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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

Contemporary Service

Order of Worship

Greeter This Week: Youth Group

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Dickie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Caden Jander

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISES, & CONCERNS

OPENING SONG

"THE FATHER'S HOUSE"

SUNG BY CORY ASHBURY

**Sometimes on this journey, I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength
And my story isn't over, my story's just begun
Failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does
Yeah, failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does**

**Ooh, lay your burdens down
Ooh, here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door (ooh)
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore (ooh)
Ooh, you're in the Father's house**

**Arrival's not the end game, the journey's where You are
You never wanted perfect, You just wanted my heart
And the story isn't over, if the story isn't good
A failure's never final when the Father is in the room
A failure's never final when the Father is in the room**

**Ooh, lay your burdens down
Ooh, here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door (ooh)
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore (ooh)
Ooh, you're in the Father's house, yeah**

**Prodigals come home
The helpless find hope
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room
Prison doors fling wide
The dead come to life
Love is on the move**

**When the Father's in the room
Miracles take place
The cynical find faith
And love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
The Jericho walls are quakin'**

**Strongholds now are shakin'
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
I said love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room**

**Ooh, lay your burdens down
Ooh, here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Ooh, you're in the Father's house
Yeah, lay your burdens down
Ooh, here in the Father's house
Ooh, you're in the Father's house**

OPENING PRAYER

SONG

“THERE WAS JESUS”

SUNG BY ZACK WILLIAMS

& DOLLY PARTON

**Every time I tried to make it on my own
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall
And all those lonely roads that I have travelled on
There was Jesus**

**When the life I built came crashing to the ground
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now
There was Jesus**

**In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces
Every minute, every moment
Where I've been and where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it
There was Jesus**

**For this man who needs amazing kind of grace (Mmm)
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay (Mmm)
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day
There was Jesus (There was Jesus)**

**In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces
Every minute, every moment
Where I've been and where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it
There was Jesus**

**On the mountain, in the valleys (There was Jesus)
In the shadows of the alleys (There was Jesus)
In the fire, in the flood (There was Jesus)
Always is and always was
No I never walk alone (Never walk alone)
You are always there**

**In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces**

**Every minute (Every minute), every moment (Every moment)
Where I've been and where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it
There was Jesus**

**There was Jesus
There was Jesus
There was Jesus**

Songwriters: Jonathan Smith / Zach Williams / Jonathan Lindley Smith / Casey Michael Beathard / Zachary Williams
There Was Jesus lyrics © Little Louder Songs, Seven Ring Circus Songs

1st READING – MATTHEW 6:25 – 33

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

SONG

“SPARROWS”

SUNG BY JASON GRAY

**You can't add a single day by worrying
You'll worry your life away
Oh don't worry your life away
You can't change a single thing by freaking out
It's just gonna close you in
Oh don't let the trouble win**

**You may feel alone
But you're not on your own**

**If He can hold the world He can hold this moment
Not a field or flower escapes His notice
Oh even the sparrow
Knows He holds tomorrow**

**Lean in and it's hard to miss
Everything can change**

**When you make it His
Oh He wants to carry it
Carefree in the care of God
When you let it go
You'll find that He's enough
Oh you never leave His love**

You don't walk alone

**If He can hold the world He can hold this moment
Not a field or flower escapes His notice
Oh even the sparrow
Knows He holds tomorrow**

**There's not a single star that's out of place
There's nothing broken He can't remake
If you long for hope when you're afraid
Oh look at the sparrow
Look at the sparrow**

**If He can hold the world He can hold this moment
Not a field or flower escapes His notice
Oh even the sparrow
Knows He holds tomorrow
Even the sparrow knows
He holds tomorrow**

Songwriters: Mia Fieldes / Jason Gray / Jonathan Lindley Smith
Sparrows lyrics © Essential Music Publishing

2ND READING – JOHN 20:19 – 21

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,^[a] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

SONG

“PEACE BE STILL”

SUNG BY HOPE DARST

**I don't want to be afraid
Every time I face the waves
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to fear the storm
Just because I hear it roar**

**I don't want to fear the storm
I don't want to fear the storm**

Peace be still

**Say the word and I will
Set my feet upon the sea
Till I'm dancing in the deep**

Peace be still

**You are here so it is well
Even when my eyes can't see
I will trust the voice that speaks**

**I'm not gonna be afraid
'Cause these waves are only waves**

I'm not gonna be afraid

I'm not gonna be afraid

**I'm not gonna fear the storm
You are greater than it's roar
I'm not gonna fear the storm
I'm not gonna fear at all**

Peace be still

**Say the word and I will
Set my feet upon the sea
Till I'm dancing in the deep**

Peace be still

**You are here so it is well
Even when my eyes can't see
I will trust the voice that speaks**

Peace peace over me

Let faith rise up

Oh heart believe

Let faith rise up in me

Let faith rise up

Oh heart believe

Let faith rise up in me

Let faith rise up

Oh heart believe

Let faith rise up in me

Let faith rise up

Oh heart believe

Let faith rise up in me

Peace be still

Say the word and I will

**Set my feet upon the sea
Till I'm dancing in the deep**

**Peace be still
You are here so it is well
Even when my eyes can't see
I will trust the voice that speaks**

**Peace peace over me
Peace peace over me**

**Let faith rise up
Oh heart believe
Let faith rise up in me
Let faith rise up
Oh heart believe
Let faith rise up in me
Let faith rise up
Oh heart believe
Let faith rise up in me
Let faith rise up
Oh heart believe it
Let faith rise up in me**

