

OCTOBER 30, 2022

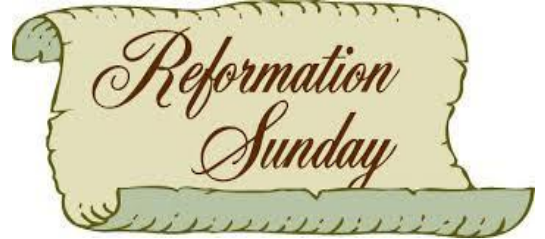


**If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**

**John 8:39**

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 30, 2022**

**Greeter This Week:** Youth Group  
**Greeter Next Week:** Candy Cowley  
**Reader This Week:** Johnna Picard  
**Reader Next Week:** Wanda Hays  
**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer needed  
**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed  
**Altar Guild This Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel and LeAnn Jander  
**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel and Virginia Jank  
**Communion Assistant This Month:** Obert Sagebiel  
**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Brian Wendel



**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.

**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:

***“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”***

LBW #229

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
And wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who  
fear it; For God himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

## **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 God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**Responsive Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 46**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

<sup>11</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

**<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are

justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

*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: John 8:31-36**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE ~ *The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba*

SERMON HYMN:

***"We All Are One in Mission"***

WOV #755

1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

*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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER sung by Rachel Nessel**

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.**

#### POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 10/30</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday~Mission Feast~Fill the Church</b>
	9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	9:00 a.m. Adult Study
	10:15 a.m. Worship – Guest The Rev.Dr. Gemechis Buba
	** Mission Feast Lunch in Parish Hall after services**
	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Mon 10/31</b>	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<b>Tues 11/1</b> 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours Office Closed <i>** 2023 Budget requests due to the Finance Team **</i>
	<b>Wed 11/2</b> 1:30 p.m. Quilters Office Closed
	<b>Thurs 11/3</b> 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
	<b>Fri 11/4</b> Office Closed
	<b>Sat 11/5</b> 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<b>Sun 11/6</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Communion Worship 1:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m. Office Hours



*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.*

**October 23, 2022** General \$1,395.00, Building \$450.00, Sunday School \$27.00, OSC \$25.00, MOM-NALC Seminary \$1,150.00, Cemetery \$25.00

**Total: \$3,072.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 65 Sunday School - 7 - Children, 14 - Adults



Today's altar flowers are placed To the Glory of God and in Honor of The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba.

Join us after worship services today in the Parish Hall for lunch and Christian fellowship. Introduce yourself to our special guest today The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba. All are welcome!

### **Introducing our guest speaker today!**

St. John of Meyersville welcomes **The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Desta Buba**. He currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop for International Mission in the North American Lutheran Church. He leads efforts on behalf of the NALC in coordinating international mission activity within the church and support for other related activities.

He is originally from Ethiopia and now lives in Atlanta, GA, with his wife and three children. Dr. Buba received a Bachelor of Theology with high distinction from Mekane Yesus Theological Seminary, where he served as a professor for two years. After working on a Masters of Theology in Church History in the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, he moved to the United States for further studies. In 2003 he received his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Christian Education from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. In May, 2006, Dr. Buba earned a Doctorate Degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, specializing in missional leadership. Dr. Buba was ordained in 2001. He has served as a seminary professor, mission developer, senior pastor, vice president of the Southeastern Black Lutheran Pastors' Conference, assistant to the bishop of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (ELCA), director of African National Ministries (ELCA), and president of the worldwide Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches. He was pastor of St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church and the African/Oromo Lutheran Church in Atlanta, GA. He is also the founder and president of LeadStar Theological College. In addition to academic study and ordained ministry, Dr. Buba participates in multiple international ministries through speaking, leading revivals, leadership development conventions, and evangelical mission events.

# **THANK YOU!**

*Thank you to The Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba for being here today on Reformation Sunday!*

*NALC Disaster Relief Service Projects – Mission Evangelism*, along with the women's quilting group, want to thank all who so generously donated their time and items to assemble quilts, health care kits and flood buckets for people in need in times of disaster in the United States.

**Attention:** If you have lost a loved one in the past year, please contact the church office at 361-277-8653 that we might recognize them during next Sunday's All Saints service.



Planning for the **2023 Budget** starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2022. All requests will be considered.

Thank you, *St. John Finance Team*

**Thank you** all for the special prayers for Archie Abrameit as he traveled to Houston for his doctor visit this past week. He received a good report!



