

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
June 23, 2024**

OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PSALM 124:8

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 23, 2024

Greeters This Week: Trish Hood

Greeters Next Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge

Acolyte This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel



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.

Worship Notes Regarding Today's Service:

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. You can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you!

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL
ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand as you are able

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,

C 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: *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

LBW #328

¹All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

²Crown him, you martyrs of our God, Who from his altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown him Lord of all.

³O seed of Israel's chosen race Now ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.

⁴Hail him, you heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call—
The God Incarnate, man divine—And crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine—And crown him Lord of all.

⁵Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.

**⁶Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.**

**⁷Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of 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 mercy and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C 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,

C 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

AS WE GATHER

How often we fail to recognize the power of God in our lives. In today's Old Testament reading, God's voice pierced through the chaos of a whirlwind as he reminded Job of who is in control of all of life. The divine voice is echoed on the Sea of Galilee as Jesus calms an abrupt storm that sends waves crashing into the disciples' boat. "Peace! Be still," Jesus ordered the water, showing his power over creation.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. ⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?"

Responsive Reading

Psalm 124

¹If the LORD had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

²If the LORD had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

³Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;

⁵Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

⁶Blessed be the LORD! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹Working together with {Christ}, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

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: Mark 4:35-41

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, {Jesus} said to {the disciples}, “Let us go across to the other side.”

³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.

³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

WOV #731

¹**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

²**When my way grows...drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is ... almost ... gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

³**When the darkness appears and the night draws ... near,
and the day is ... past and ... gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

L Let us share the peace.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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:

"How Great Thou Art"

LBW #532

¹O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great though art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

²When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [*Refrain*]

³But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; [*Refrain*]

⁴When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [*Refrain*]

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



Colossians 2:6-7

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

- Today 6/23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Worship
- Mon 6/24 Office Closed**
- Tues 6/25** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed 6/26** 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Office Closed
- Thurs 6/27** 11:00 a.m-1:30 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
- Fri 6/28** 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Office Hours

Have a Blessed Week!

- Next Sun. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
10:15 a.m. Contemporary 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.



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

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 16, 2024 General \$3,539.00, MOM – Eight Days of Hope \$142.00, Christian Warrior’s Retreat \$200.00, Cemetery \$30.00, VBS \$300.00, Building \$60.00 **Total: \$4,271.00**

Attendance: Worship – 69, Adult Study - 8



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CHURCH NEWSLETTER BEFORE IT EVER GOES IN THE MAIL AND SAVE MONEY AS WELL?

If so, contact the church office at stjohnelutheran@juno.com or by phone (361-277-8653) with your email address and we will be happy to send you The Church Bell via your email. This will save the church money spent on postage, paper, and copying. What a great stewardship idea!!!

Mission of the Month for June
Eight Days of Hope



Jesus Christ is central to everything this group does.

As an organization, they strive to embody faith, hope, service, integrity, and unity through every deployment, rebuilding effort, safe house built, and warm meal provided.

In 2023 their latest endeavor began in the state of Ohio where with the support of the local community they are constructing a refuge dedicated to serving girls, ages 14 to 18, who are rescued from human trafficking. They are hoping Phase 1 of SAFE HARBOR OHIO will be able to open its doors in 2024.

For the month of June, the collection for the Rosenberg warehouse is adult and children's bibles.

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.....

We Are Still Looking for Acolytes for the Summer

If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!



Scholarship Thank You

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me the St. John Scholarship. This generous support will significantly alleviate my financial burdens and allow me to focus on my academic and personal growth. I am deeply honored to be selected and committed to upholding the values and excellence that this scholarship represents.

Thanks,
~Mason Nagel~

Thank
you

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday School

Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, June 30, 2024 and run through August 4, 2024 with a special youth Summer Sunday School – Miracles of Jesus from 9 to 10 a.m. We'd love to see all the children at 9:00 a.m. starting next Sunday, June 30, 2024.

