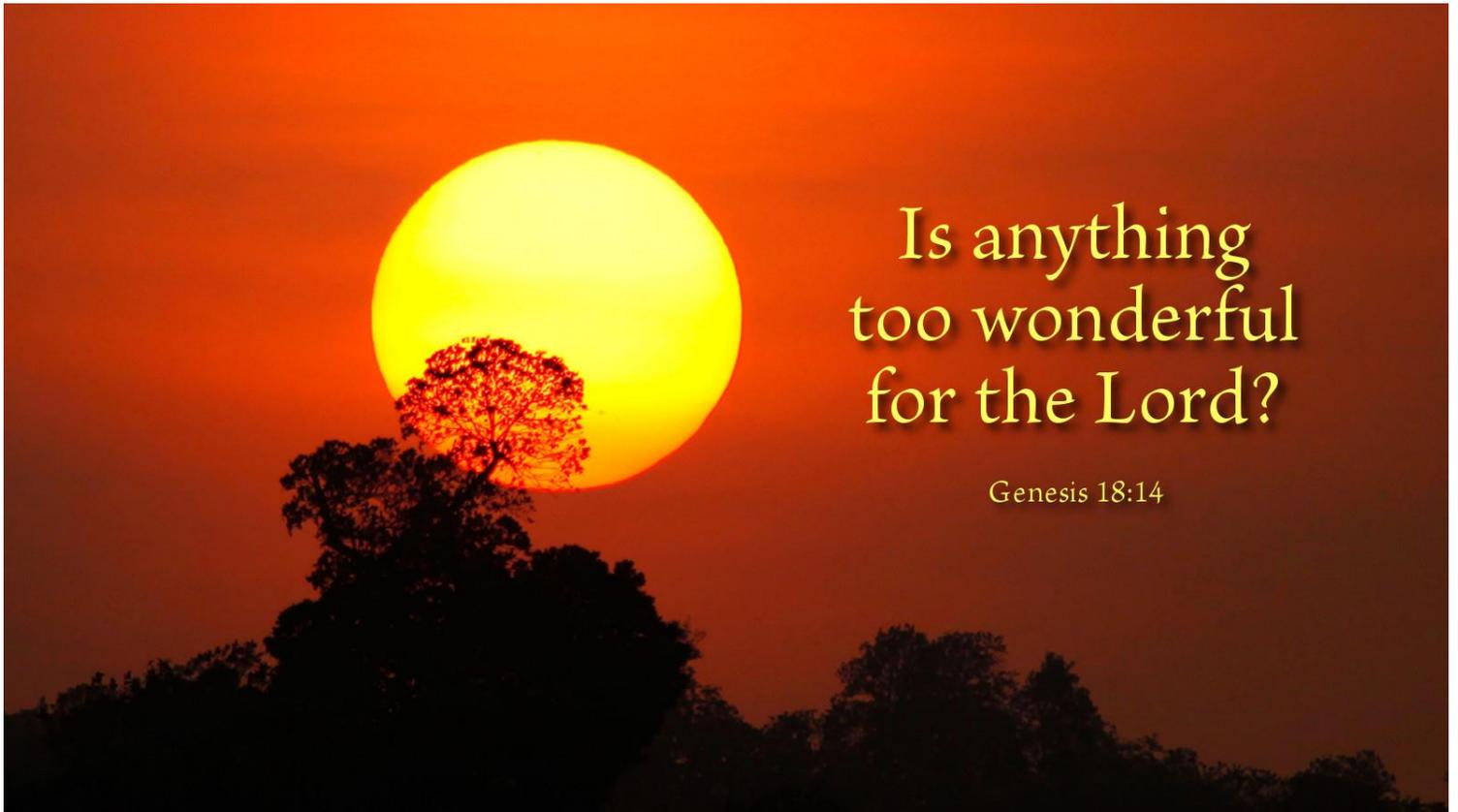


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
July 20, 2025**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Is anything
too wonderful
for the Lord?

