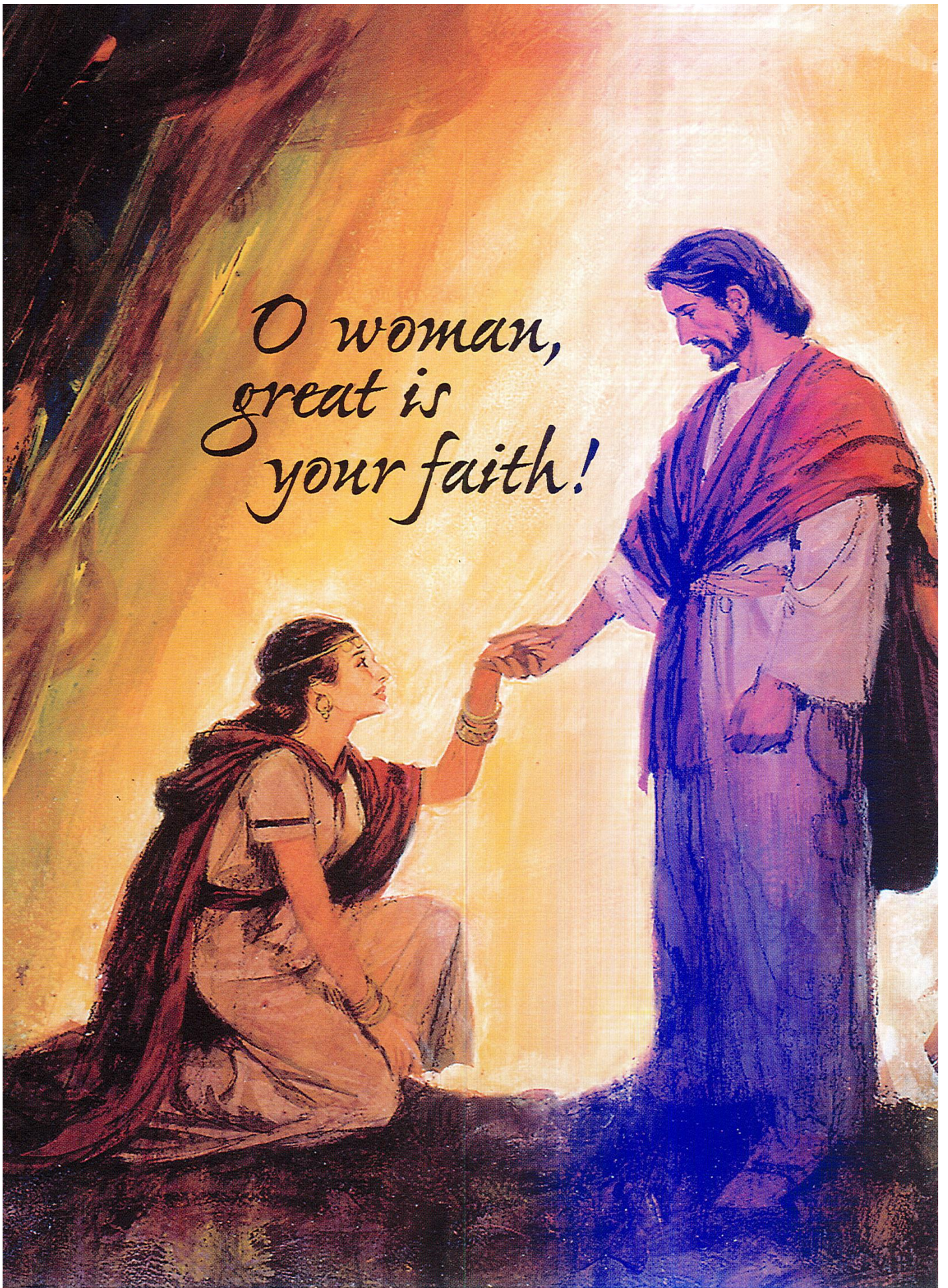


*O woman,
great is
your faith!*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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.

