

*You reap
what you sow.*

Galatians 6:7



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Wanda Hays

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

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.

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.

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.

As We Gather

The Scriptures for today emphasize the reality of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Either the Gospel and the person who proclaims it are accepted, or the Word and the messenger are rejected. There is no in between. As followers of Christ, we are called to share the message of salvation and offer a sign of peace to every person we come in contact with — but we won't always receive a blessing in return.

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:

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

LBW #566

My country, ‘tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims’ pride,
From every mountain side let freedom ring.

My native country thee,
Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom’s song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, Then sound prolong.

Our fathers’ God, to thee,
Author of liberty, To thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light,
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

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.**

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,

O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; 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: Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; ¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance.” ¹²For thus says the LORD: “Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. ¹³As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 66:1-7

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands;
sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

²Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.”

³All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name.”

**⁴Come now and see the works of God,
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

⁵He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in him.

**⁶In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.**

⁷Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard ...

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹⁴But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-20

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever

house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ¹³Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. ¹⁶The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." ¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"God Bless Our Native Land"

LBW #569

**God bless our native land;
Firm may it ever stand Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save By thy great might
So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies,
On whom we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with Watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

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

Stand as you are able

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;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
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 him 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,
Forever 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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

L May the body and blood of our Lord 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 seek 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. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **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 7/3	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Communion Worship
Mon 7/4	Office Closed ~ Happy Fourth of July!
Tues 7/5	9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
Wed 7/6	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 7/7	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 7/8	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Sun 7/10	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship *Called Congregation Meeting



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.

June 26, 2022 General \$1,354.00, MOM-Water Missions \$50.00, VBS \$25.00, Building \$240.00
Total: \$1,669.00

Attendance: Worship - 67 Sunday School - 3 - Children, 3 - Adults

Vacation Bible School

PARENTS PLEASE TURN IN YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION FORM ASAP, WE NEED TO ORDER T-SHIRTS! THANK YOU! VBS Camp: July 11-15 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Registration forms available on the Narthex bulletin board or church office. Theme: CREATION



Have a safe & Happy 4th of July!!!

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.

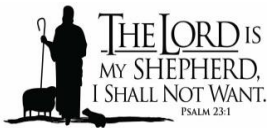


NALC Warehouse

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

Called Congregation Meeting

Council has voted to hold a called congregation meeting immediately following the service next Sunday, July 10th to consider Property Team's recommendation to begin restoration of the church basement utilizing memorial funds in amount of \$40,000 designated for same. Please plan to attend.



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.



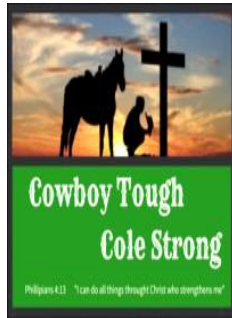
Job Opening

Sara has accepted a new position with The Cuero Chamber of Commerce and will be leaving St. John on July 1st. We thank her for her time here at St. John and wish her well in her new position. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the position of Church secretary, please let Obert or myself know. – Pastor John



+ 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)

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

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: 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
B. Bagwell (*Brenda Boor's Mom*)
Lisa Phillips
Joy Meadows
Hadley Parsons
Billie Egg
Joan Wendel
Mitchell Jank

Nursing Home:
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

“Brethren,” he says, “if any man be overtaken with a fault, do not aggravate his grief, do not scold him, do not condemn him, but lift him up and gently restore his faith. If you see a brother despondent over a sin he has committed, run up to him, reach out your hand to him, comfort him with the Gospel and embrace him like a mother.”

- Martin Luther Commentary on Galatians 6 (1535)