

Is not my  
word like fire?

Jeremiah 23:29



# **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 14, 2022**

**Greeter This Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Greeter Next Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Reader This Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Reader Next Week:** Neal Moritz

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Johnny Jank

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

## **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:

***“Let the Whole Creation Cry”***

LBW #242

**<sup>1</sup> Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise him, our almighty King!"  
Praise Him, angel hosts above, Ever bright and fair in love;  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Night and stars, in God rejoice.**

**<sup>2</sup> Warriors fighting for the Lord, Prophets burning with his word,  
Those to whom the arts belong, Add their voices to the song.  
Kings of knowledge and of law, To the glorious circle draw;  
All who work and all who wait, Sing, "The Lord is good and great!"**

**<sup>3</sup> Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem loud and bold,  
And let children's happy hearts In this worship take their parts;  
From the north to southern pole Let the mighty chorus roll:  
“Holy, Holy, Holy One; Glory be to God alone!”**

## **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, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29**

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord." <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" <sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own

heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

### **Responsive Reading**

Psalm 119:81-88

<sup>81</sup>My soul has longed for your salvation;  
I have put my hope in your word.

<sup>29</sup>**My eyes have failed from watching for your promise,  
and I say, "When will you comfort me?"**

<sup>83</sup>I have become like a leather flask in the smoke,  
but I have not forgotten your statutes.

<sup>84</sup>**How much longer must I wait?  
when will you give judgment  
against those who persecute me?**

<sup>85</sup>The proud have dug pits for me;  
they do not keep your law.

<sup>86</sup>**All your commandments are true;  
help me, for they persecute me with lies.**

<sup>87</sup>They had almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken your commandments.

<sup>88</sup>**In your loving kindness, revive me,  
that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3**

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. <sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be

mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. <sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

*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 12:49-53 [54-56]**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>49</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” [<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”]

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

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE

**<sup>1</sup> Faith of our fathers, living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

*Refrain*

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death.**

**<sup>2</sup> The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate, If they, like them, could die for thee.**

*Refrain*

**<sup>3</sup> Faith of our fathers! We will love Both friend and foe in all our strife;  
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how, By kindly words and virtuous life.**

*Refrain*

*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**

HYMN:

***"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"***

LBW #239

**God's Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last, Your Church may hold it fast  
Throughout all generations.**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**



**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.**

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 8/14</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study	
10:15 a.m.	Worship	
<b>Mon 8/15</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
<b>Tues 8/16</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Wed 8/17</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Evangelism Team Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 8/18</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Fri 8/19</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Sun 8/21</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study	
10:15 a.m.	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.*

**August 7, 2022, General \$5,636.00, MOM-Christian Warrior's Retreat \$355.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Organ \$120.00, OSC \$3,120.00, Youth \$10.00, Sunday School Mission \$317.00, Building \$415.00  
Total: \$9,993.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 95    Sunday School - 10    - Children, 12 - Adults

## Mission of the Month of August

### Christian Warrior's Retreat

#### Mission Statement

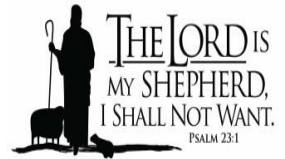
CHRISTIAN WARRIOR'S RETREAT is a nondenominational retreat for the process of healing and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. It is designed for veterans and first responders. Through music, worship, speakers, and small groups the love and grace of God abounds. They believe that the Bible is the living word of God and it is their training manual. Success in this is to understand their identity in Christ; heal and improve their vital relationships; and, most importantly, carry out God's mission for which they were created---to bring glory to God through their service.

#### NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting 2 contractor trash bags (3 mL) & scrub brushes for the month of August. Thank you.

#### Shepherd Group

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

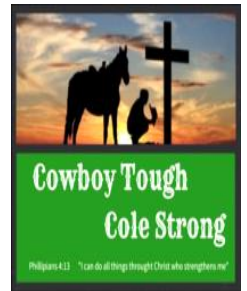


#### + UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole



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**

**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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

When God's most holy Word arises, it is always its lot that Satan opposes it with all his might. At first he rages against it with force and wicked power. If that promises no success, he attacks it with false tongues and erring spirits and teachers. What he is unable to crush by force he thus seeks to suppress by cunning and lies.

- Martin Luther-

Personal Letter to the Saxon Nobility, 1524

Find the 28 **bold** words from Luke 12:49-56 (ESV)

E L D A S H E T M G Z G D E L  
C M J I T E N C N E U N A M U  
N L O U V E T I A S X I U I A  
A I O T S I H I H E S W G T C  
R S D E H C S O R V P O H U S  
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S E A E H I C I E Q G N X Y C  
D I N T E R P R E T E A R T H  
Z V I O X E J M S I T P A B G

"I came to **cast fire** on the earth, and would that it were already **kindled**! I have a **baptism** to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give **peace** on earth? No, I tell you, but rather **division**. For from now on in one house there will be five **divided**, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, **father** against **son** and son against father, **mother** against **daughter** and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a **cloud rising** in the **west**, you say at once, 'A **shower** is **coming**.' And so it happens. And when you see the **south wind blowing**, you say, 'There will be **scorching heat**,' and it happens. You **hypocrites**! You know how to **interpret** the appearance of **earth** and **sky**, but why do you not know how to interpret the **present time**?"



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