Organ Assistant Needed

We are in need of someone to run the organ on July 7 when Bruce is out on vacation. Bruce will teach you how to push the appropriate buttons at the appropriate time. All we need is someone willing to give this a try. Maybe that person is you!

REGIONAL GET-TOGETHER

The Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region of the NALC invite you to their first regional get-together **July 23-25, 2024** at the Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Temple, Texas.

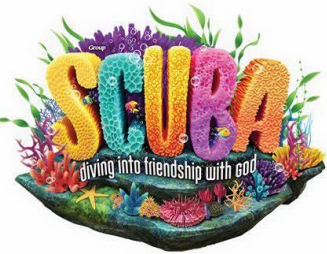
The Get-Together will start with dinner on Tuesday evening and conclude with worship on Thursday morning.

Your registration includes accommodations, all meals, daily worship opportunities, keynote presentations, workshops, and activities. **All registrations must be received by July 5th.**

If you have questions, call Pastor Becky Thane @ 201-572-8073 or email her at BeckyThane@aol.com

There is an email posted on the Narthex bulletin board about the speaker and workshops available.

Space is limited! Register early to reserve your spot.



Vacation Bible School

Register now! Vacation Bible School will be held **July 29-August 2 from 8:30-Noon.**

Dive into an amazing undersea adventure to experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Children 3-12 welcome. Youth entering 7th-12th grade are welcome to volunteer as camp counselors.

Our goal is to reach as many children as we can. We've exceeded our initial attendance goal and have opened up more space so we can continue to accept registrations. With the high number of registrations already, we are needing more help to run the camp. Youth or adult volunteers are greatly needed. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Rachel Nessel or Johnna Picard as soon as possible.

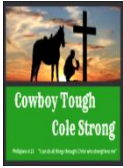
I just wanted to let everyone know, I am slowly working my way back into the office. Office hours will not be consistent. I will give hours I'm going to try to be here, but it depends on my status that day. Please call before you plan to come into the office if you should need something. Call me at 361-649-0413 if you should need something and don't know when I'm available. Thank you all for your thoughts, phone calls,

prayers, and kind words during my recovery time. Each and every one of them was deeply appreciated. I also want to say a huge THANK YOU to M'Liss Moore for manning the office while I was out. It was great knowing everything was being handled and I didn't need to worry. Thanks again M'Liss for all you do to help me. You've made learning my job so much easier. God bless you! It is good to be back in the office! ~ Meliss Eckhardt



PRAYER REQUESTS

+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole 



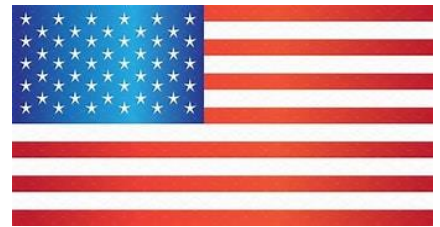
Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong: Hello everyone! An update after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation: It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it was humbling to see that many people come out and support something so special to mine and Cole's hearts. I am so thankful to everyone who sponsored our event this year and to all who donated prizes, money, or just their time to help make this night such a huge success. We appreciate each and every one of you Also a big thank you to all who came that night- we hope to see you again next year! If you truly want to see God's love and generosity first hand you need to come to this event. For me it is the most humbling and awesome experience I've ever been blessed to be a part of! 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)*

Our Military and their families:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, stationed overseas (location unknown)
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio



PHONE PRAYER CHAIN (immediate or long term needs):

If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain, please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500. We ask that when placing a name on the prayer chain, you would please call back weekly with an update on the person's condition. In case of long term prayer needs, please give monthly updates. 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.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Steve Cusack, Virginia Abrameit, Bea Bagwell, Charlie Baros, Cindy (Randy's wife) Wendel, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Ronnie Moeller; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

However weak the (disciples') faith may have been, had it not been for this faith, they would have had to despair in spite of all their free will, and the sea would have devoured them. But they have a remedy in their faith, little as it was, as Christ Himself declares: "O ye of little faith"; they despair not, but hasten to arouse Christ and to obtain His help.

- Martin Luther -



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