**Peace be still
Say the word and I will
Set my feet upon the sea
Till I'm dancing in the deep
Peace be still
You are here so it is well
Even when my eyes can't see
I will trust the voice that speaks
Peace peace over me
Peace peace over me**

Songwriters: Andrew Holt / Mia Leanne Cherie Fieldes / Hope Rachelle Darst
Peace Be Still lyrics © Be Essential Songs

3rd READING – PSALM 46 (Read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.**

**⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

**⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

**⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

**¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

**¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

MESSAGE

SONG

“STILL”

SUNG BY HILLARY SCOTT

**I believe that You were God alone
But sometimes I still try to take control
'Cause I get scared when I can't see the end
And all You want from me is to let go**

**You're parting waters, making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still**

**I bring my praise before I bring my need
'Cause there's no fear You've not already seen
I rest my heart on all Your promises
'Cause I have seen and know Your faithfulness**

**You're parting waters, making a way for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still**

**And know that You are God, be still
And know that You, trust that You are parting waters
Lord, You whispered my name
Oh, You answered my prayer
You're moving mountains**

**You're parting waters, making a rway for me
You're moving mountains that I don't even see
You've answered my prayer before I even speak
All You need for me to be is still**

Be still

Songwriters: Molly E. Reed / Justin Ebach

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LORD'S PRAYER

SONG

"CONTROL"

SUNG BY TENTH AVE NORTH

**Here I am
All my intentions
All my obsessions
I want to lay them all down
In Your hands
Only Your love is vital
Though I'm not entitled
Still You call me Your child**

**God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh, how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go**

**God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh, how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up**

**And give You control
I give You control**

**I've had plans
Shattered and broken
Things I have hoped in
Fall through my hands
You have plans
To redeem and restore me
You're behind and before me
Oh, help me believe**

**God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh, how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go, oh**

**God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh, how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up
And give You control**

**Oh, You want me
Somehow You want me
The King of Heaven wants me
So this world has lost it's grip on me**

**Oh, You want me
Somehow You want me
The King of Heaven wants me
So this world has lost it's grip on me**

**God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh, how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To take my hands off of my life
And the way it should go, oh**

**God You don't need me
But somehow You want me
Oh, how You love me
Somehow that frees me
To open my hands up**

**And give You control
I give You control**

**Oh, give You control
Oh, I want to give You control
I give You control**

**You want me
Somehow You want me
The King of Heaven wants me
So this world has lost it's grip on me**

Songwriters: Jason Ingram / Matthew Bronleewe / Michael Donehey
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SENDING BLESSING –

**MAY GOD OUR FATHER
HOLD US SAFELY IN THE PALM OF HIS MIGHTY HAND.
MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT
SWEEP THROUGH OUR HURRIED DAILY LIVES
AND GIVE US PEACE AND CALM
MAY WE BE STILL
TO HEAR HIS VOICE GUIDE US TO SHARE WITH ALL
THE JOY THAT ONLY HIS PEACE CAN BRING!**

SONG

“AMAZING GRACE (PEACEFUL EASY FEELING)”
SUNG BY ERIC HORNER

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
was blind but now I see**

**And I get a peaceful easy feeling
And I know you won't let me down
Cause I'm already standing
I'm on solid ground**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home**

**And I get a peaceful easy feeling
And I know you won't let me down
Cause I'm already standing
On solid ground**

**When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun**

**And I get a peaceful easy feeling
And I know you won't let me down
Cause I'm already standing
Ooohh I'm already standing
Yes I'm already standing
I'm on solid ground....**

Provided to YouTube by CDBaby Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling, Eric Horner
Original lyrics and music by Jack Tempchin, Arranged and recorded by the Eagles

**GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 8/29	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Contemporary Service</i>
Mon 8/30	~ <i>Office Closed</i> ~
Tues 8/31	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 9/1	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 9/2	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
Fri 9/3	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 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.

August 22, 2021 General \$992.00, MOM-NALC Disaster Response Warehouse \$410.00, Youth \$15.00, Sunday School \$7.00, Organ \$5.00, Building \$15.00, Reno. \$20.00, **Total: \$1,464.00**

Attendance: Worship - 77 Sunday School - 7 - Children, 15 - Adults



MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

We have been discussing ways to enhance the giving process for our members even on those Sundays when you are unable to attend in person. We have come up with two methods and would like to get your feedback before we proceed.

