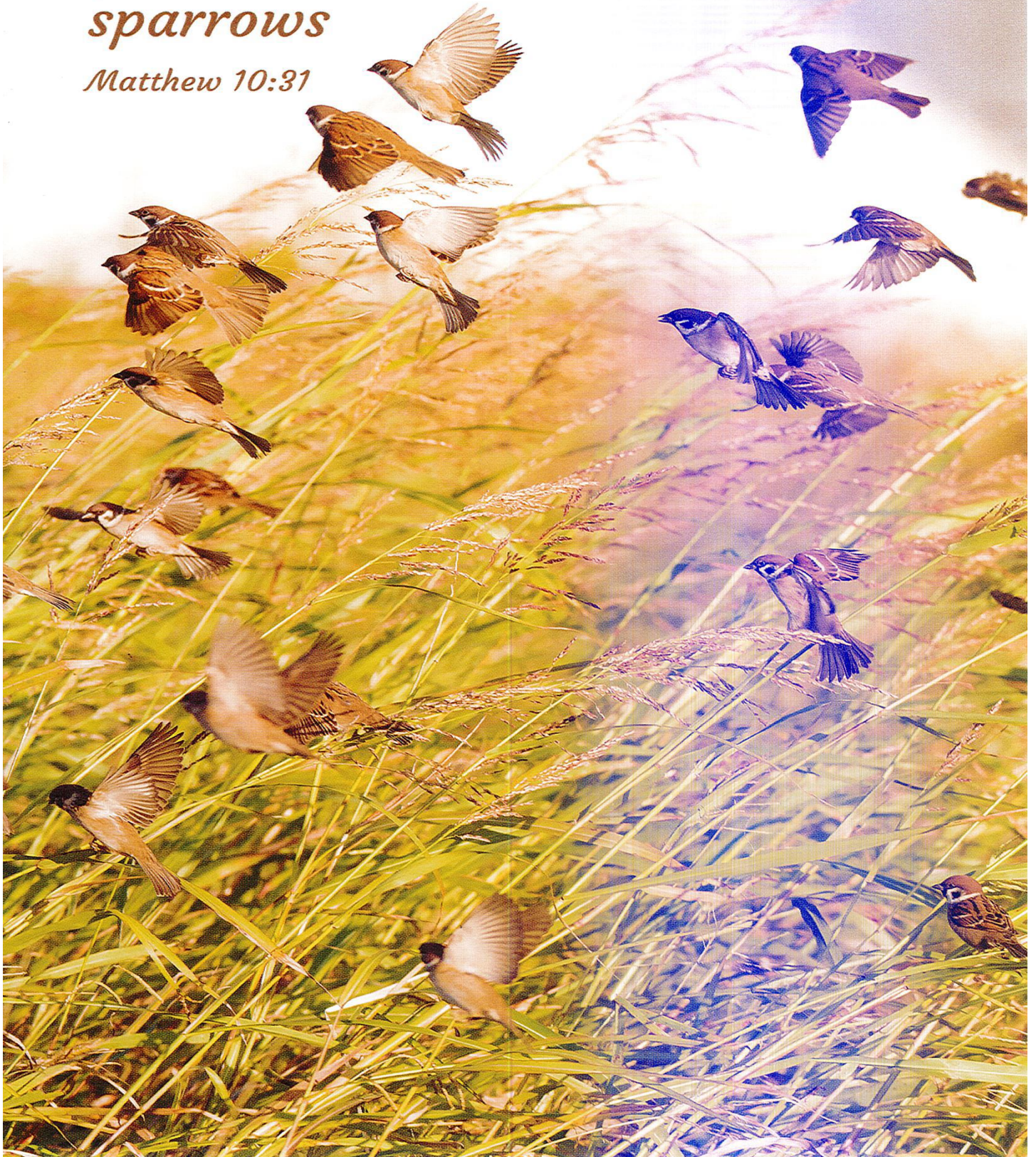


*Fear not, . . .
you are of more value than many
sparrows*

Matthew 10:31



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. We thank God that we are once again able to gather inside the church. For those who are not comfortable entering the church we are also broadcasting as we have for the past several weeks and you are more than welcome to remain in your car. Today is a communion service and it will be station communion due to the restrictions. If you are listening to the broadcast and want to take communion please park on the west side of the church and notify the persons assisting with parking that you would like to commune, communion will be brought out to you. The service, the organ music, and Pastor John's message will be routed through the church's sound system and broadcast on your car radio on FM channel 101.5. Please follow the service in the bulletin.

