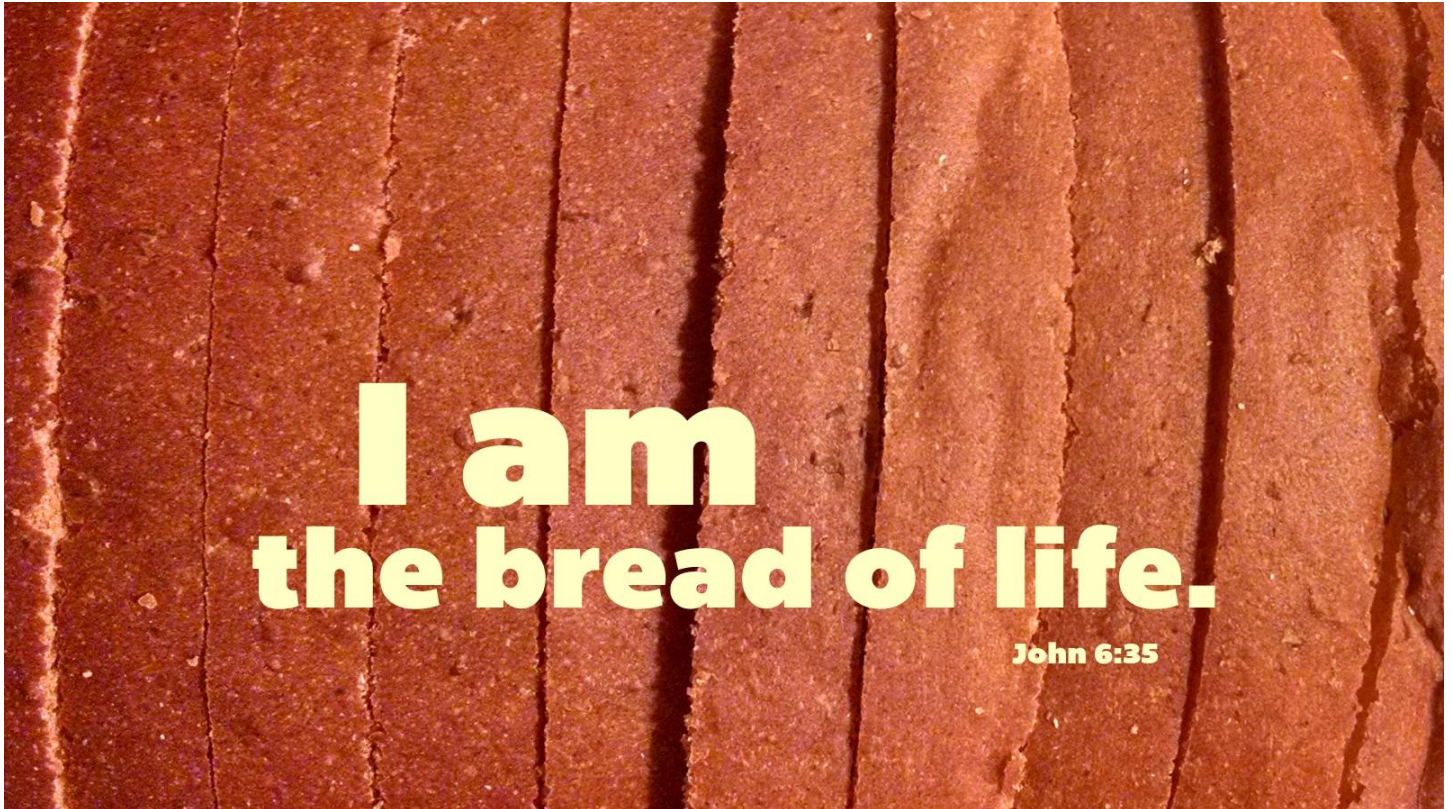


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
August 4, 2024**



**John 6:35**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 4, 2024**

**Greeters This Week:** Youth Group

**Greeters Next Week:** Cathie & Dickie Bettge

**Reader This Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Youth

**Acolyte This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolyte Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Altar Guild This Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Brian Wendel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Jeff Zengerle



**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!

### HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

*May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.*

*(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

*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**

**VBS Presentation – Song: “Count Your Blessings”**

**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:**

**“Here in This Place”**  
*Gather Us In*

**WOV #718**

<sup>1</sup>Here in this place...new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

<sup>2</sup>We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung through-out all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

<sup>3</sup>Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**<sup>4</sup>Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.**

## **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**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us pray,

**C Almighty, eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide that for which by ourselves, we do not even presume to 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*

## AS WE GATHER

The psalmist praised the Lord for satisfying the needs of every living creature. He is near to all who call upon him! God provided food for the Israelites in the wilderness as their hunger was about to overtake them. Jesus proclaimed his true identity as the “bread of life” to those who witnessed the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. God is always at work supplying his children with “daily bread.”

