Return, O my soul, to your rest.



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 12, 2021

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden Greeter Next Week: John & Margie Swannack Reader This Week: Trish Hood Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

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 this morning's service. We thank God that we continue to be able to gather together and worship inside our church. We are not mandating any seating, nor do we mandate wearing a mask. However if you feel more comfortable wearing one, please feel free to do so. There is hand sanitizer available at each door as you enter and smaller bottles in each pew for your use. At the place in the service where we "Share the Peace" and we would typically move about the church sharing the peace of Christ, we would ask that you remain at your seat, where you might share the peace with immediate family members or look around the church "share the peace" at a distance or give an "air-hug" to others you see. For those uncomfortable with this amount of personal contact we welcome you to continue to take part in the service by listening in your vehicle in the parking lot. We will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5 and you can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you for your patience as we all look forward and pray for the day when we might worship without the concern for this pandemic.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

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

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

C Amen

OPENING HYMN:

"Lift High the Cross"

LBW #377

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain:

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

Refrain:

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Refrain:

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain:

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain:

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

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

C Lord have mercy

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Lord have mercy.

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

C Amen

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, We praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world' Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray;

O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I

turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

PSALM READING Psalm 116:1-8

¹I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

⁴Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁵The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.

⁶Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

⁷For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

⁸I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and

bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹⁴When {Jesus, Peter, James and John} came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saving to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer." P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

WOV #780

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms; Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms; Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he arose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always, **And also with you**

Offering – If you wish to give an offering it will be received as you leave.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, And uphold me with your free Spirit.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy," RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER")

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN:

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LBW #221

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended. Oh, now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living, The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing his children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

- Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord
- **People:** Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN				
Today 9/12	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost			
U	8:00 a.m.	•		
	9:00 a.m.		-	
	9:00 a.m.	•		
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study – "Come Holy Spirit"		
	10:15 a.m.		Happy Grandparents Day!	
Mon 9/13	10:00 a.m	- 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours	
Tues 9/14	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.		Pastor's Office Hours	
	10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.		Office Hours	
Wed 9/15	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 9/16	10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.		Office Hours	
	1:00 p.m 4	-	Pastor's Office Hours	
Fri 9/17	~ Office Closed ~			
Next Sun	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost			
	9:00 a.m. Confirmatio		on Class	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study – "Come Holy Spirit"		
	9:00 a.m.			
	10:15 a.m.			
	2:00-4:00 p.m. ~ Ice Cream Social at			
	The Old Stone Church ~			



Velcome Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a to Our 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.

 September 5, 2021
 General \$2,409.00, Sunday School \$336.25, Youth \$20.00, MOM-Adult & Teen Challenge \$650.00,

 MOM-NALC
 Disaster Response Warehouse \$50.00, Cemetery \$5.00, Organ \$320.00, OSC \$400.00, Building \$135.00,

 Reno. \$5.00
 Total: \$4,330.25

Attendance: Worship - 79 Sunday School - 11 - Children, 14 - Adults



Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas San Antonio-Women's Campus <u>Mission Statement</u>

ATCOT is a faith-based long term residential addiction and alcoholism recovery center for adults and teens. Our MOM for September will specifically focus on the women's campus in San Antonio. At this time they are in the process of converting their corporate office into a daycare. The ATCOT program is dependent on the generous support of the community.

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 scrub brushes (Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.) and powdered cleansers (Walmart \$0.88 ea.) for the month of September. 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!

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.

NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. <u>Communion will go back to</u> <u>the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by stations</u>. 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 worshiping 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. <u>Please Note:</u> The service will NO longer be videoed & posted to the church website.







Mission of the Month of September



To All of the WONDERFUL Grandparents at St. John! Have a Blessed Day!!!



Sunday School News

Dear parents,

This week we explored Psalm 32:8-11 and discussed how to find God's will for our futures. It can be easy for teenagers (and all of us) to become so distracted and bogged down by life's complications that we just cannot seem to see around.

We compared God's plan to a helicopter—God has a complete view of the entire scene, with no obstructions or surprises. Our role, much like police officers on the ground

being guided by a helicopter crew during a chase, is to follow instructions as he gives them and to trust his directions.

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

- What makes it hard to blindly follow God for you? Discuss that with your child.
- Ask your teenager about some of the obstacles that keep him or her from clearly defining God's will for them. Be prepared to hear answers such as school, friends, family drama, or apathy. Allow all answers to be part of the dialogue.
- Sometimes God's plans can be hard to hear. Commit to praying with your teenager about their future.
- If you are a "crafty" kind of family, I have some instructions on making simple helicopters. Bond with each other as you create your own helicopters. Then discuss the similarities and differences between your hand made helicopters and God as "helicopter." Email me at <u>johnna.gohmert@gmail.com</u> for directions on how to make the helicopters.

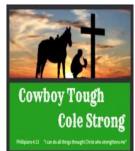
As always, thank you for allowing us to make a small investment in the spiritual life of your family. It's an honor to come alongside you as you continue to show your child what it means to walk as a Christ-follower.

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 \$602,383.30.





Bunco Party Fun, Food & Fellowship

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite you to a Bunco Party in the Fellowship Hall at 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905

Men are also invited to play dominoes or 42

When: Monday, September 13, 2021 Registration/Refreshments: 6-7 pm Bunco & Dominoes: 7:05 pm

RSVP to Seda Weaver 649-8192 or Church Office 578-5447 *MASKS OPTIONAL*

BBB

STS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church BBQ & Raffle

Sunday, September 26, 2021 11220 FM 237, Meyersville, Texas

BBQ Meal To-Go Only 11 AM – 1 PM \$10.00 per Plate



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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God has promised to hear our prayers and respond. He speaks to us and desires that we would hear him. Some hear the Word of God and respond in faith while some fail to hear anything. The Lord, however, hears all of our cries for mercy. He responds by bringing healing and wholeness to his people in ways we don't even realize we need. Through faith we call on the name of the Lord.





SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

When God creates faith in a man, it is certainly as great a work as if He were creating heaven and earth anew.

- Martin Luther – Exposition on 1 Peter 1:5