

Your life
is hidden
with Christ
in God.

Colossians 3:3



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Johnna Picard

Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer needed

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto and Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hayes

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

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.

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:

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

LBW #359

**In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love, Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts everywhere, Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord, Close binding all mankind.**

**Join hands then, brothers of the faith, Whate’er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son, Is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him, Throughout the whole wide earth.**

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;

Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom

and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 100

¹ Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

² **Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

⁴ **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Please stand

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

¹³Someone in the crowd said to {Jesus}, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have

nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ. (*sung*)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: ***“We Give Thee but Thine Own”*** LBW #410

**¹ We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**² May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first-fruits give.**

**³ Hearts still are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled, Are straying from the fold.**

**⁴ To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend those lost in loneliness, Is angels' work below.**

**⁵ The captive to release, The lost to God to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace - It is a Christ-like thing.**

**⁶ And we believe thy word, Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, We do it unto thee.**

Please stand

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.**

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

Please be seated

Offering

**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

Please stand

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,**

Forever 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

¹ Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

² Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

³ Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

⁴ Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

⁵ Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

⁶ Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

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Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY: LBW #565

**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 7/31	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 8/1	Office Closed
Tues 8/2	9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team
Wed 8/3	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 8/4	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 8/5	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Sat 8/6	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Family Foam Fun Night
Sun 8/7	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Rally Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Backpack Blessing & Communion 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.

July 24, 2022 General \$1,481.19, MOM-Eight Days of Hope \$357.00, Building \$240.00, Sunday School \$6.00, Old Stone Church \$25.00, Youth Group \$5.00

Total: \$2,114.19

Attendance: Worship - 72 Sunday School - 15 - Children, - Adults



The flowers in church today are placed by Ray & Linda Boyer in loving memory of Chad Michael Boyer.

Job Opportunity

Toni Rabe has resigned her position as church secretary. The position is currently open. Anyone interested in this part-time job opportunity should direct their interest and resume to Obert Sagebiel, Pastor John or any council member.

Mission of the Month of July



Eight Days of Hope Mission Statement

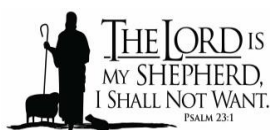
As noted by the ECFA, Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, this organization brings volunteers to a location affected by a natural disaster. They assist homeowners in rebuilding and repairing homes that were damaged from storms and flooding.

As a 501©3 nonprofit, they have a 4 star rating with Charity Navigator with a 94% rating toward programs over the last 3 years.

It is headquartered in Tupelo, MS with a Volunteer Organization in Pontotoc Co, MS.

NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting rubber gloved & cotton gloves for the month of July. Thank you.



Shepherd Group

If you are interested in chairing a Shepherd Group, contact Pastor or Laurie at (361)275-4232.

Tax Tips for Traditional IRA Owners

If you have a traditional IRA and you are 70 ½ years old and older, you are required to take a RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) annually.

There is a provision in the regulations that allow you to have this distribution made directly to a qualifying non-profit (church, etc.) and not be liable for income taxes on that amount.

Consult your tax advisor or financial planner for more details.

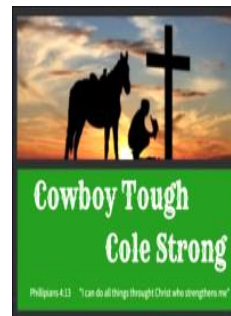


+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family and friends. Summer has been busy for sure. Cole graduated high school this past May. We are very proud of him for this accomplishment even though he thinks it's no big deal. He's still trying to figure out what the next step is but will probably end up taking some college courses to get his feet wet. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide him and that Cole will be receptive to whatever He prompts him to do. It's very hard for people with disabilities to embrace something new or different- it's scary for them on a whole other level. As far as therapy Cole has been doing well. He still goes twice a week faithfully even when he doesn't feel like it. We ask that you all pray for his healing as always as well as joy while he waits. 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. 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)



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 \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.**
- 1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 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.**
- 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 \$1.25**
- 1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.**
- 1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25**
- 1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.**
- 1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case**

St. John Family Foam Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2022. Prepare for a night of fellowship, fun and **getting WET!!**



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, Louisiana

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii

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

Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

Please Pray for: Hunter Jacob
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Marie Liner
Bea Fagg
Mrs. Stiles
Ryon Preslar
Lisa Phillips
Joy Meadows
Billie Egg



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

For we are so inclined by nature that no one desires to see another have as much as himself, and each one acquires as much as he can; the other may fare as best he can. And yet we pretend to be godly, know how to adorn ourselves most finely and conceal our rascality ... yea, we even dare impertinently to refer to it, and boast of it, and will not have it called rascality, but shrewdness and caution.

- Martin Luther Large Catechism, Ninth & Tenth Commandments