### First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him — what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” <sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

### Responsive Reading

#### Psalm 145:10-22

<sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you.

**<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;**

<sup>12</sup>That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

**<sup>15</sup>The LORD upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

<sup>16</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

**<sup>17</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

**<sup>19</sup>The LORD is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.**

<sup>20</sup>He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and helps them.

<sup>21</sup>**The LORD preserves all those who love him, but he destroys all the wicked.**

<sup>22</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." <sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

*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: John 6:22-35**

L The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **Gospel: John 6:22-35**

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I

say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

*“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

WOV #783

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

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

<sup>3</sup>We do not live by bread ... alone, but by ev’ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth ... of ... God. Allelu, alleluia.

*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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L 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!**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds with "**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.**

## 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.

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

*Stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

L Merciful Father,

**C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
That all those who believe in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation  
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
That we may receive our Lord  
With a living faith as he comes to us  
In his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

## **POST COMMUNION**

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C 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

For those students going off to college, going back to school, their parents, and school staff.



### Isaiah 41:10

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

*Have a Blessed Week!*

<b>Today 8/04</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	9:00 a.m. Sunday School-VBS Recap
		9:00 a.m. Adult Study
		10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion
<b>Mon 8/05</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Tues 8/06</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Office Hours
<i>Pastor @ STCH Seminar in Victoria</i>		
<b>Wed 8/07</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
<b>Thurs 8/08</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Fri 8/09</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>	

### **Next Sun. Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School-Rally Sunday
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship-Backpack Blessing

*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.*

*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, July 28, 2024** General \$1,555.00, MOM – Water Missions \$40.00, Sunday School \$25.00, Old Stone Church \$15.00, Building \$365.00, VBS \$20.00 **Total: \$2,020.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 75, Sunday School - 6 Children, 2 Teacher, Adult Study – 16

### **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](mailto: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 August** **Lutheran Bible Translators**

Over 3500 communities are waiting for the Word of God in the language they understand best. Lutheran Bible Translators partners with local leaders to create translation programs for many such communities who do not have access to God's Word in their native language. Prayers and financial gifts enable them to make the Word more accessible than ever.



## **NALC WAREHOUSE & NALC WAREHOUSE-ROSENBERG**

If you are giving a donation to one of these warehouses, please indicate which one. This designation must be made in order for the funds to be sent to your donation, Minnesota or Texas. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

**For the month of August, the collection for the Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse is the items for flood buckets and health kits.**

### **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.....**

**FYI:** If anyone would be interested in giving to our mission district, please make your check out to "SOUTH TEXAS MISSION DISTRICT". In the MEMO line, write the name of the congregation and Southwest TX Mission District. This will ensure that your mission district is properly credited. The new Treasurer is Pastor Michael Giese and your check should be mailed to his attention at Holy Cross Lutheran Church P.O. Box 301 Rockport, TX 78381.

### **We Are Still Looking for Acolytes**

**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)!**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Sunday School**

Summer Sunday School of Miracles of Jesus ended today. We'd love to continue to see all the children at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 11, 2024 as we kick off the new Sunday School Year with Rally Sunday and Backpack Blessings. We have lots of things planned and can't wait to see you and learn more about our amazing Lord.

**Rally Sunday** will kick off at 9 a.m. with some fun outdoor activities, including a scavenger hunt!

For our **Backpack Blessing**, we invite all children to bring their backpacks to our 10:15 service. As the new school year begins, we will pray over our students and their school bags/supplies, asking for God's protection and guidance throughout the year.

**"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."**

**~Proverbs 22:6~**



### Organ Assistant

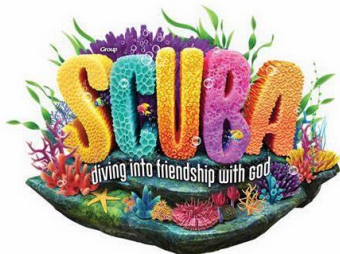
Wanda Hays has graciously agreed to be trained to push the buttons on the organ when and if Bruce should be out. THANK YOU, WANDA!!! After some discussion, we have come to the conclusion that more than one person trained in pushing the buttons would be more ideal. Having more than one person trained is advantageous to us all. Here's your chance to happily "push some buttons". Join Wanda in her learning endeavor and learn to push the organ's buttons. Sometimes two heads are better than one in times like this. Learning together with someone else is more fun and

I also find it builds our confidence because we have someone to help us along.



### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School ended on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Students had fun as they dove into an amazing undersea adventure to experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids were immersed in the Word and discovered what living water is really all about! Look for more information on this exciting adventure in next week's bulletin.



## Join us Online in August!

August 9, 2024 from 6-9 p.m. ET

Join us online Friday, August 9, from 6-9 p.m. ET to hear from Bishop Dan Selbo, participate in elections and voting, and hear updates from across the NALC.

