



I HAVE NOT COME
TO BRING PEACE,
BUT A SWORD

MATTHEW 10:34

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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. 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

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

C Amen

L 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.

C Amen

L 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.

All: 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

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us 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.

C Amen

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, As soldiers of the cross,
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army he shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him Against un-numbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see,
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.*

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

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

C Lord have mercy

L 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.

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Amen

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'
Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord, You alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray;

Lord of all power and might, you are the author and giver of all good things. Graft into our hearts a love of your name. Increase in us true faith, nourish us with what is good, and watch over all who are in your care. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Responsive Psalm Reading Psalm 119:153-160

¹⁵³Behold my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget your law.

¹⁵⁴**Plead my cause and redeem me;
according to your promise, give me life.**

¹⁵⁵Deliverance is far from the wicked,
for they do not study your statutes.

**¹⁵⁶Great is your compassion, O Lord;
preserve my life, according to your judgments.**

¹⁵⁷There are many who persecute and oppress me,
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.

**¹⁵⁸I look with loathing at the faithless,
for they have not kept your word.**

¹⁵⁹See how I love your commandments!
O Lord, in your mercy, preserve me.

**¹⁶⁰The heart of your word is truth;
all your righteous judgments endure forevermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 7:1-13

¹Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. ⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:34 - 42

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

³⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be

those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

LBW #230

*1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; Curb those who
by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from your
Son And bring to nought all he has done.*

*2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
Lord of lords alone; Defend your holy church, that
we May sing your praise triumphantly.*

*3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and
unity on earth; Support us in our final
strife And lead us out of death to life.*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in one 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 arose 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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

And also with you

Offering - If you wish to give an offering it will be received as you leave.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN:

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LBW #487

- 1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.*
- 2. Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where he is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy:
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share You woe; Help me there your joy to know.*

3. *Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
Then by grace we all may win Untold fruits of his creation
Jesus, unto you I die, There to live with you on high.*

4. *Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,
We are your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.*

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: **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.
Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 6/28	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 6/29	Office Closed
Tues 6/30	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 7/1	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 7/2	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 7/3	Office Closed
Next Sun	Fifth 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 21, 2020

General \$712.00, MOM \$100.00, Youth \$100.00, Building \$40.00, Reno. \$700.00 **Total: \$1,652.00**

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 Parish Hall 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.





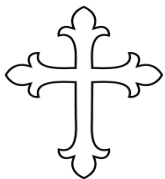
Have a fun & safe 4th of July weekend!



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.



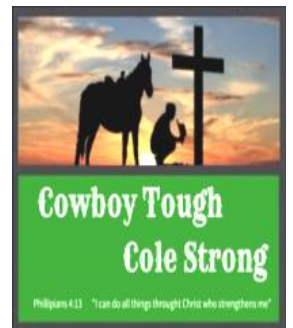
**NALC Warehouse and
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**

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)

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979) Or Linda Ruschhaupt (361-275-4990) or the Pastor. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. 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
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Cliff Jacob

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



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Pentecost 4

June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 8 (Year A)



Peace and conflict are major themes in the Scripture readings for today. The prophet Jeremiah insists that true peace comes only through the Lord. Jesus warns his followers that they will seek peace, but by following him, they will more likely experience conflict. Knowing that we are sinners who have been forgiven gives us peace in our hearts, even as our discipleship in the world may bring about suffering.