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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6, 2021

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge Reader Next Week: Johnna Picard

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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
- 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:

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

WOV #165

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun." "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray,

O God, you are the protector of all who trust in you, and beside you, nothing is strong or holy. Multiply your mercy and guide us that while using the good things of this fleeting life, we do not lose hold of the things that endure forever. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸{The man and his wife} heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Responsive Psalm Reading Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

²If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

³For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

⁴I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

⁵My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

⁶O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

⁷With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ¹For 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.

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 3:20-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²⁰{Jesus} went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that {Jesus and the apostles} could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies

they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — ³⁰for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

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

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

"I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY"

WOV #752

Here I Am, Lord

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray:

Leader: Heavenly Father, as you have given us the gift of life, and the gifts of thinking and

acting, and feeling, so give us the gift of you Holy Spirit.

People: That we may make of our lives a response of loving service in your name.

Leader: As you have given us new birth in baptism, so gather us together as your people.

People: That we may live as Christ to our world and witness His love to our generation.

Leader: Gather old and young, men and women, boys and girls, into common tasks for you.

People: For we are all your children, each with his own strength to contribute to your

work.

Leader: Forgive our frailties, and our sinning, and our blindness to doing your will.

People: And once forgiven, strengthen us in the new life in Christ.

Leader: We ask you to help parents be your channels of guidance and caring to their children.

People: Building on their baptism the knowledge of you, their Lord, and your love for

them.

Leader: We ask you to help young people accept the responsibilities of loyalty and

commitment to you.

People: Strengthening our church in vitality and vision and enthusiasm.

Leader: We ask you to help young people respect those of experience who have and are now

serving your church.

People: Preserving the wisdom and knowledge of the past as a firm foundation for

change and development.

Leader: We ask you to make all of us the means by which you reach to the needy, the troubled,

the lonely, the sorrowful.

People: That one day we may stand among those who are already welcomed into your

eternal kingdom

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.
- 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 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.

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 6/6 Second Sunday after Pentecost

> **Sunday School** $9:00 \ a.m.$ 10:15 a.m. Worship

~ Confirmation - Maverick Eckhardt ~

Mon 6/7 ~ Office Closed ~

Tues 6/8 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

> 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Wed 6/9 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

> 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thurs 6/10 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

> 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 6/11 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Third Sunday after Pentecost

> **Property Team Meeting** 8:00 9:00 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**

10:15 a.m. Worship

~ Class of 2021 Graduation Recognition ~

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.

May 30, 2021 General \$904.00, MOM-NALC Seminary \$180.00, NALC \$10.00,

Sunday School \$81.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Organ \$20.00, C.W.R (Nick Lowery) \$300.00, Building \$40.00, Reno. \$35.00 Total: \$1,590.00

Attendance: Worship - 90 Sunday School - 11 - Children, 10 - Adults

Celebrating their Confirmation

Congratulations to our newest Confirmand on a job well done! May God continue to bless you always!

Mayerick Eckhardt

Maverick is the son of Morris & Meliss Eckhardt. He was born on February 28, 2008 and was baptized at St. John Lutheran Church, Meyersville on May, 11 2008.

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!







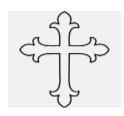
Mission of the Month of June



<u>Lutheran Bible Translators/</u> <u>Ethiopian Mekane Yesus Seminary</u>

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!

~ UPDATE ~ DATE CHANGE!

Calling All Graduates!

We are planning to honor our 2021 graduates here at St. John Sunday, June 13th. Please contact the office by <u>Thursday</u>, <u>June 10th</u> with your graduate's name & any other information you would like to share! You may do so by phone (361)277-8653, email: <u>stjohnevlutheran@juno.com</u> or put it in the box outside of the church office. 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. <u>Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by 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.





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.

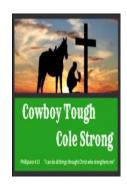
And for all adults who'd like to help, we need as many volunteers as possible. We are not enlisting the help of outside councilors; we are managing all work with church members. So if you can help out the whole week, a few days, or just one day, please reach out to Laurie, Trish, or Johnna because we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

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

GOD is Listening

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)





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 \$595,313.30.

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



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

Clint Coles

Nursing Home:

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



Request

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Pentecost 2 June 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 5 (Year B)

The reality of sin is something that we simply cannot escape. Evil is present in the world, and it has a terrible impact. St. Paul called sin the "old Adam," and Luther understood it as a struggle that only ends at the grave. Behind all sin is the deep need to be in control of our own lives, choices, and actions. We recognize and appreciate God's power over us when we fear, love, and trust God above all else.