It is easier than ever to attend the **2024 NALC Mission Convocation**. With no need to travel, and minimal registration costs, we encourage all pastors and delegates to attend. All members of your congregation are invited to join in on the livestream as well!

Go to [www.lutheranweek.com](http://www.lutheranweek.com) and select the Register Now tab.

Clergy delegate registration fee: \$25; Lay delegate registration fee: \$25;

Visitor registration fee: \$0 Registration closes Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. ET

Note: You will need ZOOM

### Seeking Donations for the Basement

Renovations of our church basement are nearing completion & the space is looking amazing! This newly transformed space will serve as a safe & fun place for our youth to gather, learn, & grow in their faith.

We deeply appreciate the support & dedication of our congregation in making this dream a reality.

Your investment in our youth is an investment in the future.

To make this space truly welcoming and comfortable, we are seeking donations for furnishing it. If you are able, please consider contributing any of the following items: Big Screen TV (55"+), Game tables (pool, foosball, etc.), game, couches, armchairs, bean bag chairs, coffee bar setup, Keurig machine, fridge, rugs, bookshelves. Every donation, big or small will help create an inviting & engaging environment for our youth. Thank you for your continued support & generosity! If you have any items to donate or would like to contribute financially, please contact Rachel Nessel at (361) 571-9228.

Thank you! ~ Rachel Nessel

## *With Our Deepest Sympathy*



*Please keep the family Steve Cusack in your thoughts & prayers. Steve passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.*

*Please keep the family of John (J.G.) Roller in your thoughts & prayers. John passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2024. He is the uncle of Meliss Eckhardt & Dianna Soliz. May God comfort his family at this time of loss.*

*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

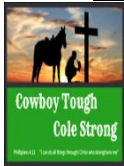
### Altar Flowers

Ray & Linda Boyer had flowers placed on the altar today in loving memory of their son,  
Chad Michael Boyer.

Thank you for allowing us to share in this loving gesture of remembrance of your son

## PRAYER REQUESTS

+ **UPDATE** + *Special Prayers for Cole:* **Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:** Hello everyone!

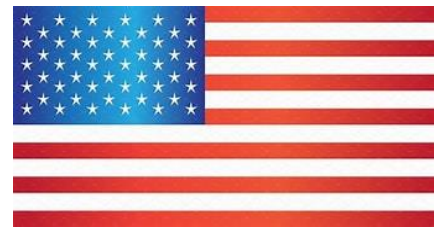


Updating some after the amazing fundraiser for the Cole Ohrt Walk Strong Foundation. It was another sold out event with the building packed with wonderful supporters of this cause. As always, it was humbling to see that many people come out and support something so special to mine and Cole's hearts. 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army  
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL  
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina  
Zach McBrayer – 1<sup>st</sup> LT, U.S. Air Force, Germany



### **For Those Serving in the Armed Forces**

Shepherd and defender of our souls, we pray you would protect and bless those who serve in places of conflict, and for the sake of others, must stand in harm's way. Keep those who serve in armed forces around the world safe in your keeping [especially ...]. Bring them home in safety to their loved ones. Grant healing, courage, and peace of heart to those who return from deployment with wounds both visible and invisible. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

### **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, Ryon Preslar, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Virginia Abrameit, Bea Bagwell, Fred “Sandy” Sanders, Robert Moeller, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Pamela Allen, Ronnie Moeller, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Dean Ohrt, Dennis Harvey, Mike Rangnow, Glenn Nagel; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

### Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



# BACK TO SCHOOL

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## PRAYER GUIDE

**Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our...**

**STUDENTS,** that You would ease their anxiety about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for safety for those returning to in-person classes, and for the needed technology, self-discipline, and adult oversight for those learning online. Would you ensure that every child has enough to eat, a supportive network of friends and family, and perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength?

**PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS,** that You would grant them wisdom about which schooling option to choose. We pray for your provision physically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially. We pray for a support system that they can turn to when the challenges of life are overwhelming. We pray for churches and believers to surround local families with more prayer and support this year than ever before.

**TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF,** that You would grant them supernatural peace and discernment. We pray for wisdom for school district leaders, and for the safety of every staff person on every school campus. May the community rally around our schools to provide the sanitization, supplies, and emotional support needed by our teachers and school staff as they educate our children.

**CHURCH VOLUNTEERS,** that Your faithfulness and goodness would be evident through our actions as we love the students and school staff as You first loved us. Especially amidst this pandemic, grant us opportunities to develop meaningful relationships in safe ways, and may we strive to serve as Jesus did with grace and humility. We pray that students and teachers would see You through us.

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*P.S. Ask your school for specific prayer requests!*





## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

God wishes to show us how he cares for us in all our needs and faithfully provides for our daily sustenance. Although he gives and provides these blessings bountifully... yet he wishes us to ask for them so that we may realize that we have received them from his hand and may recognize in them his fatherly goodness toward us.

~ Martin Luther~

The Lord's Prayer, Large Catechism



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