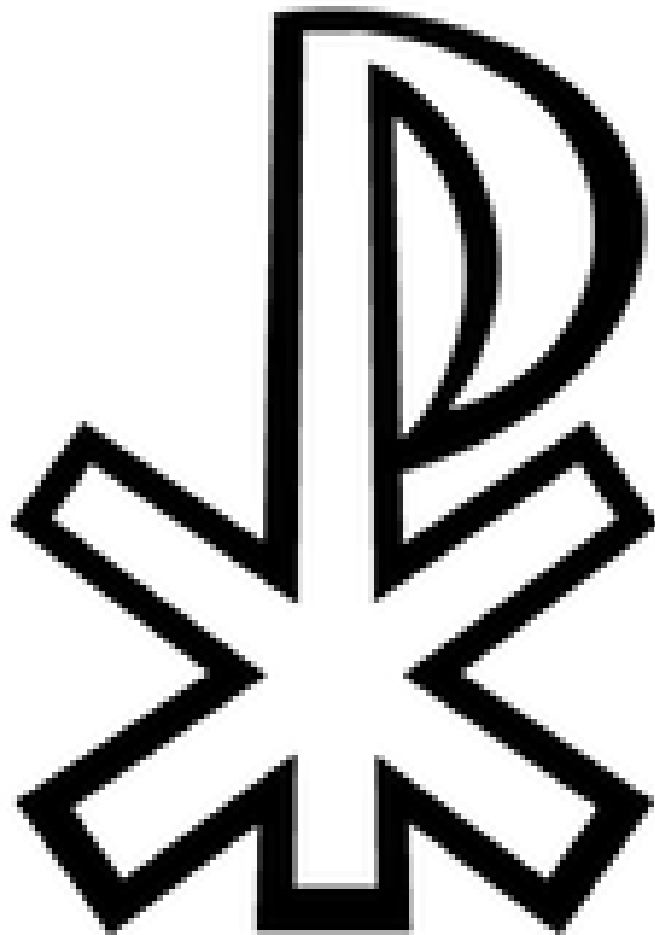


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
August 27, 2023**



**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you
preserve my life.
Psalm 138:7**

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023

Greeter This Week: The Hays Family

Greeters Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Neal Moritz

Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Boden

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

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:

“Built on a Rock”

LBW# 365

**1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling –
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.**

**2 Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty, is dwelling; High in the heav’ns his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling. Yet he who dwells in heav’n above
Deigns to abide with us in love, Making our bodies his temple.**

**3 We are God’s house of living stones, Built for his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face, He in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.**

**4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise his name, Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent, Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.**

**5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God’s Word. Where he this promise is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me; You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen**

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;

Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. Grant this, we pray, 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Peter's confession of Jesus' true identity is a confession of his faith. As followers of Christ, we also are called to make public confession of our faith. St. Paul asserts that this is manifested in a transformation of our old selves into people with a mission and purpose in the Body of Christ. He encourages us to stand firm in the face of pressure to conform to the ways of the world, even as the Spirit enables us to serve.

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Responsive Reading Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

⁴When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against
the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

¹The Church's one Foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is his new creation, By water and the Word.
 From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
 With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

²Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

³Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

⁴Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
 Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

⁵Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
 O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
 That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.

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:

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

WOV#783

¹Seek ye...first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

²Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

³We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

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 8/27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 8/28 Office Closed

Tues 8/29 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Wed 8/30 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters – parsonage

Thurs 8/31 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 9/1 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion



“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”
Psalm 46:1

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.

August 27, 2023 General \$1,694.00, MOM – Rosenberg Warehouse \$600.00, SS \$28.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Building \$80.00 **Total: \$2,422.00**

Attendance: Worship -75, Sunday School - 11 Children, 2 Teachers; Adult Study - 13

*Sunday School continues throughout the school year.
We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!*



Sunday School

Our Sunday school department is still in need of a teacher for grades 1 & 2.

Please consider this position.

Contact Kathy Dunn or Rachel Nessel if you feel called to fill this position.



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.

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

Mission of the Month for August

Rosenberg Disaster Response Warehouse

The Rosenberg Warehouse needs your help! Hurricane season is here and Michael and Pat Dittrich are working hard in the warehouse to assemble the supplies they have been given so they will be prepared when the need arises. Through your giving you are serving and being the hands and feet of Jesus when families lose everything in a disaster. Please consider giving these items for the Mission of the Month. **For the month of August the collection is deodorant and combs.**

Please note: We have received this notice from Michael Dittrich of the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse : Dear Friends, The devastation in Maui from the fires is extensive. Many people lost everything they had. If you or your congregation wants to help our neighbors in Christ, here is what you can do. This information comes from Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator. All gift cards and donations of funds are to be sent to the national disaster response warehouse in Ohio. Please label everything for the Maui Fire. Mary is working with her contacts in Hawaii to get supplies & funds where it is needed most. Please keep these folks in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact me. God Bless You! Michael Dittrich (cell: 281-381-5588)

Address for Warehouse:
NALC Disaster Response
16500 Noble Ave.
Caldwell, OH 43724

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.



