

Take heart; it is I

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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:

*"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

WOV #780

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,**

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 and merciful God, only by your gift of grace can the faithful offer service that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises; 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: Job 38:4-18

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’ ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 18:1-6 [7-1617*]

¹I love you, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

²**My God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge: You are worthy of praise.**

³I will call upon the Lord,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

⁴**The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.**

⁵The cords of hell entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.

⁶**I called upon the Lord in my distress
and cried out to my God for help.**

⁷He heard my voice from his heavenly dwelling;
my cry of anguish came to his ears.

⁸**The earth reeled and rocked;
the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of his anger.**

⁹Smoke rose from his nostrils and a consuming fire out of his mouth;
hot burning coals blazed forth from him.

**¹⁰He parted the heavens and came down
with a storm cloud under his feet.**

¹¹He mounted on cherubim and flew;
he swooped on the wings of the wind.

**¹²He wrapped darkness about him;
he made dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.**

¹³From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds,
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

**¹⁴The Lord thundered out of heaven;
the Most High uttered his voice.**

¹⁵He loosed his arrows and scattered them;
he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

**¹⁶The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare,
at your battle cry, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.**

¹⁷He reached down from on high and grasped me;
he drew me out of great waters.

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²²Immediately {Jesus} made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and

said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW #294

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus'
blood and righteousness; No merit of my
own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on
his unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and
stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood Sustain me
in the raging flood; When all supports are
washed away, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I
then in Him be found, Clothed in his righteous-
ness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

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:

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me "

LBW #334

**Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over
life's tempestuous sea; Unknown waves before me
roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal; Chart and
compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**As a mother stills her child, Thou canst
hush the ocean wild; Boist'rous waves obey thy
will When thou say'st to them, "Be still." Wondrous
Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**When at last I near the shore, And the
fearful breakers roar Twixt me and the peaceful
rest, Then, while leaning on thy breast, May I
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pilot thee."**

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 8/9	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 8/10	Office Closed
Tues 8/11	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 8/12	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Thurs 8/13	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 8/14	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Eleventh 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, August 2, 2020

General \$3,115.00, MOM-House of Palms \$475.00, MOM-NALC Michigan Flood House \$100.00, NALC \$100.00, Youth \$100.00, Organ \$20.00, OSC \$220.00, Building \$255.00, Reno. \$700.00 **Total: \$5,085.00**

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.

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 put your info. on the name sheet & 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!



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 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!



ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY/PLEA



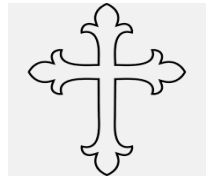
One of our faithful Altar Guild teams is no longer able to serve. Therefore, the Altar Guild is urgently asking for each of you to prayerfully and seriously consider being a part of a team to serve on the Altar Guild. Please contact Carol Ann Sagebiel or any Altar Guild member for more information, etc.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



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

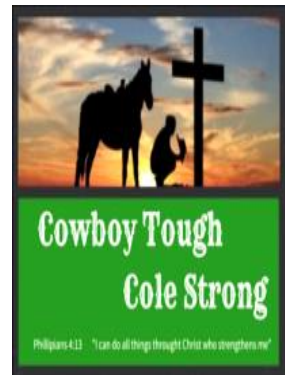
NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

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.



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 2, 2020: \$549,800.80

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 10

August 9, 2020

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The disciples in their small boat are being thrashed around by a storm, and, seeing Jesus, they cry out, thinking he is a ghost. Peter calls to him and ventures onto the water, but fear gets the best of him and he plunges into the waves. When the storms of life seek to engulf us, we can be sure that Jesus will be there to stretch out his hand and pull us up. God who is in charge and he calms the wind and waves.