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THE LORD  
IS THE  
UPHOLDER  
OF MY LIFE.

PSALM 54:4

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

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

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

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader Next Week:** Dwight Jander

**Acolytes This Week:** Peyton Diebel

**Acolytes Next Week:** Madyx Blain

**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.

### 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 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.

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

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

**C Amen**

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

**C Amen**

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

*Silence for Reflection and Meditation*

L Most merciful God,

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

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

**C Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”*

WOV #801

**Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
‘thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
’then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
Thine the living thine the loving ever more ever more.**



**Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.**

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
Then the Holy Holy Holy celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

## **GREETING**

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

**C And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy**

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

**C Lord have mercy**

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

**C Lord have mercy.**

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

**C Lord have mercy.**

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

**C Amen**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

**Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." <sup>20</sup>But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

### **Responsive Psalm Reading**

#### **Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your Name;  
in your might, defend my cause.

**<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

### **Second Reading: James 3:13-4:10**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

*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 9:30-37**

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>30</sup>{Jesus and his disciples} went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### SERMON

SERMON HYMN:

***“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”***

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**O Master, let me walk with you In lowly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; share with me A closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broad'ning way,  
In peace that only you can give; With you, O Master, let me live.**

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic church,**

**The communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,**

**The resurrection of the body,**

**And the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"

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

**Amen**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

OFFERING: You will be given an opportunity to share God's blessings with your offering as you exit after the service

## OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; united them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

L Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the same of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
That all those who believe in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation  
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
That we may receive our Lord  
With a living faith as he comes to us  
In his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION

L May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

POST COMMUNION

C **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY:

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

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 9/19</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 10:15 a.m. Worship 2:00-4:00 p.m. ~ Ice Cream Social at The Old Stone Church ~
<b>Mon 9/20</b>	~ Office Closed ~ 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
<b>Tues 9/21</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Meyersville 4-H Meeting
<b>Wed 9/22</b>	9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 9/23</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours <b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 9/24</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 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.*

**September 12, 2021** General \$2,050.00, Sunday School \$26.00, Youth \$15.00, MOM-Adult & Teen Challenge \$540.00, MOM-NALC Disaster Response Warehouse \$50.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Organ \$10.00, Building \$105.00,  
**Total: \$2,816.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 75    Sunday School - 10 - Children, 15 - Adults, Confirmation - 5

**\*\*\*DON'T FORGET**  
**ABOUT THE ICE**  
**CREAM SOCIAL**  
**TODAY!!!\*\*\***



## Mission of the Month of September



### Adult & Teen Challenge of Texas San Antonio-Women's Campus

#### Mission Statement

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. Our Christmas Shoeboxes & labels have arrived, please pick yours up to fill today! Do not forget to fill out your label & include your check (no cash) for \$9.00 per box for shipping costs. If you wish to pay by credit/debit card you will need to scan the QR code on your label with your phone or go on line and pay for your shipping at: [samaritanaspurse.org/activate](http://samaritanaspurse.org/activate). Please have all boxes filled with labels & shipping paid to the church no later than **Sunday, November 14, 2021**. 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](mailto:charlesegg99@yahoo.com) or call me at (281) 844-3358.



## **Fill the Warehouse!**

***(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!)***

### **NALC Disaster Response**

#### **What's in a Flood Bucket?**

- 1 bucket (5 gallon) with lid—Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea.  
*(Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)*
- 1 roll paper towels—Walmart 44 cents a roll
- 1 powder cleanser—Walmart 88 cents ea.
- 1 floor cleaner—*small!* (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)—Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.
- 1 bottle bleach—*small!*—Dollar Tree \$1.00
- 1 pair rubber gloves—Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.
- 1 scrub brush—Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.
- 1 pair leather gloves—Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00
- 1 pair cotton gloves—Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea. pr
- 2 contractor trash bags (3 mil)—shop around...
- 2 rags—Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths...
- Optional: Bug spray, clothes line, hand sanitizer (ind. size)

#### **What's in a Health Kit?**

- Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size\*
- Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size\* (or 1 *small* size)
- Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size\*

\*Ask for donations from people you know *that stay in hotels!*

- 1 deodorant—Walmart 88 cents ea.
- 1 toothbrush—Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.00
- 1 toothpaste (travel size)—Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.
- 1 comb—Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.00
- 1 bath towel—Walmart \$1.97 ea.
- 1 drawstring bag—Make 2 from an old pillow case!



## Sunday School News



Dear parents,

This week we examined Ephesians 1:5-6 and talked about God's soaking, saturating grace poured out on us because he chose to adopt us as his children. God's grace is like a complete and never-ending saturation. God continually shows us favor. Whether we're messing up or getting it right, whether we're having doubts or loving him passionately—the grace just keeps coming. And the Bible is pretty clear that because we have been given this

matchless, wonderful, completely soaking grace, we ought to be quick to offer it to others.

As you go throughout the week, you can reinforce this message with your teenager using these ideas:

- Recall a time with your teenager when you received favor you did not deserve.
- We compared God's grace to buckets full of water being continually poured out on us. We contrasted our grace with a spritzer spray bottle. If you're a prankster family, spritz your teenager with water when they least expect it. :) Then ask: "When I offer you grace, would you like it to be like that?"
- Thank your teenager for the times he or she has offered you grace. It's something we don't often say to our children, but they need to know we appreciate the favor they show us by not holding our mistakes against us—usually. :)

Thanks for being the most important faith influence your child will ever have! We love partnering with you in the faith walk of your teenager.

Thank you,  
Johnna Picard

### NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Communion will go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### 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.



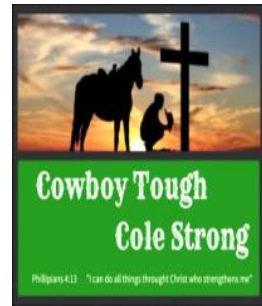




**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**

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)*

**\*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\***

**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: Sunday, September 26, 2021***

Registration: 2:00 pm

Bunco & Dominoes: 2:30 pm (*refreshments during the games*)

RSVP to Seda Weaver 649-8192 or

Church Office 578-5447

**\*MASKS OPTIONAL\***



**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  
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Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
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Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Virginia  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk  
Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado  
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Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL  
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA  
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina



**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
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Kenny Jacob  
Cole Ohrt  
Joy Hoy  
Marie Liner  
Bill Roeske  
Britany Jank Tomas  
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## **Pentecost 17**

*September 19, 2021*

### **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20 (Year B)**

Idolatry, disobedience, and pride run deep amongst human beings. The prophets of old warned God's people to be humble and meek before Him. As the disciples argued among themselves over which of them was greatest, Jesus interjected the very image of greatness: a little child whom he pulled onto his lap. To be great in the kingdom is to put oneself last while serving and promoting others to be first.



## **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

If we want to be wise, we must become fools and let God's Word be the eternal truth. -Martin Luther - Sermon on Luke 2:21, 1531