Genesis 18:14

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Greeters This Week: Marv & Norrean Sager

Greeters Next Week: Meliss & Morris Eckhardt

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolyte This Week:

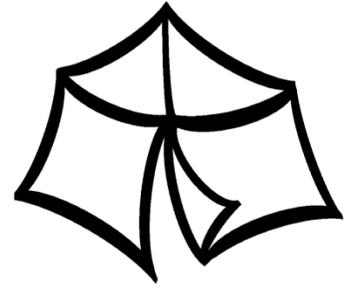
Acolyte Next Week:

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt



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.

AS WE GATHER

Martha is as busy as any person can be, tending to the household chores and working hard to serve Jesus a meal. We don't know if she enjoys her work, only that she is sorely anxious over it and resentful of her sister's attention to Jesus. What Martha considers idleness, Jesus renames "the good portion." Our Lord calls us to seek his face, then sit at his feet, and to be fully present with him as he is fully present.

PRELUDE:

"Voluntary"

Samuel Priestly Taylor

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:

"When Peace, like a River"

LBW #346

¹When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

²Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this calm assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

**³He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**⁴And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.**

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 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a [10b-14]

¹The LORD appeared to {Abraham} by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O LORD, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ^{10a}The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." [^{10b}And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."]

Responsive Reading

Psalm 27:[1-6] 7-18

[¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

³Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

⁶To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.]

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁴**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.**

¹⁵Show me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

¹⁶**Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.**

¹⁷What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁸**O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the LORD.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:21-29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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: Luke 10:38-42

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

¹My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

²When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

³His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

⁴When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

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:

“Close to Thee”

Silas J. Vail

(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:

"Morning Song"

James Denton



Proverbs 18:10

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

[This verse is a reminder of God's protection and safety, especially in the unpredictable moments of life. As we journey through July, we can rest in the knowledge that God is our refuge and strong tower.]

www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-july

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 7/20	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Mon 7/21	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Tues 7/22	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 7/23	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 7/24	9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 7/25	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Office Hours
Sat 7/26	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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



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.

Have a Blessed Week!



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.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 12, 2025 General \$500.00, **Total: \$500.00**

Attendance: Worship – 6

Sunday, July 13, 2025 General \$3,920.00, MOM (July) – Water Mission \$100.00, Sunday School \$26.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$50.00, Building \$200.00, Youth \$1,000.00, Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse \$2,000.00; **Total: \$7,316.00**

Attendance: Worship – 73, Sunday School – 5 Children, 2 Teachers, Adult Study – 12

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!!!



Texas Hill Country Flooding Donations

As informed by John Conrad from the NALC, flood buckets are what are exactly needed at this time. Gift cards to Home Depot/Lowe's/Walmart are also still best for the time being. Please write the amount and purchase date on the gift cards.

Lord, we pray for the Texas Hill Country communities to come together despite devastation everywhere they look. We thank You that during this dark time, You are lighting beacons of hope for families, friends, and rescuers to cling to. Help them stay encouraged despite the slow recovery process, and we pray that these communities will only increase in strength and love as they rebuild. AMEN!

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/an-urgent-prayer-for-the-texas-flash-flood-victims-and-their-families.html>



More specific prayers for the Texas Hill Country can be found at the URL above. I'm sure there are others, but this gives those of us something to start with if we just can't find the words.

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, national warehouse or Texas warehouse. *Rosenberg Warehouse checks need to be written out to Peace Lutheran Church with Rosenberg Warehouse on the memo line.*

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Flood Bucket?

- 1 five gallon bucket with lid
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 powder scouring cleanser (like comet)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)
- 1 pair leather gloves (size L preferred)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)
- 2 rags

What's in a Heath Care Kit?

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth (optional)
- 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers (optional)

We will also be collecting new and gently used Bibles of any language as well as prayer books for Disaster Relief. If you have questions, please contact Cathie Bettge. Thank you!

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

We will be collecting a bar of soap (or 2 if travel size) for the month of July for the Rosenberg warehouse.

Additional Donations: Used Portals of Prayers are also being collected and delivered to Victoria Christian Assistance Ministries in Victoria. If you have questions, please contact Margie Swannack. Thank you!

