

OCTOBER 9, 2022



**Great are the works of the Lord.**

**Psalm 111:2**

**ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 9, 2022**

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden

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

**Reader This Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge

**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 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:

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

LBW #534

<sup>1</sup> Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms, Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

<sup>2</sup> Oh, may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all harm, In this world and the next.

<sup>3</sup> All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given;  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**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, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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: Ruth 1:1-19a

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-

law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. <sup>19a</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

## **Responsive Psalm Reading**

### **Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the LORD!  
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all his commandments are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.**

## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the

crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. <sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

*Please stand*

GOSPEL VERSE

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

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem {Jesus} was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

**I WILL FOLLOW**

Chris Tomlin

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow  
All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight

High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

Trust in You alone

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You, yeah

Light unto the world  
Light unto my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the one I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, in You alone

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You, yeah

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You, there's joy, unending joy  
And I will follow  
Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow  
I will follow You

Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You, yeah

I will follow You, oh yeah  
I will follow You, yeah  
I will follow You

**Songwriters: Jason Ingram, Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan.**

*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.**

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:

***"On Our Way Rejoicing"***

LBW #260

1 God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r.  
Crown your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us, Scorn Thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

3 Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation, To the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for your salvation, Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore, Serving you whom we adore.

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

<b>Today 10/9</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. Property Team 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 10/10</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>
<b>Tues 10/11</b>	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Wed 10/12</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 10/13</b>	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Fri 10/14</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Closed
<b>Sun 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



*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 2, 2022** General \$3,875.00, Building \$145.00, Sunday School Mission \$20.00, OSC \$125.00, MOM- NALC Seminary \$945.00, Cemetery \$5.00, Organ \$120.00, Youth \$100.00, Cole Ohrt \$50.00  
**Total: \$5,385.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 84 Sunday School - 9 - Children, 12 - 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.



### Altar Guild



The Bi-Annual Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be held Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please, at least one member from each team is asked to attend this meeting for reminders on changes in procedures. Thank you, Carol Ann Sagebiel

## 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.



### Community Events This Week

10/15/2022 – Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Fall Festival 6pm-8pm. Games \* Food \* Prizes. Free Admission. Paid Concession. Costumes Encouraged.

### + 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:**

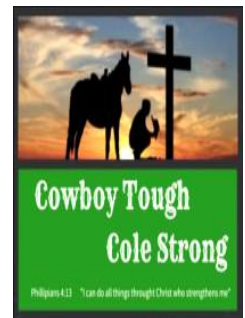
*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*To help family stay strong*

*Patience*

*Stay positive*

*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*



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**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.**

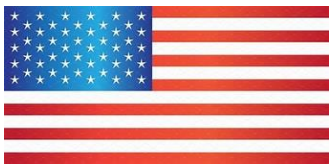
**1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.25**

**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



**SAVE THE DATE:** October 30, 2022 at St. John ~ Reformation Sunday-Mission Feast-Fill The Church. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Church at 10:15 a.m. with guest speaker THE REV. DR. GEMECHIS BUBA. Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall.



## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

A penitent heart is a rare thing and a great grace; one cannot produce it by thinking about sin and hell. Only the Holy Spirit can impart it.

- Martin Luther –  
March 1521