

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Seventh Sunday of Easter May 16, 2021

Greeter This Week: Candy Cowley Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager Reader This Week: Neal Moritz Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. We thank God that we are once again able to gather together either under the trees or inside the church. For those who are not comfortable sitting outside or entering the church we are also broadcasting as we have been doing. 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 communion distribution will be by stations. Those of you remaining inside your vehicle for the broadcast and wishing to commune, please make this known to the ushers so we can serve you in the vehicle.

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.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

- L Most merciful God,
- C 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.

OPENING HYMN:

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LBW #170

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn; Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem. Crown him the Lord of love - Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

> Crown him the Lord of years, The potentate of time, Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray,

O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

¹²{The apostles} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "Let another take his office.' ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Responsive Psalm Reading Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

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

Please be seated

GOSPEL READING: John 17:11b - 19

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

^{11b}{Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,} "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You" LBW #492

O Master, let me walk with you In lowly paths of service true; Tell me your secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; share with me A closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong,

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broad'ning way, In peace that only you can give; With you, O Master, let me live. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L 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.

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy," The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer**."

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

Amen

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

OFFERING: You will be given an opportunity to share God's blessings with your offering as you exit after the service

OFFERTORY

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

- L 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 same of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C 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.

- L 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.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- L 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;

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

- L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.
- C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

- L May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

POST COMMUNION

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seeks 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.**

BENEDICTION

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.

L Go in peace, serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY:

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 5/16	Seventh Sunday of Easter8:00 a.m.Parish Ed Meeting9:00 a.m.Sunday School10:15 a.m.Worship	
Mon 5/17	~ Office Closed ~	
Tues 5/18	9:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	
Wed 5/19	10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Hours Mission Team Meeting Men's Bible Study
Thurs 5/13	10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m. *Committee Reports Du	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 5/14	10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. *NewsletterDeadline	Office Hours
Next Sun	Day of Pentecost9:00 a.m.Sunday School10:15 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 function fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

May 9, 2021 General \$770.00, MOM-NALC Seminary \$700.00, Sunday School \$10.01, Youth \$10.00, Organ \$70.00, OSC \$120.00, Building \$115.00, Reno. \$425.00 Total: \$2,220.01

Attendance: Worship - 65 Sunday School - 7 - Children, 11 - Adults



St. John Church 100th Anniversary

The St. John church building will be 100 years old in July. Council has discussed celebrating this in some way. There has been discussion of a committee being formed for this occasion. Please contact the church office or any council member if you wish to be on this committee or help in any way. Thank you!

NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. <u>Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by</u> <u>stations.</u> Any changes will be noted in this article. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. These specific guidelines are 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. <u>Please Note: The service will NO longer</u> be videoed & posted to the church website. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



Mission of the Month of May



<u>NALC Seminary</u> <u>Mission Statement</u>

The NALC set a seminary goal in 2020 to be the denomination with the strongest and most highly respected Lutheran Seminary Training System in North America. Last year in October of 2020 Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of NALC Seminary Board of Regents was our mission speaker on this topic. At that time he informed us of how this could be done. With our donations we can help the NALC attain its goal to upgrade the structure, the program, and recruitment of the seminary over the next 3 years.

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

St. John would like to congratulate Jamie Michelle Holliday on her graduation from Texas Lutheran University on Saturday, May 8, 2021 in Seguin, Tx. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration with specialization in Management and specialization in Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship. Jamie is the daughter of Keith & Lynn (Egg) Holliday and the granddaughter of Billy Fay Egg. What an awesome accomplishment!



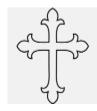


Memorial Day Celebration

St. John will be having a Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 30, 2021. We will remember all military men & women we have lost & honor those serving. May God bless them & their families. A reception with cookies & lemonade will follow in the parish hall. Please email, call or leave a note at the church office with anyone we have not listed in the past, also please let us know of any status changes etc. 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 hairbrushes & combs for the month of May. Thank you!





Please Help The Old Stone Church Historical Committee is in search of vintage photographs of both the Old Stone Church and of St. John church. The current church (gothic structure) will be 100 year old in July 2021. We would ask permission to scan the images for upcoming projects and preservation purposes. Please contact M'Liss Moore at 275-8069 if you have any pictures tucked away in your treasures.



~ UPDATE ~ Valerie, Jordan, Aiiven & Emma

These 3 children ages 5, 7 & 8 along with their mother were in a terrible car wreck Monday, April 5th. They were all transferred to a San Antonio hospital. They are all home now. This family is our church cleaner, Maria Ricardo's daughter & grandchildren. Prayers are very much still needed, they have a long road to recovery! Any donation would be greatly appreciated as well if you are able. Please just put "Maria" on the envelope & make any checks payable to Maria Ricardo. Thank you for your help & prayers. God bless. + + +

Vacation Bible School



Summer is near and St. John's is starting to work on Vacation Bible School! Here are the details so far: When: August 2 - 6

Time: TBD

Ages: 6-12

For those with kids interested in attending, mark your calendars and we'll be mailing out sign up forms. We'll be taking all kids in this age range, including friends and family members of church members.

For those with kids who are older, we need as much help as possible. We need help with class leaders, song leaders, and activity leaders. Please contact Laurie Pokluda, Trish Hood, or Johnna Picard if your child is interested in helping out during camp.

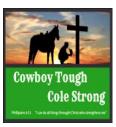
And for all adults who'd like to help, we need as many volunteers as possible. We are not enlisting the help of outside councilors; we are managing all work with church members. So if you can help out the whole week, a few days, or just one day, please reach out to Laurie, Trish, or Johnna because we need all available hands!

We're looking forward to an amazing Vacation Bible School and can't wait to rejuvenate our faith this summer!



Special Prayers for Cole

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 May 9, 2021: \$576,353.30

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. 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.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Kuwait Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Virginia Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado 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, North Carolina



Please Pray for:

Adam Womble Hunter Jacob Kenny Jacob Cole Ohrt Carly Waters Joy Hoy Marie Liner Bill Roeske Jimmy Caskey Britany Jank Tomas Dugan Chandler Samantha Hein Bea Fagg Bette Jo Haun David Diebel **Bobby Zengerle**

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow, Marjorie Ideus Sodalis Senior Living ~ Bette Jo Haun



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Easter 7 May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

The eleven disciples needed to replace the one who betrayed Jesus. This would mark the beginning of their apostolic ministry to the world. We are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his followers before his death - a prayer that asked for the protection of his closest friends as they went out into the world without him physically by their side. They will never be alone though, they will always have the Holy Spirit.