L: Most merciful God,

All: 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

HYMN:

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

LBW #359

**In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord Close binding all mankind.**

**Join hands then, brothers of the faith, Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

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 worship 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;

Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we 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 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.”

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

**²Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

⁷May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

LBW #400

**God, whose almighty word Chaos and
darkness heard And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!**

**Lord, who once came to bring, On your re-
deeming wing, Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love, Life giving,
holy dove, Speed forth your flight;
Move on the water's face Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place Let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed three, Glorious
Trinity, Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide, Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide, Let there be light!**

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.**

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:

***"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*
Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
Christian love; The unity of
heart & mind Is like to that above.**

LBW #370

**Before our Father's throne We pour our
ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, Our mutual
burdens bear, And often for each
other flows The sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil and pain, And sin, we
shall be free; And perfect love and
friendship reign Through all eternity.**

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 8/16** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:15 a.m. Worship
- Mon 8/17** Office Closed
- Tues 8/18** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Wed 8/19** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
6:00 p.m. Mission Team
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- Thurs 8/20** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
***Committee Reports Due**
- Fri 8/21** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
***Newsletter Deadline**
- Next Sun** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Rally Sunday
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Backpack Blessing



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, August 9, 2020

General \$1,127.50, MOM-House of Palms \$595.00, NALC \$10.00, Cemetery \$20.00, OSC \$100.00, Building \$40.00, Reno. \$130.00 **Total: \$2,022.50**

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.

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.

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



Cheerful House Order

If you would like to order something from Cheerful House, the catalog will be on the kitchen counter in the parish hall. Orders will need to be placed by Wednesday, August 26th. Please write your order on the order form provided & make checks payable to: St. John Ev. Lutheran Church. Place payment in the envelope provided. Thank you!



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.

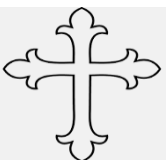
The State of Texas is very vigilant and strict when it comes to underage children. Their job description was almost impossible for us to find the right person. We tried and kept failing. We came up with an idea that was a bit different and we found success in JoLynn Meadows. We decided to take teens 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!

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.





Words cannot express our appreciation for your thoughts, prayers and cards during dad's illness. He was the love of our life and even though we miss him terribly we know he is in a better place with no pain or suffering. He would have suffered so much more without your prayers.

With deepest appreciation,
The family of Clifton Jacob

Rally Sunday & Backpack Blessing

Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessing will be held next **Sunday, August 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m.** This will kick off our new Sunday school year and we hope everyone will come! We hope everyone has a great return to school, prayers for health & open minds to learn!



- It's back-to-school time! Next Sunday morning, there will be a special blessing of all school-aged children and their parents as part of our regular worship service.
- Children in grades K-8 should bring along their school backpack for a special Backpack Blessing Event. During the service, children and parents will come forward for a special moment of prayer and blessing.
- Let's send our congregation's kids into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support! Be sure to join us and to include all of our young people in your prayers as they go back to school.

ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY/PLEA

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 prayerfully and seriously consider being a part of a team to serve on the Altar Guild. Please 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.

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:

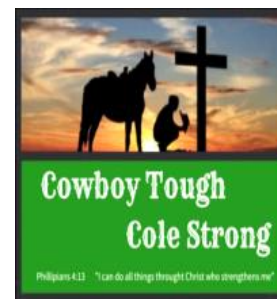
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



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 August 9, 2020: \$549,930.80



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: Adam Womble
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 11

August 16, 2020

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15 (Year A)

Themes of inclusion and exclusion are a common thread running through this week's Scriptures. Isaiah prophesies about who is accepted and who is not in God's house. The ones who choose to please the Lord and hold fast to his covenant will be given a great name. St. Paul passionately asserts that even though Israel did not believe in Jesus, God will not turn away from his chosen people. Jesus crosses ethnic boundaries to heal a girl from Syrophenicia.