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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - June 25, 2023

Greeters This Week: M'Liss Moore

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Cathie Bettge

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

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:

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WOV #770

**“I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.”**

**“When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.”**

**“In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.”**

**“I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.”**

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;

For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Persecution for faith in God is inevitable. No one who follows Jesus in obedience will be spared the attacks of the enemy, Satan. Even so, those who love Christ are commissioned to go and share the good news without fear, for they will be protected by the Father in heaven who values them above all else. A life of discipleship is a risky one, but through a life in Christ we find true and abundant life.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” ¹¹ But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Psalm 91:1-10 [11-16]

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**² He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

³ He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.

**⁴ He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings;
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

⁵ You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

⁶ Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at midday.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

⁸ Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

¹² They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and adder;

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

**¹⁴ Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

^{5a} These twelve {disciples} Jesus sent out, instructing them,

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

WOV #752

Here I Am, Lord

**1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain:

**3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”**

Refrain:

Reception of New Members by Confirmation

Reception by Confirmation

(Glenn) Kyle and Sara Newman having been instructed in the Christian faith, now desire to make public the affirmation of their faith.

(Pastor) In Holy Baptism you were received by our Lord Jesus Christ and made members of His Church. Now you choose to affirm the faith of the Church as your own, and to accept personal responsibility for active participation in the life and ministry of this congregation.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

LET US PRAY

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these brothers and sisters your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in your presence, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. AMEN

THE BLESSING

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Kyle and Sara the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Amen.

THE PRAYER (Congregation in unison)

Almighty and merciful God, complete the work that is begun in these individuals today. Let their partnership with people of faith throughout the world be such that no false doctrine, no selfish desires, and not love of any material thing will lead them away from you or from the faith which we jointly hold, in joyful obedience to You and to Your Word, enable all of us to serve You more faithfully, in both word and deed, that your name may be honored and your will be done. AMEN

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING *(Please use the yellow envelopes for cash offerings & include your name.)*

Stand as you are able

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.**

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:

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

LBW #495

**1 Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.**

**2 Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy The heav’nly kingdom comes.**

**3 Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning Where-e’er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o’er us; We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might!**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY:

LBW #565

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 6/25	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
		<i>New Member Reception after services in the Parish Hall.</i>
Mon 6/26		
Tues 6/27	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 6/28	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters – parsonage
Thurs 6/29	9:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 6/30	9:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Next Sun.	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
	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.

June 18, 2023 General \$1,421.00, MOM – Christian Warrior's Retreat \$150.00, Sunday School \$14.00, Cemetery \$20.00, VBS \$50.00, Building \$100.00, Youth \$30.00, Old Stone Church \$50.00
Total: \$1,835.00

Attendance: Worship - 75, Sunday School - 4 Children, 3 Teachers; Adult Study - 12

*Sunday School will continue throughout the summer months.
We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!*



Welcome New Members!

*Today we give a warm welcome to our new members,
The Newman Family - Kyle, Sara, Kaleigh, Shelby & Kaleb.
We are very happy & blessed to have you become members here
at St. John!*

A Welcoming Reception will be held in the Parish Hall after church services. Cookies and lemonade will be served.

Mission of the Month for June
CHRISTIAN WARRIORS RETREAT

MISSION

Every soldier desires to follow their mission. The Bible states that we perish from a lack of vision, which is why we equip each warrior we serve with a clear mission and the tools needed for sustained success.



St. John would like to give a warm welcome to our new Church Secretary, Meliss Eckhardt. Stop by and say Hi! Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins.

CAMAL House is now set up to receive online donations via Tithe.ly. Just use this QR code below to made secure cash donations with your cell phone.



NALC Warehouse



We are collecting again for the warehouse in Rosenberg. We will be collecting bath towels for the month of June. **Please note:** We have received notice from Michael Dittrich of the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse that they are in need of supplies. The tornadoes in Mississippi and Alabama left much devastation and all was taken there. The other two warehouses in Texas are also depleted due to weather disasters. At this time feel free to provide any of the items on the list printed in the bulletin. They will be received with much appreciation and delivered with love. Thank you.

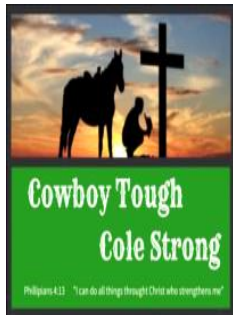


The Quilters are now meeting in the parsonage each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join the bee! Donations of clean used sheets & pillowcases can be used. Please leave on the table on the stage.



The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole



Hello everyone! Happy Mother's Day to all you beautiful mothers out there! Hope you all had a blessed day with your families. I'm always behind but want to send out a huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to support the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Bingo benefit on May 4th. It was an amazing event with around 600 people attending! God was all over this event blessing us in so many ways. I don't have a final count on how much we raised for the foundation but it was a lot! This community is the most supportive and loving of any I've ever known. We are truly grateful. I also want to thank all of those that helped organize, set up, work, or donate toward this event. Without all of you this would not be possible. Cole had such an amazing time and looks forward to this event every year. So if you didn't get to join us this year we'll be doing it again next May! Hope to see you then. And as always thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole- keep praying! ❤️

+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 \$1.18 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 \$2.97 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:

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

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, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel.



Nursing Home:
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

Temptation is a most useful thing... (it) becomes a servant when we resist it, because it then produces a hatred of iniquity and a love of righteousness. And in our future immortal body it will neither have dominion nor rule, nor will it be a servant.

- Martin Luther -
Lectures on Romans, LW 25:319



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St. John Meyersville

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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org to view weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

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