

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
August 31, 2025**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Psalm 131:3**

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 31, 2025

**Greeters This Week:** Youth Group

**Greeters Next Week:** The Newman Family

**Reader This Week:** Kaleigh Newman

**Reader Next Week:** Shelby Newman

**Acolyte This Week:**

**Acolyte Next Week:**

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**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.*

# SERVICE of PRAYER & PRAISE in WORD & SONG

**GATHERING SONGS –  
RINGING of the BELL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRAISES & CONCERNS**

*Stand* (As you are able)

Pastor John In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen**

Reader 1 Our opening song is “Rest On Us”

**“REST ON US” – Housefires / David Funk / Bethel Music / Nick Day**

**As the Spirit was moving over the waters**

**Spirit, come move over us**

**Come rest on us, Come rest on us**

**As the Spirit was moving over the waters**

**Spirit, come move over us**

**Come rest on us, Come rest on us**

**Come down**

**Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound**

**When You fill the room**

**You're here and I know You are moving**

**I'm here and I know You will fill me**

**Come down**

**Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound**

**When You fill the room**

**You're here and I know You are moving**

**I'm here and I know You will fill me**

**As Spirit was moving over the waters**

**Spirit, come move over us**

**Come rest on us, Come rest on us**

**Like Fire and wind, come and do it again**

**Open up the gates, let Heaven on in**

**Come rest on us, Come rest on us**

**Come down  
Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room  
You're here and I know You are moving  
I'm here and I know You will fill me  
Come down  
Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room  
You're here and I know You are moving  
I'm here and I know You will fill me**

**Oh Holy Spirit, come rest on us  
You're all we want, You're all we want  
Oh Holy Spirit, come rest on us  
You're all we want, You're all we want  
Oh Holy Spirit, come rest on us  
You're all we want, You're all we want**

**Come down  
Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room  
You're here and I know You are moving  
I'm here and I know You will fill me  
Come down  
Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound  
When You fill the room  
You're here and I know You are moving  
I'm here and I know You will fill me**

Composer, Lyricist: Jonathan Jay - Producer Ben Fowler

Reader 1 (You may be seated) **A message from John Chapter 14: verses 25 & 26**

(Jesus said to them) "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

The twelve disciples followed Jesus and were with him for three years. They heard him preach and they saw Him perform miracles daily, so many that, even John writes in chapter 20, verse 30 & 31, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing

you may have life in His name.” Even the twelve needed to be refreshed in their knowledge of Jesus, and so God empowers us with the Holy Spirit. We just need to be receptive to his work in us. And so, in this church season of Pentecost, we celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit. We ask the Spirit’s presence to fill this room, to fill us, remind us of Christ’s teaching, move us to action in our daily lives.

Reader 2 Please join me in prayer:

**C Heavenly Father with joy we celebrate the Holy Spirit. May his presence move within us and make “our heart pound”, may we be refreshed, filled with the Spirit, to block out the sinfulness of this world. Let the Spirit’s presence be all we want. In your name we pray.  
Amen.**

Reader 3 This world is full of sin and hatred. Here in this world Satan tries to wrestle us away from our Father. His most effective weapon is fear. The devil whispers to us, and then, when begin to listen, he adds doubt, and tries to weaken our faith.

**“FEAR HE IS A LIAR” – Zach Williams**

**When he told you you’re not good enough**

**When he told you you're not right**

**When he told you you’re not strong enough**

**To put up a good fight**

**When he told you you're not worthy**

**When he told you you're not loved**

**When he told you you're not beautiful**

**That you'll never be enough**

**Fear he is a liar, He'll take your breath**

**Stop you in your steps**

**Fear he is a liar, He will rob your rest**

**Steal your happiness**

**Cast your fear in the fire, Cause fear he is a liar**

**When he told you were troubled**

**You'll forever be alone**

**When he told you should run away**

**You'll never find a home**

**When he told you were dirty**

**And you should be ashamed**

**When he told you could be the one**

**That grace could never change**

**Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears  
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel  
Fear he is a liar, He'll take your breath  
Stop you in your steps  
Fear he is a liar, He will rob your rest  
Steal your happiness  
Cast your fear in the fire, Cause fear he is a liar**

**Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears  
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel  
Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears  
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel  
Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears  
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel  
Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears  
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel**

**Fear he is a liar, He'll take your breath  
Stop you in your steps  
Fear he is a liar, He will rob your rest  
Steal your happiness  
Cast your fear in the fire  
Cause fear he is a liar  
Cause fear He is a liar**

Songwriters: Zach Williams/Jason Ingram/Jonathan Smith

**“PEACE BE STILL” – Hope Darst**

**I don't want to be afraid, Every time I face the waves  
I don't want to be afraid, I don't want to be afraid  
I don't want to fear the storm, Just because I hear it roar  
I don't want to fear the storm, I don't want to fear the storm  
Peace be still, Say the word and I will  
Set my feet upon the sea, Till I'm dancing in the deep  
Peace be still, You are here so it is well  
Even when my eyes can't see  
I will trust the voice that speaks  
I'm not gonna be afraid, 'Cause these waves are only waves  
I'm not gonna be afraid, No I'm not gonna be afraid**

**And I'm not gonna fear the storm, You are greater than it's roar  
Oh I'm not gonna fear the storm, No I'm not gonna fear at all**

**Peace be still, Say the word and I will  
Set my feet upon the sea, Till I'm dancing in the deep  
Peace be still, You are here so it is well  
Even when my eyes can't see, I will trust the voice that speaks  
Peace, peace over me**

**You speak peace**

**Let faith rise up, O heart believe  
Let faith rise up in me  
Let faith rise up, O heart believe  
Let faith rise up in me**

