Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

Psalm 128:1

#### ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021

Greeter This Week: Candy Cowley

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

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

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Communion Assistant This Month: Dickie Bettge Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

#### 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:** 

"Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

LBW #324

Oh Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Oh Light that followest all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be. Oh Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain And feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

Oh Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

#### 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,

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

#### First Reading: Genesis 2:18-25

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

#### Responsive Psalm Reading Psalm 128

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways!

<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

<sup>3</sup>Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.

<sup>4</sup>The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

<sup>6</sup>May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 2:1-13 [14-18]

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." <sup>13</sup>And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." [14Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.]

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 10:2-16** 

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test {Jesus} asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." <sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife

and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup> And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

**SERMON** 

**SERMON HYMN:** 

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

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Seek ye...first the kingdom of God and its Righteousness, and all these things shall be Added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

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 sake 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 in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

#### C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

- L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.
- C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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

#### POST COMMUNION

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

Let us pray;

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

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

L Go in peace, serve the Lord. C Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY:

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/3 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Mon 10/4 ~ Office Closed ~

**Tues 10/5** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

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

1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 10/7** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

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

**Fri 10/8** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Next Sun** Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

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 26, 2021** General \$1,164.00, Sunday School \$41.00, Youth \$70.00, MOM-Adult & Teen Challenge \$370.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Organ \$220.00 **Total: \$1,885.00** 

Attendance: Worship - 91 Sunday School - 11 - Children, 17 - Adults, Confirmation - 5

#### FALL CONGREGATION WORKDAY

Property Team has scheduled a fall workday for Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 -11:30 for tree trimming and general cleanup. Please plan to come out to help for all or any part of the morning.





#### **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

There will be a called congregational meeting following the service on October 17, 2021. This meeting is regarding information about the organ.

#### **Mission of the Month of October**



## North American Lutheran Seminary Mission Statement

The NALC set a seminary goal in 2020 to be the denomination with the strongest and most highly respected Lutheran Seminary Training System in North America. Last year in October of 2020 Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen, President of NALC Seminary Board of Regents was our mission speaker on this topic. At that time he informed us of how this could be done. With our donations we can help the NALC attain its goal to upgrade the structure, the program, and recruitment of the seminary over the next 3 years.

#### **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 rubber gloves and floor cleaner such as a small bottle of Pine Sol or Fabuloso both from the Dollar Tree for \$1 each.

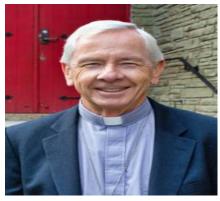
The OCC shoebox collection is a small toy (ex. Slinky or stuffed toy) for the month of October. Our Christmas Shoeboxes & labels have arrived, please pick yours up to fill today! Do not forget to

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: <a href="mailto:samaritanspurse.org/activate">samaritanspurse.org/activate</a>. Please have all boxes filled with labels & shipping paid to the church no later than <a href="Sunday, November 14">Sunday, November 14</a>, <a href="2021">2021</a>. Thank you!



#### **Reformation Sunday**

The Bishop, Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo will be our guest speaker for Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021. The Bishop carries out a pastoral ministry within the church, serving as pastor for the pastors and congregations of the NALC. The Bishop preaches the Gospel, forgives sins, administers the Sacraments and judges doctrine (Augsburg Confession XXVIII). The Bishop carries out a ministry of visitation throughout the church, is a defender of the faith, and promotes the mission of the church. Bishop Selbo has been married for 35 years. He and his wife, Mary, have



been blessed with four children and four grandchildren. Bishop Selbo graduated from San Jose State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. He received a Master of Divinity degree in 1986 and earned a Doctorate of Ministry in Biblical Preaching in 2013, both from Luther Seminary. He enjoys golfing, fishing, working in the yard and spending time with family and friends.



Join us for a *BBQ Meal* following the service on *October 31*<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Hall. The meat & beans will be provided. Please bring a side dish & a dessert. Hope to see you there!

#### Fill the Warehouse!

(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!)
NALC Disaster Response

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

1 bucket (5 gallon) with a 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 ea.

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......

#### 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 deoderant - 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!

# Worship Team

#### **NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes**

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. <u>Communion will go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: The service will NO longer</u> be videoed & posted to the church website.

### **Sunday School News**



Dear parents,

This week we examined a passage with a powerful teaching from Jesus, Matthew 22:37-40. In this passage, the Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus into saying something they could use against him later on. But Jesus gave an answer that is simply genius in its simplicity. This is what he said were the most important commandments from God:

"'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Engage your teenager in thinking through this passage by using some authentic conversation this week. Here are some suggested questions and ideas:

- How do you think our family shows that we love God?
- Could we do a better job of loving people? Do you have suggestions about how would we could go about that?
- If these two commands from Matthew 22 are equal, how do we communicate our love for God to the people around us?
- Consider changing the wallpaper on your home computer or smart phones to something that, for your family, represents loving God and others. It's a visual reminder of the command of Christ.

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

#### **NEW Church Renovation Update**

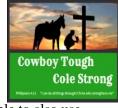
Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor's cost. After completion, a final walk through 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)

**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

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### Pentecost 19 October 3, 2021

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22 (Year B)

Marriage and family are a gift from God to be cherished and protected from negative influences. In our human sinfulness, we fail to care for our most valued relationships and instead get hung up on the questions of who's right and who's wrong. Fractured relationships are a reality of our broken lives, and even though Jesus understands, he points us to the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

