

OCTOBER 16, 2022



**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**  
Psalm 121:2

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 16, 2022**

**Greeter This Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Greeter Next Week:** Dickie & Cathie Bettge

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Dwight Jander

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer needed

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**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.

**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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

OPENING HYMN:

*“Day by Day”*

WOV #746

- <sup>1</sup> Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.
- <sup>2</sup> Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.
- <sup>3</sup> Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

**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

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Let us pray;

**O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow 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: Genesis 32:22-30

<sup>22</sup>The same night {Jacob} arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

## Responsive Psalm Reading

### Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD himself watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

**<sup>6</sup>So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

<sup>14</sup>As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

*Please stand*

GOSPEL VERSE

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

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8**

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus} told {his disciples} a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

<sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'

<sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,

<sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

***“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”***

LBW# 499

<sup>1</sup> Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
While the hope of endless glory  
Teach me ever to adore thee;  
May I still thy goodness prove.

<sup>2</sup> Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by thy help I’m come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand’ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

<sup>3</sup> Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand’ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
Seal it for thy courts above.

*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

OFFERTORY

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.**

L 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:

***“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”***

LBW # 320

<sup>1</sup> O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

<sup>2</sup> Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

<sup>3</sup> Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

<sup>4</sup> A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

<sup>5</sup> Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

<sup>6</sup> Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

Leader: 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.**

**POSTLUDE**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 10/16</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship Called Council meeting after church <i>** Pastor's vacation Oct. 16 - Oct. 23 **</i>
<b>Mon 10/17</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Tues 10/18</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 10/19</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 10/20</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <b><i>**Committee Reports Due, please email to Council Members**</i></b>
<b>Fri 10/21</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <b><i>**Newsletter deadline. Please have all articles to the office by noon**</i></b>
<b>Sun 10/23</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. 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.*

**October 9, 2022** General \$1,285.00, Building \$80.00, Sunday School \$27.00, OSC \$22.00, MOM-NALC Seminary \$530.00

**Total: \$1,944.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 84 Sunday School - 15 - Children, 13 - Adults

# THANK YOU!

***Thank you to Jason Ohrt for being here today and leading us in worship. St. John is very blessed to have you!***



There will be a short Called Council meeting after church today, October 16, 2022.

**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.



**Community Events**

There are several events going on this month as listed in the October Newsletter. Keep watching the bulletin board in the narthex for any additions.

**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.

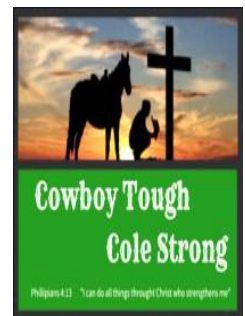


**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**

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  
Cole Ohrt  
Marie Liner  
Bea Fagg  
Mrs. Stiles  
Ryon Preslar  
Lisa Phillips  
Joy Meadows  
Billie Egg



**Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



***Join us as we Celebrate:*** October 30, 2022 at St. John ~ Reformation Sunday-Mission Feast. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Church at 10:15 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buda. Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall. All are invited!



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

Thank you,

*St. John Finance Team*

## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Through faith in Christ, therefore, Christ's righteousness becomes our righteousness and all that he has becomes ours; rather, he himself becomes ours.

- Martin Luther -

Two Kinds of Righteousness



Eight Days of Hope Family,

Our Rapid Response team is deploying in response to Hurricane Ian! Join us by praying, volunteering, or donating. Follow us for live updates at [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com) or by using the QR Code below. We are so thankful for you! God bless you!



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