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.

SAVE THE DATE

On October 29th, 2023, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Pastor Amy Little of NALC. More information is to come in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.

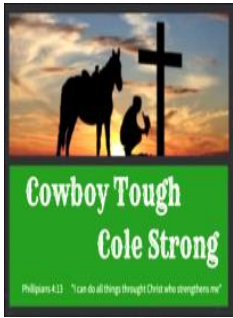


Bunco Party

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 11, 2023. The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley have cordially invited the ladies and friends of our congregation to come join in the fun of playing bunco and remembering 9/11 as we join in fun and fellowship . In the church rectory from 6-7 pm there will be registration & refreshments and at 7:05 pm Bunco will begin. Please RSVP by September 9, 2023 to Cass Martignoni (361-649-3138) or the church office (361-578-5447).



+ 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?

See the list below (store prices may vary):

- 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 - 12" X 12" 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***

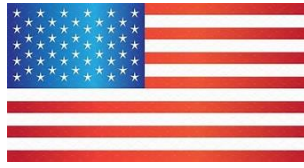
***Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!**

- 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.**

Additional Donations

We will also be collecting new and used Bibles as well as prayer books (such as your old portals of prayers). So, if you would like to recycle/reuse these items, you now have a place to bring them for others who have none. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge or Meliss Eckhardt. Thank you!

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, Bobby Zengerle, Debbie Glawson

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith. In the same way, he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

— Martin Luther

Small Catechism: On the Third Article of the Creed

Keep up with St. John online
St. John Meyersville

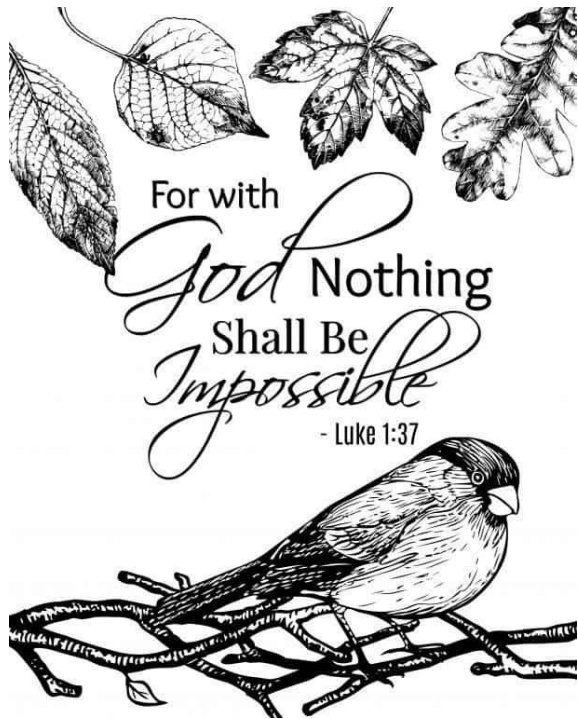
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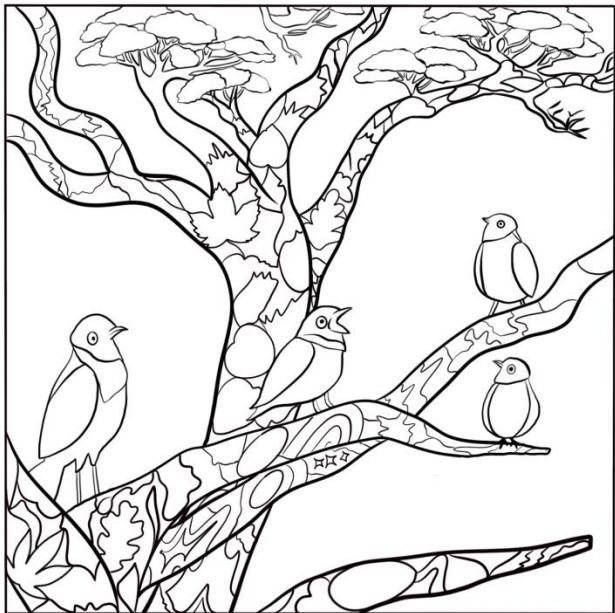
For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

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





*Please, God,
 please,
 send us a good, soaking rain.
 Make us aware that everything is gift,
 and nothing should be taken for granted.
 Help us to live lightly on your earth,
 and to share what we have
 with those in need.
 Bless all those who are fighting fires
 and keep everyone safe.
 Amen.*



Hidden Picture Puzzle

Autumn Birds



A PLACE TO PUT YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK!

Have a Blessed Week!