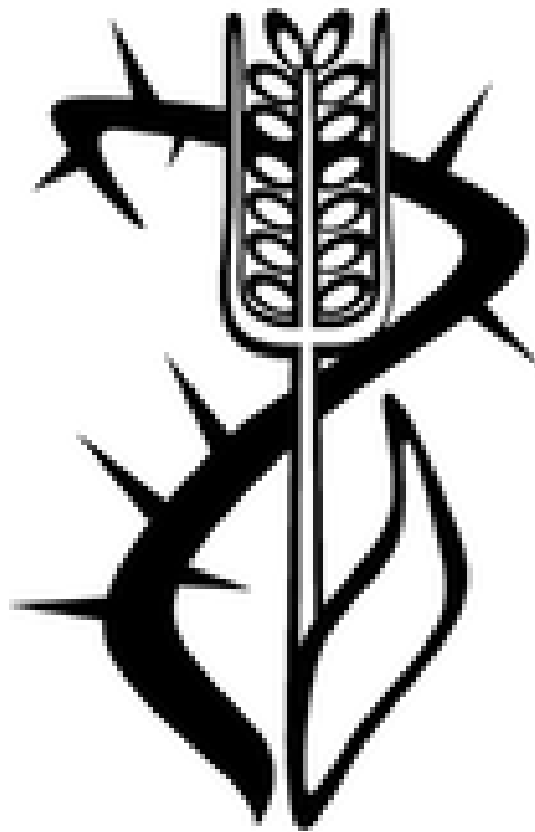


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
July 23, 2023**



**The Spirit helps us in our weakness.
Romans 8:26**

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023

Greeter This Week: Marv & Norrean Sager

Greeters Next Week: Sunday School/Youth Group

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Sunday School/Youth Group

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Boden

Communion Assistant This Month: Dickie Bettge

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays

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:

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

LBW #412

**¹Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.**

**²God makes the clouds drop fatness, The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, With plenty and with peace.**

**³Bring to this sacred altar The gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him When at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him Who gave his life for all.**

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;

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; 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

Paul uses the image of labor pains to describe how the entirety of God's creation is stretching and growing. God is birthing something new through Christ Jesus, and the culmination of that will be visible when he returns in glory. Growth can be a hard process, as Jesus teaches his disciples. Good seeds are planted only to be surrounded by weeds sown by an enemy. Even so, God is in control of the creation.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:57-64

⁵⁷You only are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to keep your words.

⁵⁸I entreat you with all my heart, be merciful to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹I have considered my ways and turned my feet toward your decrees.

⁶⁰I hasten and do not tarry to keep your commandments.

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, I do not forget your law.

⁶²At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, because of your righteous judgments.

⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you and of those who keep your commandments.

⁶⁴The earth, O LORD, is full of your love; instruct me in your statutes.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: : Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

²⁴Jesus put another parable before {the disciples}, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.””

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

WOV #771

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changes not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy
hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear
presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy
hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

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.**

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.**

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:

“Blessed Assurance”

LBW #699

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

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 7/23	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 7/24	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tues 7/25	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 7/26	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters – parsonage
Thurs 7/27	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 7/28	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Sat 7/29	4:00 p.m.	Schaefer Baptism
Next Sun.	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship – Contemporary



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.

July 16, 2023 General \$2,444.00, MOM – St. John Ev. Lutheran Church \$160.00, Building \$60.00, NALC Warehouse \$50.00, Sunday School \$11.00 **Total: \$2,725.00**

Attendance: Worship - 107, Sunday School - 7 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.!*



There will be a called congregation meeting on Sunday, August 6th immediately following the service, to discuss exterior painting of the parish hall. Please plan to attend.

Mission of the Month for July

St. John Ev Lutheran Church

It has been discussed at council meetings that our congregation has been extremely generous over the years in supporting the Mission of the Month. Many worthy causes have benefited from your donations. From time to time our church also needs a little infusion of funds into our General Fund which is used to pay all of the church's regular expenses. This is why we would like to make our church the July Mission of the Month.



St. John office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413. Please do not leave a message as her voice mail is not working at this time. Stop by and say Hi!

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 deodorant for the month of July. **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.

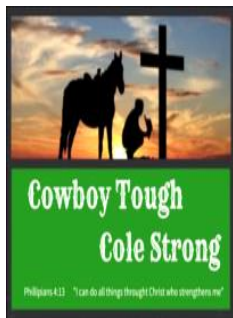


The Meyersville ISD recycle trailer is back in business. This convenience is for everyone in the community to utilize with the school maintaining the project. Please remember, all recyclables must be loose (not bagged) when being placed in the proper bin.

Just an FYI: there are still three pairs of sunglasses in the narthex who are looking for their owners. If you have misplaced yours, please check these pairs out. Who knows they may be yours! Thank you!



+ 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, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Kay Ohrt, Bruce Weise, Marlene Fromme.



Nursing Home:
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

“St. Paul shows the holy cross in all creation, in that heaven and earth and all the creatures in it suffer with us and bear the dear, treasured cross. Therefore, we must not weep and moan so piteously when we fall on evil days. We must instead wait patiently for the redemption of the body and for the glory that shall be revealed in us.”

— Martin Luther

Sermons from 1535, WA 41



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For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles,
tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

***If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at
361-277-8653.***