

*100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY of
ST. JOHN EV LUTHERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY
Sunday, July 18, 2021*



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Opening by Pastor John

History of the Building of the Sanctuary

Trish Hood – Presenter

History of Updates to the Sanctuary

Dickie Bettge – Presenter

Opening Hymn

“Faith of our Fathers”

LBW#500

**Faith of our fathers, living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whenever we hear that glorious Word!**

Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will strive
To win all nations unto Thee;
And through the truth that comes from God,
We all shall then be truly free.**

Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.**

Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death...**

Brief order of Confession

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

“I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry”

WOV #770

**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.**

Baptism of Skylar Goebel

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.

HYMN:

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

LBW #260

**On our way rejoicing Gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; Vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, Can our hope destroy?**

Refrain:

**On our way rejoicing; As we forward move,
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

**Unto God the Father Joyful songs we sing;
Unto God the Savior Thankful hearts we bring;
Unto God the Spirit Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing Now and evermore.**

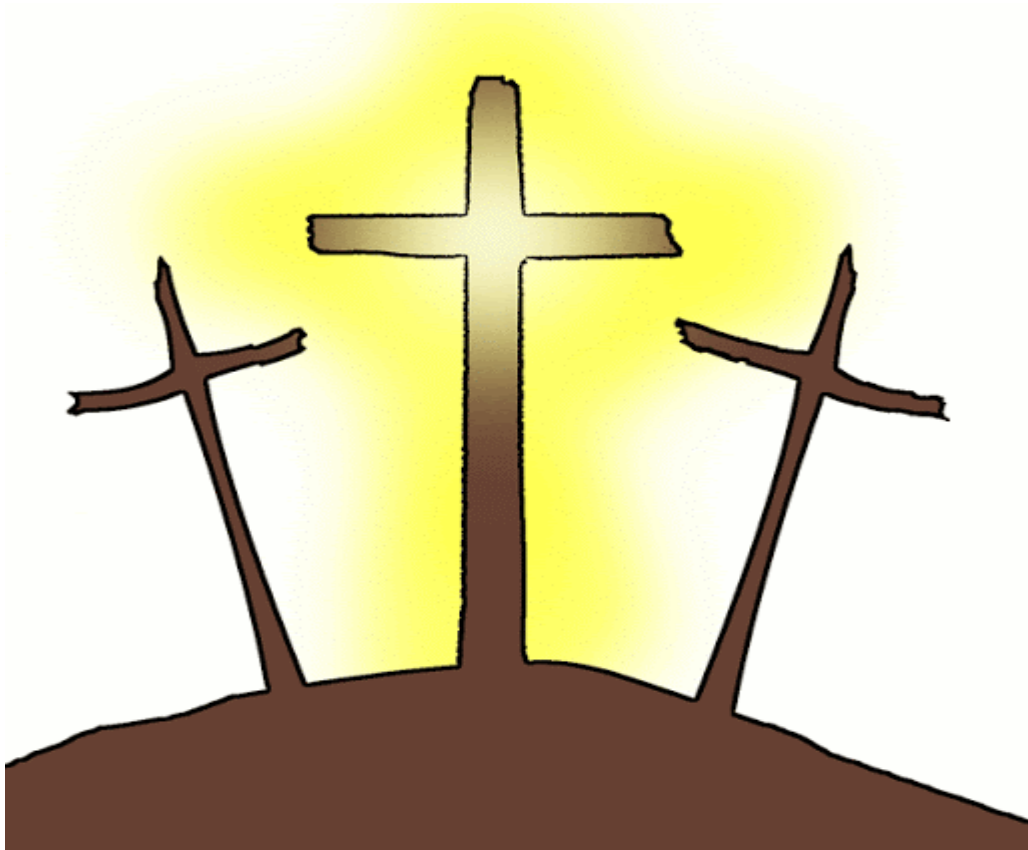
Refrain:

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 7/18	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration & BBQ Meal
Mon 7/19	~ Office Closed ~ 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
Tues 7/20	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 7/21	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 7/22	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours *Committee Reports Due
Fri 7/23	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours *Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 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.

July 11, 2021 General \$1,755.00, MOM-House of Palms \$1,200.00, DeWitt Co. Boys & Girls Club \$50.00, Organ \$200.00, Building \$250.00, Reno. \$375.00 **Total: \$3,830.00**

Attendance: Worship - 65 Adult Sunday School - 9

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



St. John Church 100th Anniversary

The St. John Church building of Meyersville will be 100 years old this month. After our 100th celebration service today, there will be BBQ meal in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!

Mission of the Month of July

Our Church Mission

House of Palms Mission Statement

It is a 24/7 residential program that instills faith based confidence and vision for expectant teen mothers. It provides the academic and life skills training, encouragement, and physical support these mothers need to move them from instability to stability. The program is designed to accommodate up to 7 high school juniors or seniors from Victoria Independent School District and surrounding counties. As a 501C3 organization it is under the leadership of Faith Family Church in Victoria. The current executive director is JoLynn Meadows.

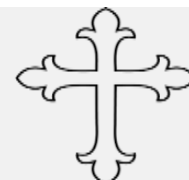


HOLY BAPTISM

Today we welcome as a member by Holy Baptism, Skylar Marie Goebel, daughter of Brandon Goebel & Staci Towler. Sponsors for her Baptism are Emily Goebel Henderson & Morgan Mckenzie Goebel.

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 toothbrushes and toothpaste for the month of July. 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. Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd 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.

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 \$598,078.30.





BE BOLD IN THE LORD
St. John's Vacation Bible School
Monday, August 2nd to Friday, August 6th
Time 9:00 – 1:30
Bring sack lunch
Snacks will be provided
Return registration forms by July 15th
We welcome all children ages 6-12
Pick up extra registration forms in back of church

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.

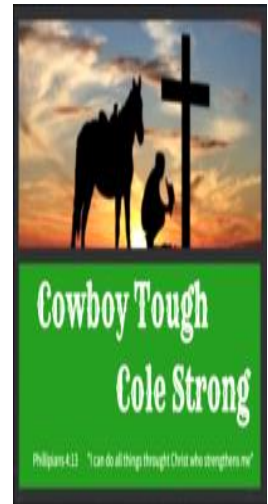
For those with kids who are older, we need as much help as possible. We need help with class leaders, song leaders, and activity leaders. Please contact Laurie Pokluda, Trish Hood, or Johnna Picard if your child is interested in helping out during camp.

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!

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family and friends. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and is now receiving therapy in Victoria on his new fabulous walking machine, the Lokomat Pro. This machine is a robotic training system that allows Cole's legs to be attached to robotic legs that assist with basic walking functions. It's an awesome machine and God has truly blessed Cole once again. Cole and his family want others, in need of this type of therapy, to share in this wonderful blessing and be able to also use this machine. God is truly at work thru Cole. 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)

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
Bea Fagg
David Diebel
Bobby Zengerle
Clint Coles
Elizabeth Beard
Pam Rutkowski

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow, Marjorie Ideus



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St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Pentecost 8

July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 (Year B)

The “shepherds” of Israel who were supposed to be caring for God’s people sinned against God and ended up far from home, exiled in Babylon. God would bring his people home to Jerusalem even as he would also send a shepherd who would restore his people to a right relationship with him. This one is Jesus, God’s only Son, who brought peace, reconciliation, and inclusion for all in God’s kingdom.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

That [Jesus] now takes the five loaves and gives thanks etc., teaches that nothing is too small and insignificant for him to do for his followers, and he can indeed so bless their pittance that they have an abundance, whereas even the rich have not enough with all their riches.

- Martin Luther -

Sermon on the Feeding of the 5,000