**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 October**

## **NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH SEMINARY**

*Shaping leaders and pastors to grow our church*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we are forming pastors and church leaders for the North American Lutheran Church who will faithfully preach, teach, and live God's eternal truth, through Word and Sacrament, proclaiming Christ's cross and resurrection, making disciples who will renew and grow the church in Christ's name. As students, faculty, and staff we seek to live out the reign of God together, proclaiming his lordship and his desire for all people to know his eternal love for them.

### **NALC Warehouse**



We will be collecting for the warehouse all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting bath towels and washcloths for the month of October. Thank you.

### **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Operation**



Shoeboxes, labels and packing instructions are available in the narthex. Deadline to turn in the shoeboxes is Sunday, Dec. 13, 2022.

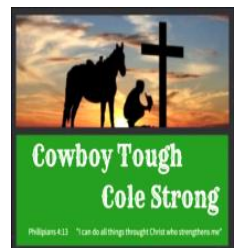


### **+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**

Hello everyone! Hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather! Cole not so much. He hates the winter time daily because he burns all over when he gets cold. He loves to be outside so this makes it miserable for him when it's cooler. He pushes through it like he does everything else but maybe pray this burning will stay away. Cole has reached a cool milestone recently. He has officially walked over 100,000 steps on his Lokomat machine! He faithfully goes twice a week to work an hour on the Armeo are machined then walks on the Lokomat even though he really doesn't feel like it some days. That on top of all the therapy he does at home. He's hard-headed and sometimes that serves us well! Cole has been staying healthy otherwise so we are always Thankful for that. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Also, please pray for another boy, Holden, who sustained some very serious injuries in an ATV accident recently. In addition, please pray for his parents and doctors as they move forward in the care and needs of Holden. 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  
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

If you want to abolish sin, you not only wrong sin, but you also want to trespass on the office of Christ and say: I want to be Christ. ... This is the sin supreme! Let Christ be Christ; let Him keep His office. We have enough other sins to answer for.

- Martin Luther -

Easter Sermon, April 17, 1530



## **Moments with Martin Luther**

Born to parents who were peasants, Martin Luther came into the world in an exciting time in history. In just a few short years from the date of Martin's birth, November 10, 1483, Christopher Columbus would sail to the Americas and discover a new land in 1492. It would be a time of great progress and Luther would have much to do with that progress.

On the day after his birth Martin's father, Hans Luther, took him to be baptized at the Church of Saints Peter and Paul. It was the feast day of St. Martin and so this infant was named for the saint who was the Bishop of Tours, France. Perhaps it's fitting for Luther to have been named after one of the very first conscientious objectors as the two Martins held in common a desire to stand up for their beliefs no matter what it cost them.

On Halloween of 1517, now a German monk, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Church. These 95 Theses expressed his concerns over corruption found in the Catholic church. One of his primary concerns was the church selling "indulgences" to people in order to release them from having to serve penitence for their sins. An act which he considered to be people trying to buy their way into heaven. This act opened up a debate with religious scholars of the time that eventually lead to the Protestant Reformation.



Martin Luther's actions cause serious religious and social ripples throughout society. His 95 Theses were widely spread thanks to the newly invented printing press. Within just a couple of weeks, copies of these theses had spread all over Germany and within 60-days, they were all over Europe. On January 3, 1521, Martin Luther and his followers were excommunicated by Pope Leo X. Just three months later, Martin Luther was called to the Diet of Worms to defend his beliefs before Holy Roman Emperor Charles V. Before this deliberative assembly, Martin Luther was defiant and the emperor named him not only a heretic but also an outlaw. However, he would receive protection from German princes and Western Civilization would go on to be forever changed.

Reformation Day has been observed as a holiday since the mid-16th century, but its official date of October 31st was set until about 1717. This is when it became an official German observance and the date from which it would spread on an international level.

### **Community Events:**

10/30/2022 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Yorktown.

10/30/2022 – Oktoberfest 2022 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ander. Music, Country Store, Food, Live Auction 3:30pm – 7:30pm.

11/13/2022 – Meyersville Country Club is selling tickets to a Pork Steak dinner from 11a.m.-1p.m. \$12 per plate. Drive Thru Only. Tickets may be purchased at Meyersville Store M-F 8-5.



St. John congregation and council members recognize and appreciate the continued service and devotion of *Pastor John Boor* during Pastor Appreciation Month, and all year long. Thank you Pastor John for being here to lead us as Christians!



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