

AUGUST 28, 2022



Hope in the Lord!

Psalm 131:3

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 28, 2022**

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden  
**Greeter Next Week:** John & Margie Swannack  
**Reader This Week:** Wanda Hays  
**Reader Next Week:** Dwight Jander  
**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer needed  
**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed  
**Altar Guild This Month:** Dawn Otto and Kaley Coker  
**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dee Moeller and 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:

***“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”***

LBW #551

<sup>1</sup> Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

<sup>2</sup> All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.

<sup>3</sup> Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

**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;

O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your 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: Proverbs 25:2-10

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. <sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; <sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

## Responsive Psalm Reading

### Psalm 131

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, I am not proud;  
I have no haughty looks.

<sup>2</sup>**I do not occupy myself with great matters,  
or with things that are too hard for me.**

<sup>3</sup>But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast;  
my soul is quieted within me.

**<sup>4</sup>O Israel, wait upon the LORD,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. <sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL VERSE**

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

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:1-14**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Luke 14:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when {Jesus} went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to

those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

***“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”***

WOV #771

<sup>1</sup> Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

<sup>2</sup>Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

<sup>3</sup> Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [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:

***“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”***

LBW #221

<sup>1</sup> Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, Oh, now be extended

The fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us

To work for God’s kingdom and answer his call.

<sup>2</sup> With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,

The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,

Embracing his children of each tribe and race.

With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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.**

POSTLUDE

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

**Today 8/28**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
 10:15 a.m. Worship

**Mon 8/29** *Office Closed*

**Tues 8/30** 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours  
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 8/31** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours  
 1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 9/1** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

**Fri 9/2** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Sun 9/4** **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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 21, 2022** General \$1,977.00, MOM-Christian Warrior's Retreat \$355.00, Building \$170.00, Sunday School \$31.00, Old Stone Church \$55.00, The Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County \$50.00  
**Total: \$2,638.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 65 Sunday School - 13 - Children, 10 - Adults

*We keep the family & friends of Mrs. Annie Hardt in our thoughts & prayers. May God comfort her family at this time of loss.*



**Confirmation** classes will start on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am during the Sunday School hour at the parsonage. Any student eligible for confirmation should attend with at least one parent at the beginning of the class.

### **Community Events** (read more in the September Newsletter)

9/08/2022 – Games Party at Our Saviour's Lutheran, Victoria 6-8pm, Meal Served \$8 per person  
 9/12/2022 – Zion Lutheran Church Ladies Bunco Party Registration 6-7pm, 7:05pm  
 9/25/2022 – Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church BBQ, Raffle & Country Store 11am- 1pm

### **Acolytes**

Volunteer are needed! A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have previously signed up. We still need a lot of dates to fill. Thank you.

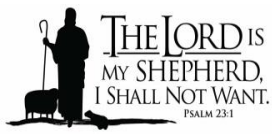
### **Mission of the Month of August**

## 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.



*St. John would like to give a warm welcome to our new Church Secretary, Gayla Mullens. Office hours are Tues.–Fri. 9:00 am–1:00 pm*

## + 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.**

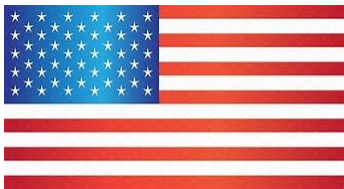
**1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25**

**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.**



### **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

**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.

**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

True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue.  
- Martin Luther-



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