1. For those of you who use online banking and checking services you can set up a one time or recurring check to be mailed to the church. The church would not incur any additional charges for this method.
2. We could also set up a place on the church website where you could make one time or recurring payments using a credit card. This process would use a third party service that would charge an estimated \$10 to \$30 per month to the church depending on usage.

Please send your thoughts to charlesegg99@yahoo.com or call me at (281) 844-3358.

Mission of the Month of August



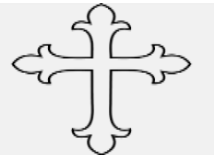
NALC Disaster Response Warehouse

Mission Statement

The Rosenberg Warehouse needs your help! Hurricane season is here and Michael and Pat Dittrich are working hard in the warehouse to increase the number of supplies so they will be more prepared when the need arises. Through your giving you are serving and being the hands and feet of Jesus when families lose everything in a disaster. At this time some of the items needed are paper towels and cotton gloves to fill flood buckets. Please consider giving these items for the NALC collection for the month of August.

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 paper towels and cotton gloves for the month of August. Thank you!



Gospel Sing-a-Long

There will be an All County Church Picnic and Gospel Sing-a-Long on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at The Presbyterian Church Pavilion and Grounds on the Corner of Clinton and Courthouse in Cuero. The event starts at 1:00 pm. Bring your own picnic lunch and be ready to sing!

WANTED: Singers!
For DeWitt County's 175th Birthday Celebration
Music reading skills required
Choral experience preferred
REHEARSALS – First Baptist, Cuero
Sunday, 9/12 4-5:30
Sunday, 9/19 4-5:30
Thursday, 9/23 5:30-6:30

PERFORMANCE in Cuero
Sunday, 9/26 1-2:30

Contact Rebecca Dawson at 210-705-3911 if interested BY SUNDAY 9/5



NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by stations. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. We will continue to commune those worshipping remotely “in the parking lot” in their vehicles. Please note state and local guidelines are subject to change and we will continue to attempt to follow those for the health and safety of all. Guidelines and changes in those will be posted in the bulletin, on our website & FaceBook page. Please check these for changes and updates. Please Note: The service will NO longer be videoed & posted to the church website.





Sunday School

Dear parents,

This week our students took a little tour through John 15, where Jesus declared that he is the vine and his followers are the branches. He taught his disciples that apart from him, no one can do anything of eternal, lasting consequence. We were created to be one with God. But sometimes, we choose to walk away from him. We separate ourselves from the vine.

Engage your teenager in thinking through this concept by using some authentic conversation. Here are some ideas that could help:

- Talk about a time when you walked away from God. Discuss why it happened, how you felt, and why you decided to come back. Discuss what that relationship means to you now.
- If you have yard work to do this week, you can reinforce active learning. As you trim shrubs or trees—or even as you mow the lawn—use those separated pieces to remind your teenager about what happens to branches that are separated from the primary plant and its root system.
- For continued reminder, purchase a small houseplant to keep in a common area. Use a craft stick and an index card to make a small sign saying “John 15:5.” Place it in the soil of your potted plant as a reminder to stay connected to Jesus.

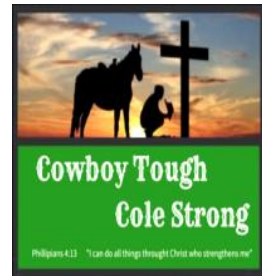
As always, thank you for allowing us to make a small investment in the spiritual life of your family. It’s an honor to come alongside you as you continue to show your teenager the walk of a Christ-follower.

Thank you,
Johnna Picard



+ 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)

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 \$602,363.30



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
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
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Britany Jank Tomas
Bea Fagg
Clint Coles
Mrs. Stiles
Ryon Preslar

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow, Marjorie Ideus



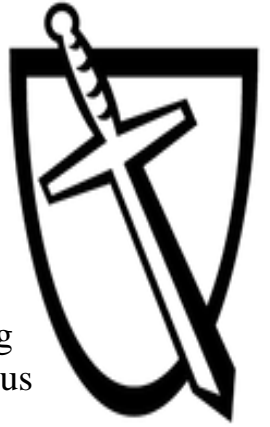
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Pentecost 14

August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17 (Year B)

There are three main things that keep us from following Jesus in our lives: the world and its forces, the flesh, and the devil. Dwelling in God's holy Word builds a shield around us. It fortifies our hearts against the powers and principalities that seek to destroy us, or at the very least keep us from a loving relationship with Christ. When we put on the armor of God, the Lord protects us from attacks.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now outpoured on each believer's mind and heart; Thy fervent love to them impart.

— Martin Luther — Pentecost Hymn (1524)