

**And all the trees  
in the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.**

*Ezekiel 17:24*



**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 13, 2021**

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Greeter Next Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Reader This Week:** Johnna Picard

**Reader Next Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Johnny Jank

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**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.

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.

*Silence for Reflection and Meditation*

L Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

HYMN:

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

WOV #771

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:*

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

*Refrain*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

*Refrain*

## **GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy**

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

**C Lord have mercy**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord have mercy.**

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

**C Lord have mercy.**

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

**C Amen**

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

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks,**

**We praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'**

**Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,**

**You alone are the Lord, You alone are the**

**Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray;

**O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

**PSALM READING**

**Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy 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!

**<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

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

**<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

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

**<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 [11-17]**

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened — not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be

away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. [<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.]

#### GOSPEL VERSE

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

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

<sup>26</sup>{Jesus} said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.** (*sung*)

#### MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

LBW #479

**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away,  
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire; As thou hast died for me, Oh,  
may my love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,  
Be thou my guide; Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll; Blest Savior, then, in love Fear and distrust remove;  
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he arose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*~ Recognition of 2021 Graduates ~*

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!**

(after each petition “Lord in your mercy,” RESPONSE **“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**

**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.**

**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:**

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

LBW #543

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously  
reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
If with his love he befriend you.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen Sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!**

**Pastor:** Go in peace, serve the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**THE DOXOLOGY HYMN:**

**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

<b>Today 6/13</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Class of 2021 Graduation Recognition ~
<b>Mon 6/14</b>	~ Office Closed ~
<b>Tues 6/15</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Wed 6/16</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 6/17</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours <b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 6/18</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Happy Father's Day!



**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.

**June 6, 2021** General \$4,277.50, MOM-Lutheran Bible Translators \$1,185.00, OSC \$120.00, Sunday School \$5.00, Organ \$40.00, Building \$177.50, Reno. \$630.00      **Total: \$6,435.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 95    Adult Sunday School - 12

*\*Please note Sunday School for the youth will continue August 8, 2021 which will be Rally Sunday.*



### St. John Church 100<sup>th</sup> 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!

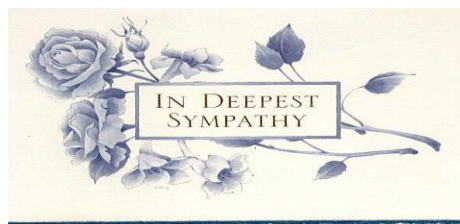
## Mission of the Month of June



### Lutheran Bible Translators/ Ethiopian Mekane Yesus Seminary

#### Mission Statement

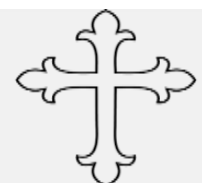
We can help the different language communities in Ethiopia gain access to Scripture in the language that speaks most deeply to their hearts. The Christian churches in Ethiopia anxiously await the arrival of God's Word to give them the tools they need for personal spiritual enrichment as well as effective outreach to their people. As a program partner with Lutheran Bible Translators, you will help build a sustainable program where seminary students in Ethiopia at the Mekane Yesus Seminary can receive Bible translation training. Through this program, more people will learn the skills necessary to do translation ministry and bring God's Word to people in their own language.



*We keep the family of Bette Jo Haun in our thoughts & prayers. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.*

### 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 bath towels & washcloths for the month of June. 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.



### NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month by stations. 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. Please Note: The service will NO longer be videoed & posted to the church website. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



## **Congratulations 2021 Graduates!**



**Brighton Blain**, Son of Tammy Blain and Dereck Talkington, graduated from Delmar College with his Millwright certification in May. He will be working for Herc Rentals as a Field Service Mechanic based out of Corpus Christi.

**Jacob Dreier**, Son of Brent and Shelley Dreier, graduated from Stephen F. Austin with a bachelors in Political Science and a minor of International Business.

**Mackenzie Tyann Blain**, daughter of Britton and Sara Blain, graduated Cum Laude from Cuero High School where she served as Student Council Treasurer and Secretary of the National Honor Society. Mackenzie worked hard to earn her service cord and donated enough blood & platelets to earn her blood cord. She will be attending Abilene Christian University in the fall studying Nursing. She also plans to get her Nurse Practitioner Degree & work in Pediatrics. Mackenzie is also excited to continue her track career at ACU! Go Wildcats!



**Michele Elizabeth Motley**, daughter of William and Vicki Motley, graduated Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Magna Cum Laude from Victoria West High School. She will be attending Victoria College in the fall majoring in Music Education with a minor in Studio Art.

**Mason Ray Nagel**, son of Nikki Carver and Wade Nagel, graduated with Honors from Cuero High School. Mason was also a member of the National Honor Society. He will be attending Blinn College in College Station to major in Ag Business.

**Brooke Ann Wendel**, daughter of Jason Wendel and Michelle Wendel, graduated Summa Cum Laude and Salutatorian of her class from Cuero High School where she served as president in student council and National Honor Society, treasurer in FFA, and historian in Anchor Club. She will be attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas where she will be on the college's Cross Country and Track Team and studying to become a Speech Language Pathologist.

**Seth Matthew Wendel**, son of Don Wendel and Heather Wendel, graduated from Cuero High School. He will be attending Victoria Community College to start his bachelors in Criminal Justice. His mission is to be a Game Warden or Highway Patrolman.



**Ella Lamour Jander**, daughter of Dwight & LeAnn Jander, graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Trinity Episcopal School in Victoria on June 3rd. She will be attending Cuero High School where she will be the JV Head Cheerleader.

**Caleb Allan Nagel**, son of Nikki Carver & Wade Nagel, graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Cuero Junior High School. He will be attending Cuero High School.

**Kyle Bryan Nagel**, son of Nikki Carver & Wade Nagel, graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Cuero Junior High School. He will be attending Cuero High School.

**Jayce Wyatt Egg**, son of Jordan & Stephanie Egg, graduated Kindergarten from Meyersville Elementary School on Friday, May 14, 2021.





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.

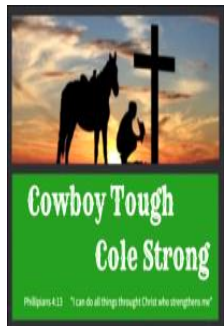
And for all adults who'd like to help, we need as many volunteers as possible. We are not enlisting the help of outside councilors; we are managing all work with church members. So if you can help out the whole week, a few days, or just one day, please reach out to Laurie, Trish, or Johnna because we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

### NEW Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor's cost. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched up. The current invoiced total for cost of construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, grass planting, and incidentals is \$600,850.80. Designated giving and memorials received to date total \$595,943.30.



**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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Bea Fagg  
David Diebel  
Bobby Zengerle  
Clint Coles

**Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow, Marjorie Ideus



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## **Pentecost 3**

*June 13, 2021*

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 6 (Year B)**

Faith is something that is not rational, logical, or reasonable. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit that sustains us in our daily lives. It assures us that God has our best interests at heart, but even more so that his will is done on earth as it is in heaven. As we walk by faith, we are assured that Christ is with us, even if we cannot fully understand the ways in which God's kingdom comes on this earth.



## **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

For to those who meditate on the Law the very rock of Scripture gushes forth abundant streams and flowing waters of knowledge and wisdom, and grace and sweetness besides. This is the promise: “Seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you (Matthew 7:7).”

— Martin Luther — Lecture on Psalm 1