



OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME  
OF THE LORD,  
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PSALM 124:6

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 20, 2021**

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

**Greeter Next Week:** Dickie & Cathie Bettge

**Reader This Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Caden Jander

**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.

**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: *Dad's Choice*

## **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,

**For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **First Reading: Job 38:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. <sup>4</sup>Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

## Responsive Psalm Reading

### Psalm 124

<sup>1</sup>If the Lord had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;

**<sup>2</sup>If the Lord had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us;**

<sup>3</sup>Then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;

**<sup>4</sup>Then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over us;**

<sup>5</sup>Then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.

**<sup>6</sup>Blessed be the Lord!  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**<sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Working together with {Christ}, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in

anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we

commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

<sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge,

patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God;

with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and

dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as

unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed;

<sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet

possessing everything. <sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.

<sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak

as to children) widen your hearts also.

*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: Mark 4:35-41**

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

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

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, {Jesus} said to {the disciples}, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

SERMON HYMN: *Dad’s Choice*

*Stand as you are able*

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

<b>Today 6/20</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>
<b>Mon 6/21</b>	~ <i>Office Closed</i> ~
<b>Tues 6/22</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Wed 6/23</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 6/24</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Fri 6/25</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 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.*

**June 13, 2021** General \$840.00, MOM-Lutheran Bible Translators \$475.00, Organ \$20.00, Building \$390.00, Reno. \$565.00      **Total: \$2,290.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 84    Adult Sunday School - 8

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



*To All of the Wonderful Fathers here at  
St. John! Have a blessed day with loved ones!*

### 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

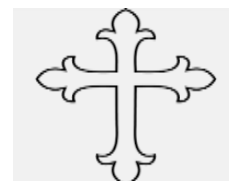


### Lutheran Bible Translators/ Ethiopian Mekane Yesus Seminary Mission Statement

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.

### 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!



### Thank You

*We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and food during Elizabeth's recent hospitalization and surgery. The surgery was a success and Elizabeth is on her way to recovery.*

*Thank you,  
Elizabeth & Mickey Beard*



### 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.

**Worship  
Team**



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.

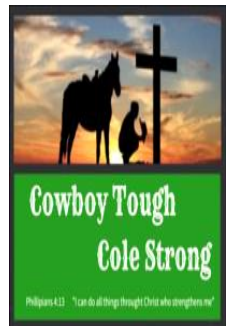
And for all adults who'd like to help, we need as many volunteers as possible. We are not enlisting the help of outside councilors; we are managing all work with church members. So if you can help out the whole week, a few days, or just one day, please reach out to Laurie, Trish, or Johnna because we 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 \$596,508.30.



**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  
Elizabeth Beard

**Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow, Marjorie Ideus



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## **Pentecost 4**

*June 20, 2021*

### **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 7 (Year B)**

How often we fail to recognize the power of God in our lives. In today's Old Testament reading, God's voice pierced through the chaos of a whirlwind as he reminded Job of who is in control of all of life. The divine voice is echoed on the Sea of Galilee as Jesus calms an abrupt storm that sends waves crashing into the disciples' boat. "Peace! Be still," Jesus ordered the water, showing his power over creation.



## **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

However weak the (disciples') faith may have been, had it not been for this faith, they would have had to despair in spite of all their free will, and the sea would have devoured them. But they have a remedy in their faith, little as it was, as Christ Himself declares: "O ye of little faith"; they despair not, but hasten to arouse Christ and to obtain His help.

— Martin Luther —