



Youth Worship

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

Youth Service

Greeter This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Readers This Week: Youth

Reader Next Week: Johnna Picard

Acolytes This Week: Madyx Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Hudson Zengerle

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.

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 especially blessed to have the youth of St. John leading our worship of the Lord this morning! 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. We also 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 the 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.

Welcome, Announcements, Praises & Concerns – Pastor John

OPENING SONG – (*Stand as you are able*)

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Bethel Music

I raise a hallelujah

In the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah

Louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah

My weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah

Heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated, the King is alive

**I raise a hallelujah
With everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah
I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah
In the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah
Fear, you lost your hold on me
I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive**

**Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Oh, sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
In the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder
Louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder
My weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder
Heaven comes to fight for me**

**Sing a little louder
In the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder
Louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder
My weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder
Heaven comes to fight for me
Sing a little louder**

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive
I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm**

**Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive
I raise a hallelujah (hallelujah)
I raise a hallelujah (I raise my hallelujah)
I raise a hallelujah (I raise my hallelujah)
I raise a hallelujah**

Prayer Response – Madyx Blain – *Please remain standing as you are able.*

Madyx: Jesus, Vine of Life Within Us, prune away detachment from our hearts and cultivate us as strong dynamic branches that bear an abundance of the fruit of Your love. Let us not wither, but flourish, as we abide always in You.

C: Let Your seeds of compassion take root in our lives

Madyx: Grant us the desire and courage to stand in faith and act together, before all who govern globally and locally, so that justice to anyone is never denied.

C: Let Your seeds of compassion take root in our lives

Madyx: Comfort and heal all who are poor in health and poor in spirit and bring them into the full flower of Your inexhaustible hope.

C: Let Your seeds of compassion take root in our lives

Madyx: Bless those who guide our understanding of You, as they lead us from the wilderness road to the joy of knowing You in this life and the next.

C: Let Your seeds of compassion take root in our lives

Madyx: Holy God, Almighty Vine grower, prepare our souls as the living and fruitful soil that will bring forth the harvest of Your love and peace, so that we may see, know, and nourish all people as our brothers and sisters. We ask this through our True Vine, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, our Guide, who together with You, live and reign as One God forever and ever.

Together: Amen.

Madyx: Please be seated for our Children's Message

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Grace & Kendra Redmond

FIRST READING – Hayden Leist

Our first reading comes from Jeremiah the 17th Chapter. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

SECOND READING – CJ

Our second reading comes from Ephesians the 3rd Chapter. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

GOSPEL – Peyton Diebel – *Please stand as you are able for the Gospel*

Our Gospel is from John the 15th Chapter. I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

Please be seated for the message.

MESSAGE – Makenna Coleman

SONG

“Abide”

Luke & Anna Hellebronth

The cross ever before me, the things of earth dissolve

Oh Lord, oh Lord abide in me

With every passing hour, Your presence all I need

Oh Lord, oh Lord abide in me

Oh my strongest desire

My passion, my fire

Holy Spirit alive in me

Oh this soul that You made

Sings forever Your praise

Holy Spirit abide in me

Even when my faith is weary and darker clouds roll in

Oh Lord, oh Lord abide in me

In the face of fears, be closer and my Father's voice be near

Oh Lord, oh Lord abide in me

Oh my strongest desire

My passion, my fire

Holy Spirit alive in me

Oh this soul that You made

Sings forever Your praise

Holy Spirit abide in me

I will stay surrendered in Your presence

Steadfast in Your love

With my heart abandoned, one with heaven

Abide in me, oh Lord
 I will stay surrendered in Your presence
 Steadfast in Your love
 With my heart abandoned, one with heaven
 Abide in me, oh Lord

Oh my strongest desire
 My passion, my fire
 Holy Spirit alive in me
 Oh this soul that You made
 Sings forever Your praise
 Holy Spirit abide in me, oh-ohh

LORD'S PRAYER – Kendra Redmond

Please stand and join us in praying the Lord's Prayer led with hand motions by our Sunday School children. Please see below for hand motions and words.

Lord's Prayer with Motions



Our Father,
 Move right hand up high as if clasp-
 ing the hand of someone big and strong. (God is parent of us all.)



who art in heaven,
 Raise left hand and reach upward with both hands, fingers outstretched.



hallowed be thy name,
 Bring hands together palm to palm in front of chest. (Hallowed means "holy.")



thy kingdom come,
 Raise outstretched hands above head in V shape, and turn all the way around. (God's kingdom is coming to people everywhere.)



thy will be done,
 Cross arms in front of chest and bow head. (May God's kingdom come to us.)



on earth
 Point open hands down toward the earth.



as it is in heaven.
 Swoop both hands high up over head.



Give us this day our daily bread;
 Pretend to eat a piece of bread.



and forgive us our trespasses,
 Pretend to wash hands. (God washes away our sin.)



as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 Pretend to wash hands of person beside you.



and lead us not into temptation,
 Hold flat palm out in front of body, in "stop" gesture.



but deliver us from evil.
 Start with arms forward in large circle. Move into a loose hug of self. (May God keep us whole and protect us from every evil.)