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

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn: *"Father's Choice"*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
Blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and
Lamb forever. Amen

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign

Alleluia,

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us Pray

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The first lesson is from the book of Jeremiah the 20th chapter

7 O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9 If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps

he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” 11But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. 12O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. 13Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers. Here ends the reading.

Responsive Reading
Psalm 91

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**2 He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.**

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence.

**4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings;
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor of the sickness that lays waste at midday.**

7 A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it shall not come near you.

**8 Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.**

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

**10There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

11For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

**12They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**14Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

15He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**16With long life will I satisfy him,
and show him my salvation.**

The Second Lesson is from the book of Romans the 6th chapter:

12Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. 20For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here ends the reading.

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

5a These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them, 21“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. 26So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of

them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Message

Hymn: *“Father’s Choice”*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles’ Creed

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs

*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.*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

OFFERING

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
That all those who believe in him should not perish,
But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
That we may receive our Lord
With a living faith as he come to us
In his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever, and ever. Amen**
Come for the Lord's table is ready.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with
Shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

God in peace; serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn #565 LBW

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 6/21	Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>
Mon 6/22	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tues 6/23	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 6/24	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Thurs 6/25	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 6/26	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 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, June 14, 2020

General \$2,162.00, MOM \$1,310.00, Youth \$20.00, OSC \$500.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$105.00, Reno. \$920.00 **Total: \$5,037.00**



To all of the wonderful Dads!

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7

UPDATE - Worship Team Notes - UPDATE

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will be by stations on the 1st & 3rd Sunday. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. A letter with these specific guidelines has been mailed out, emailed, and is posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



Mission of the Month of June



Cuero Community Foundation CAMAL House

This foundation is 501© 3 established to help strengthen the community. This organization is matching donations to area food banks such as CAMAL House to ensure that families receive the food they need for their families. For each dollar donated to the established fund (up to \$100,000) they will match that dollar so it doubles the donation. They are doing it for three food banks in the area and we will designate ours for CAMAL House.

Other news from the Mission Team:

We have cancelled the Ice Cream Social scheduled for June 6. The social was to kick off Vacation Bible School which has been cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

We will meet again in July to further discuss Mission Feast.



New Office Hours for Pastor

Pastor John will have new weekly office hours at the parsonage every Tuesday & Thursday.

The hours are as follows:

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

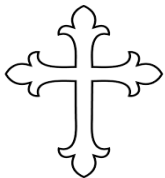
Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Youth Group & Sunday School News

St. John's Youth Group is preparing for their upcoming trip to the beautiful Frio River in July. Nine youth met the attendance and fundraising eligibility requirements to go on the trip and they are: J.R. Bishop, Mackenna Diebel, Kendall Helms, Cason & Ella Jander, Caleb & Kyle Nagel, and Grace & Kendra Redmond. Chaperones for the trip are Doug & Wendy Bishop, Dwight & LeAnn Jander, and Summer Helms. The trip is scheduled for July 16-19 and will be full of outdoor fun, games, cooking lessons, life skills, tubing, kayaking, and more. Each day will open and close with devotional time sharing Scripture and thanking God for all his wonderful blessings. We are looking forward to a great time and will have more trip details going out to our youth group families in the next couple of weeks. Hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer! Sunday school does not meet in the Summer, but will hopefully resume in August. Our prayer is that when Sunday school does resume, we will have a full house! Prayers for all during this time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has now been CANCELLED as well. **Lutherhill ministries sent us this statement: After prayerful consideration, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel all congregational day camps for the summer of 2020.**



NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting stick deodorant for the month of June. Please bring only stick deodorant, no aerosol cans.

Special Prayers for Cole ~NEW UPDATE~

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.

+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

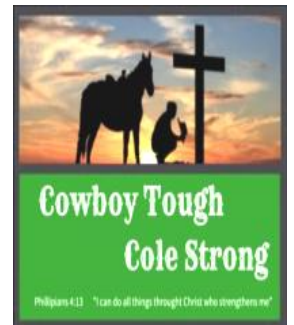
To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

GOD
is Listening



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:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Egypt
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
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 - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Colton Mayhall – USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:
11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun
Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow



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Pentecost 3
June 21, 2020



Third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7 (Year A)

Persecution for faith in God is inevitable. No one who follows Jesus in obedience will be spared the attacks of the enemy, Satan. Even so, those who love Christ are commissioned to go and share the good news without fear, for they will be protected by the Father in heaven who values them above all else. A life of discipleship is a risky one but through a life in Christ we find true and abundant life.