Mission of the Month for July - Water Mission

Not only does this nonprofit build safe water solutions for people in developing countries, it answers the call right here in the United States. When Asheville, NC lost its municipal water system during Hurricane Helene, Water Mission stepped in to enable the school to filter its own municipal water on the high school campus so students could get back to school. Water Mission distributed 1,100 generators to power homes and wells and provided more than 457,000 gallons of safe water to this area.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-

*Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God!
All youth are welcome — we'd love to see you there!*

***"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
~Proverbs 22:6~***

Each Sunday - Portals of Prayer –

July - September Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Monday, July 21, 2025 – Finance Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 – Council Meeting

Saturday, July 26, 2025 – Youth Group Meeting

Youth group will meet on July 26, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided at the youth group meeting.

ALSO: Needing more volunteers from the Youth Group for VBS. Please get with Sara to find out what is needed.

Saturday, July 26, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, July 26, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, July 27, 2025 – Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser

You're invited to the **Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser** on **Sunday, July 27!** We'll start the day at **10:30am** with music by our amazing Summer Staff, followed by a **worship service** led by Rev. Michael Knippa, Congregational Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran in Austin. Then, stick around for a **delicious BBQ lunch** and our always-fun **live & silent auctions** starting at **1pm** It's the perfect chance to reconnect with Camp Lone Star family and friends, and support Camp's mission to transform lives through adventurous Christ-centered experiences. For more information, visit camplonestar.org/bbq-auction-fundraiser/.

July 28 – August 1 – Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 28–August 1 from 8:30 a.m. to noon! This year's theme, *True North: Trusting God in a Wild World*, takes kids ages 3 to 12 on an exciting Alaskan adventure as they discover that Jesus is our faithful guide—our True North. Through fun activities and stories from the Gospel of Matthew, children will learn to trust God no matter what wild twists life brings! Registration is open now—scan the QR code or contact Rachel Nessel at 361-571-9228 for more information.

VBS is in need of more volunteers to help during the week of July 28-August 1 from 8:30 – Noon! Please contact Rachel Nessel at 361-571-9228 if you are interested in helping.

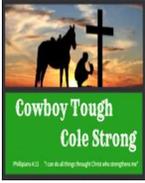
August 3 – Vacation Bible School Sunday

August 10 – Rally Sunday/Backpack Blessing

I want to take a minute and thank the congregation for the warm welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church. A special thank you to Trish Hood and Dean Ohrt for sponsoring me on my baptism as well. I can't thank Pastor John enough for mentoring my way and the prayers as I navigated through and Ray for being by my side and supporting me. I look forward to worshipping with you all.

Nancy Butler





PRAYER REQUESTS

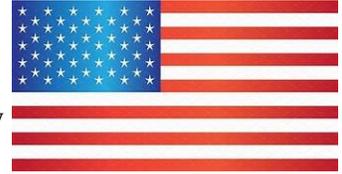
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 2, 2025): Before going to sleep I just wanted to wish Cole a happy birthday. He is definitely the most amazing young man I've ever known and I'm lucky enough to be his mother. He had definitely been dealt a very difficult hand in his life but he has handled with more grace and faith than I think I ever could. God has definitely given Cole the grace and strength to deal with this life but I am proud of Cole for accepting these gifts from God. He does give a choice – we can accept His grace or turn our back on it and become bitter. I am so thankful Cole hasn't chosen the latter. I love you baby boy.♥

+ 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 Cavazos
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas
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 – 1st LT, U.S. Air Force, Germany



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, Fred "Sandy" Sanders, Ryler James Jacob, Billy Guenther, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Christy Johns, Beatrice Fagg, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Elizabeth Beard, Ray Butler, Cathie Bettge, Nick Picard, Jonathan Ideus, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, Kelsi Boehm, Family of Travis Schley; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.



Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



We want to send our deepest sympathy to the Family of Travis Schley who passed away Thursday, July 10, 2025. We especially send our condolences to his wife, Kristen and his sons, Tucker & Cooper. May his family find peace and comfort in you, O Lord.

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"We should learn to wait for God. No matter how other things turn out - whether a persecution comes upon us instead of the presence of God which we had expected and which He had promised or whether we feel the wrath of God instead of the grace of God - we should say: I believe. I am baptized. I have absolution. I have the divine promise of grace and mercy."

~ Martin Luther ~

On Genesis 26:14-16



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