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Raise arms up in V shape for first three phrases. On "forever and ever," turn all the way around. For "Amen," fold hands as in prayer and shake head yes.



CONNECTION – Johnna Picard – You received a paper leaf when you came in this morning. We ask that you write your name on it at this time. This symbolizes your branch on the vine that is Jesus Christ. As you can see, my students are circling the church now with string with clothes pins. Please make your way to the string and attach your name to the vine of our church. And always remember we are all connected to each other through Christ.

SONG -

“A Million Saints”

Meredith Andrews

**You work in signs and wonders
Your voice is light and thunder
Your glory burns in every star**

**You flood the earth with beauty
I see You all around me
Oh God how wonderful You are, so I...**

**Fall down with a million saints
Lift up my hands and say
You're holy, holy
Join in with the ancient song
Heaven and earth respond
You're holy, holy**

**Your heart for every nation
Reaches through generations
You called each prodigal Your child
You bridged the greatest distance
To grace us with Your presence
And draw the sinner to Your side, and I can't help but...**

**Fall down with a million saints
Lift up my hands and say
You're holy, holy
Join in with the ancient song
Heaven and earth respond
You're holy, holy**

**Ohh, oh-oh-ohh, for a million songs to sing
All, all-all-all, for the glory of our King
Ohh, oh-oh-ohh, for a million voices raised
All, all-all-all, in a roar of endless praise
Hoo-ho-ho-hoo-holy
You are hoo-ho-ho-hoo-holy**

**Fall down with a million saints
Lift up my hands and say
You're holy, holy, yeah
Join in with the ancient song
Heaven and earth respond
You're holy, holy, yeah**

**I fall down with a million saints
Lift up my hands and say
You're holy, holy, yeah
Join in with the ancient song
Heaven and earth respond
You're holy, holy**

BLESSING – Grace Redmond – *Please stand for our closing blessing.*

Jesus, You are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to stay connected to you each day. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

SONG –

“Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord “

Paul Inwood

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Go in peace, become the living word.
Christ on our lips, and Christ in our hearts.
May we show God’s love to the world, to the world.
May we show God’s love to the world.**

**Be Christ’s hands, now reaching out to all.
Be Christ’s voice, inviting with His call.
Filled with His joy, empowered with His strength.
May we spread God’ grace through the world, through the world.
May we spread God’s grace through the world.**

**Live your life with care for the oppressed.
Strive for peace, that all are truly blessed.
When times are hard, and darkness surrounds,
May we shine God’s light on the world, on the world.
May we shine God’s light on the world.**

**Strong in faith, we know the task ahead.
Hands must bake and serve the daily bread.
Using our gifts, with joy in our hearts,
May we be God’s presence in the world, in the world.
May we be God’s presence in the world.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 10/24 Twenty-Second 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 ~ *Youth Service*

Mon 10/25 ~ Office Closed ~

Tues 10/26 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 10/27 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 10/28 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

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

Fri 10/29 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun Reformation Sunday

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 ~ *Guest Speaker, Bishop, Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Selbo *BBQ Meal to follow worship in the Parish Hall (See article below for details)*



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.

October 17, 2021 General \$2,260.00, Cemetery \$10.00, Sunday School \$41.00, Youth \$10.00, MOM-NALS \$750.00, Organ \$400.00, **Total: \$3,471.00**

Attendance: Worship - Sunday School - 8 - Children, 18 - Adults, Confirmation - 6

Mission of the Month of October



NALS

North American Lutheran Seminary

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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: samaritanaspurse.org/activate. Please have all boxes filled with labels & shipping paid to the church no later than **Sunday, November 14, 2021**. 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 next Sunday on **October 31st** 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!



It's Time For B-U-N-C-O!!!

Please Join Us For Food, Fun & Fellowship

Tomorrow, Monday, October 25, 2021

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 400 North Esplanade

Registration & Light Meal @ 6:00 p.m., Games Begin @ 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by October 21, 2021

Marlene Fromme 361-275-4214, Church Office 361-275-2845

"Masking is optional but please respect distancing"

Hope To See You There!!!

NEW Church Renovation Update

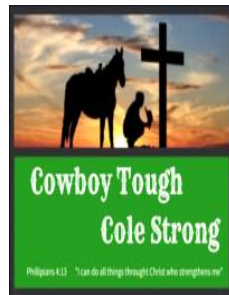
Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor's cost. After completion, a final walk through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

Pentecost 22

October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23 (Year B)

Bartimaeus could not be silent when he learned that Jesus was walking by him on the road out of Jericho. He trusted that the Nazarene could heal his sight and so he would not give up calling out to him. God hears us when we call to him. He has promised us mercy and forgiveness. He has done wondrous things for us and continues to see our deepest needs. May we call on Jesus with joy and thanksgiving.



**THE GOSPEL IS NOTHING LESS
THAN LAUGHTER AND JOY.**

- MARTIN LUTHER -