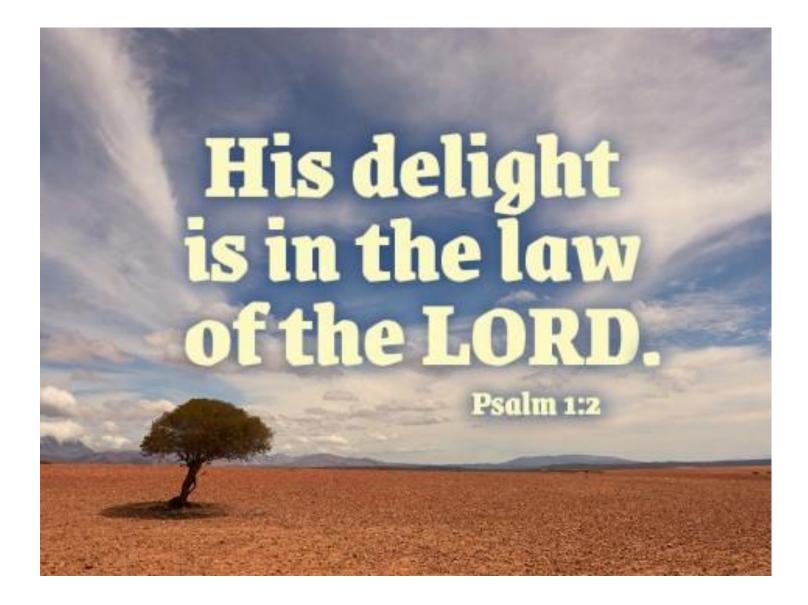
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge Reader This Week: Dwight Jander Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

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

Your faith, as Abraham's, is reckoned to you as righteousness. The Lord God is our sure defense, for we cannot be saved from ruin by military or political might, but by the strong right arm of the Lord. It is our unwavering conviction that God both created and sustains by his word. How can we not trust him with fear and faith, and hope in his steadfast love? We do not concern ourselves over each day's bread, as God has given us the whole kingdom, the heavenly city, the glorious homeland that we both seek and find in Christ.

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:

"Lift High the Cross"

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Refrain: Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ proclaims Till all the world adore his sacred name.

¹ Come, Christians, follow where our captian trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

²Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

³ All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

⁴ O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou has promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

⁵ So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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

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 Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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.

Please be seated

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your

God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Responsive Reading Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child,

Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 14:25-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter. **C Glory to you, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

²⁵Great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

[•]C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

"Earth and All Stars!"

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!

Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorms! Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain:

Trumpet and pipes, Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*

Classrooms and labs, Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain:*

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:

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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POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHNToday 9/4Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
Today 9/4	•	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Communion Worship
		Happy
Mon 9/5	Office Closed	Happy Labor
Tues 9/6	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Wed 9/7	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thurs 9/8	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 9/9	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Sun 9/11	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Service

Welcome P to SurChurch

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 28, 2022 General, \$1,722.74 MOM-Christian Warrior's Retreat \$680.00, Building \$290.00, Cemetery \$35.00, Youth Group \$5.00, Sunday School \$45.80 Total: \$2,778.54

Attendance: Worship - 71 Sunday School – 8 Children, 9 Adults

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.

Confirmation classes will start next Sunday, September 11th 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

Mission of the Month of September

NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH DISASTER RESPONSE

The Disaster Response Fund provides resources for:

- respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur
- alleviate human suffering
- provide transitional assistance
- enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process

The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response. Eligible clients of Thrivent can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to this Disaster Response Fund. This fund is for domestic disasters only.



NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting toothbrushes & combs for the month of September. Thank you.

Shepherd Group

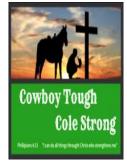
If you are interested in chairing a Shepherd Group, contact Pastor or Laurie at (361)275-4232.





+ 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?

 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea. (Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)
 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll
 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.
 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.
 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00
 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea.
 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: 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

You have two ways open before you, either towards heaven and eternal life, or towards hell; either with Christ or with the world... Therefore, if you wish to be a child of God, get

ready for persecution. - Martin Luther -Sermon on Matthew 5



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