

Those who ate were about five thousand

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 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 you 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.

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: How pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, For some have never heard The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story That I have loved so long.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory And tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

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 the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 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

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to 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: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Responsive Reading Psalm 136:1-9 [23-26]

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

²Give thanks to the God of gods, for his mercy endures forever.

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his mercy endures forever.

⁴Who only does great wonders, for his mercy endures forever;

⁵Who by wisdom made the heavens, for his mercy endures forever;

⁶Who spread out the earth upon the waters, for his mercy endures forever;

⁷Who created great lights, for his mercy endures forever;

⁸The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endures forever;

⁹The moon and the stars to govern the night, for his mercy endures forever.

²³Who remembered us in our low estate, for his mercy endures forever;

²⁴And delivered us from our enemies, for his mercy endures forever;

²⁵Who gives food to all creatures, for his mercy endures forever.

²⁶Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures forever.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5 [6-13]

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. [6But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 8This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad — in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls — ¹²she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."]

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift posessing, With praises over flows!

My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place, And here yourself have fed me With treasures of your grace; For you have freely given What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy. And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown, And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.

And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

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 form 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 comes 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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Amen

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.

Go 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 8/2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 8/3 Office Closed

Tues 8/4 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. Worship Team Meeting

Wed 8/5 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Thurs 8/6 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 8/7 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Sat 8/8 10:00 a.m. Cliff Jacob Funeral

12:00 p.m. Baptisms - Grayson Schaefer

Holden Light

Next Sun Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

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, July 26, 2020

General \$835.00, MOM \$375.00, Reno. \$300.00

Total: \$1,510.00

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.





Confirmation Class

There will be **NO** Confirmation Class today.

New Office Hours for Pastor

Pastor John will have new weekly office hours at the <u>Parish Hall</u> every Tuesday & Thursday. The hours are as follows:

<u>Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</u> <u>Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</u>

*Please note: Pastor's NEW email: jboor25@yahoo.com



Mission of the Month of August



House of Palms Mission Statement

The House of Palms is a Scholarship Program for homeless women and their children.

The heart of the program is to embrace and strengthen their potential equipping them for a better future. Each resident will be provided with a room and living space for them (and their children if they have children), food, on-site day care and on-site guidance 24/7. They will participate in an Intern Program learning marketable skills that will allow them to become self-sufficient. The home will be a Christ-centered home of second chances, promoting self- sufficiency, emphasizing teamwork in a compassionate, caring, positive and encouraging environment. Women will be able to sustain themselves based on improved skills and technical skills taught at House of Palms. They will learn honor and a healthy self-respect to maximize personal growth and save children from a life of dependency, crime, poverty and hopelessness.

The home will be able to house 13 to 15 women, and have two paid staff members.

House of Palms is a 501C3 organized under the leadership of Faith Family Church in Victoria.

Col. Mike Petrich is the Administrator (not paid)

"Breaking News" concerning The House of Palms

From: Barbara Breazeale

It is with grateful hearts that we announce the hiring of JoLynn Meadows as our Executive Director of Victoria House of Palms, a residential home for pregnant women.

JoLynn Meadows, a native of Victoria, has dedicated twenty- eight years of love and service to young girls and women in their childbearing years at a crisis pregnancy center in Mobile, Alabama. She has returned to Victoria to join with the VHOP Board and Pastors Jim and Tamara Graff to provide programs of excellence to Teen Moms to achieve the goals of a high school diploma and beyond. All of this will be achieved in a loving, Christian, confidential and non-judgmental environment.

This process has been very long and at times we were so disheartened. It seemed that the devil himself was keeping us from opening this much needed home for pregnant teens.

First a hurricane, then we had the home done, furnished by the Streiff family of Ashley's Furniture. We only had to hire an Executive Director and on the surface it seemed so easy. But as they say that was not the end of the story.

The State of Texas is very vigilant and strict when it comes to underage children. Their job description was almost impossible for us to find the right person. We tried and kept failing. We came up with an

idea that was a bit different and we found success in JoLynn Meadows. We decided to take teens who were 18 and older so that these young women were looked upon as adults, not minors. The mountain of state requirements we had to climb suddenly became attainable.

JoLynn has been on the job a month and we look forward to hearing great things from her. She is making the right connections and we will keep you in the loop.

Once more, thank you for supporting us through all of this. You were there with prayers, monetary support and understanding. We cannot wait to have our first teen walk through those doors!



We keep the family of Cliff Jacob in our thoughts & prayers. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.



Sunday School News

Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessing will be held on August 23rd. This will kick off our new Sunday school year and we hope everyone will come! We had a fun party at the Meyersville Country Club in lieu of Vacation Bible School on July 29th and had 25 youth and 15 adults attend. Wendy Bishop and Caleb and

25 youth and 15 adults attend. Wendy Bishop and Caleb and Kyle Nagel and JR Bishop gave a report and appreciation for

their trip to the Frio River and Wendy gave a devotion like the one they had at the river trip. Our youth age 6th grade and older are eligible to go on the trip next year. We hope everyone has a great return to school, prayers for health & open minds to learn!





Youth Group News

St. John's Youth Group recently traveled to Concan, TX for a fun time on the Frio River. Six youth and four adult chaperones enjoyed swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, and fishing on one of God's most beautiful creations, the Frio River. Each morning of the four day trip started off with devotional time where the youth shared their favorite Bible story or passage about water and each evening wrapped up with chaperone-led devotionals and discussions that applied Scripture to situations we experience in today's world. The youth also had fun making slime, trying out glow stick dancing, competing in a watermelon eating contest and other fun games, and making s'mores by the campfire. We also witnessed the great bat flight that is a famous attraction in Concan, TX. The youth and adults had a great time on the trip and would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to St. John's Parish Board, Church Council, and to all of the congregation for allowing them to enjoy this wonderful opportunity. We'd love to do this again next summer and hope to take even more youth to enjoy the beautiful Frio River.





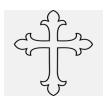
One of our faithful Altar Guild teams is no longer able to serve. Therefore, the Altar Guild is urgently asking for each of you to <u>prayerfully</u> and <u>seriously consider</u> being a part of a team to serve on the <u>Altar Guild</u>. <u>Please</u> contact Carol Ann Sagebiel or any Altar Guild member for more information, etc. Thank You.



Quilters Service Project needs any unwanted sheets. Please put them on the table on the stage in the Parish Hall. Thank you.

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 towels for the month of August. Please bring colored towels only. Thank you.



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 is \$599,553. We are required to pay as

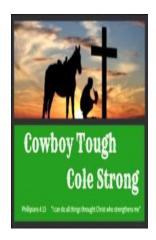
construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.

GOAL: \$599,553 RECEIVED AS OF July 26, 2020: \$549,100.80



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



Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

Kenny Jacob

Cole Ohrt Carly Waters

Joy Hoy

Marie Liner

Bill Roeske

Janice Turner

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



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Pentecost 9 August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13 (Year A)