**Let faith rise up, O heart believe  
Let faith rise up in me**

**Oh let faith rise up, O heart believe  
Let faith rise up in me**

**Peace be still, Say the word and I will  
Set my feet upon the sea, Till I'm dancing in the deep oh  
Peace be still  
You are here so it is well, Even when my eyes can't see  
I will trust the voice that speaks  
Peace, peace over me**

**I hear You speaking, Peace, peace over me**

**Oh peace, Over me  
You speak peace, You speak peace  
Over me**

**You speak peace  
You speak peace  
You speak peace**

Reader 1 John Chapter 14, in verse 27, Jesus continues speaking to His disciples and likewise to us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Jesus spoke His peace, as the words of our previous song stated. "Even when my eyes can't see, I

will trust the voice that speaks.” Jesus continues to speak thru His words in the scriptures, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we can come to know a peace that we can’t know on our own. In our next song David Crowder expresses the shame of the sinfulness we all share. Crowder nor any of us were in the crowd roaring for Christ’s crucifixion but it was our sin that put him there on the cross to die for all sin. His resurrection and victory over death gives us hope. In Romans 5:5 Paul tells us, “and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” It is the hope that comes from the “red letters” in the Bible, Jesus’s words, that set us free from the prison of sin. By the gift of grace, our destiny is changed, we are given life eternal.

### **“RED LETTERS” - Crowder**

**There I was on death row, Guilty in the first degree  
Son of God hanging on a hill, Hell was my destiny  
The crowd was shouting crucify ,  
Could’ve come from these lips of mine  
The dirty shame was killing me  
It would take a miracle to wash me clean**

**Then I read the red letters, And the ground began to shake  
The prison walls started falling, And I became a free man that day  
Felt like lightning hit my veins, My dead heart began to beat  
Breath of God filled my lungs, And the Holy Ghost awakened me  
Yeah, the Holy Ghost awakened me**

**When I read the red letters, And the ground began to shake  
The prison walls started falling, And I became a free man that day  
For God so loved the whole wide world,  
Sent his only Son to die for me  
Arms spread wide for the whole wide world  
His arms spread wide where mine should be  
Jesus changed my destiny**

**Thank You, God, for red letters, When the ground began to shake  
The prison walls started falling, And I am a free man today  
The prison walls started falling  
And I am a free man today**

## **“O COME TO THE ALTAR” – Elevation Worship**

**Are you hurting or broken within?,**

**Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?**

**Jesus is calling,**

**Have you come to the end of yourself?**

**Do you thirst for a drink from the well?**

**Jesus is calling**

**O come to the altar, The Father’s arms are open wide**

**Forgiveness was bought with, The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes ,**

**Come today there's no reason to wait**

**Jesus is calling**

**Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy,**

**From the ashes, a new life is born**

**Jesus is calling**

**O come to the altar, The Father’s arms are open wide**

**Forgiveness was bought with, The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

**Forgiveness was bought with, The precious blood**

**Oh, what a Savior, Isn’t he wonderful?**

**Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen**

**Bow down before Him, For he is Lord of all**

**Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen**

**O come to the altar,**

**The Father’s arms are open wide**

**Forgiveness was bought with**

**The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

**O come to the altar,**

**The Father’s arms are open wide**

**Forgiveness was bought with**

**The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Leader 2 From **Matthew 11: 28 & 29** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Kaleigh **Children’s Message**

**“GRAVES INTO GARDENS” – Elevation Worship**

**I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade  
Are never enough.**

**Then you came along, and put me back together  
And every desire, is now satisfied  
Here in your love**

**Oh, there's nothing better than You, there's nothing better than you  
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than you.**

**Now I'm not afraid to show you my weakness,  
My failures and flaws, Lord you've seen them all,  
And You still call me friend.**

**Cause the God of the mountain, is the God of the valley  
And there's not a place, Your mercy and grace  
Won't find me again.**

**Oh there's nothing better than You, There's nothing, better than you  
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than you.**

**You turn mourning to dancing, . . . . you give beauty for ashes . . . .  
You turn shame into glory, you're the only one who can**

**You turn graves into gardens, . . . . you turn bones into armies . . . .  
You turn seas into highways, you're the only one who can  
You're the only one who can.**

**Oh there's nothing better than You, There's nothing better than you  
Lord there's nothing, Nothing is better than you.**

**Oh there's nothing better than You, There's nothing better than you  
Lord there's nothing, Nothing is better than you.**

**You turn graves into gardens, . . . . You turn bones into armies . . . .  
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can  
You're the only one who can.  
You're the only one who can.**

**Psalm "STILL WATERS" (Psalm 23) – Leanna Crawford**

**Great Aunt Maurine said at, a hundred and three  
Write scripture on your heart for when you need it  
'Cause, anxiety hates, Psalm 23  
So just say it to yourself 'til you believe it  
And I'm feeling like I'm needing it right now**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want  
He leads me by still waters 'til my fears are gone  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Oh, I know You are with me, my Father, my friend  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days  
I know by Your still waters, I'm safe**

**Lord, I believe You can set me at ease  
Turn this broken piece in me, to peace and quiet  
I know there's power, in Your word  
So I'll say it over and over 'til my soul's reminded**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want  
He leads me by still waters 'til my fears are gone  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Oh, I know You are with me, my Father, my friend  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days  
I know by Your still waters, I'm safe**

**Still waters run through, any valley I could find  
I'm laying fear down, here at Heaven's riverside  
Your word has been true, in every season of my life  
I believe, yes, I believe, still waters run through  
Any valley I could find  
I'm laying fear down here at Heaven's riverside  
Your word has been true in every season of my life  
I believe, yes, I believe**

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want  
He leads me by still waters 'til my fears are gone  
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Oh, I know You are with me, my Father, my friend  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days  
I know by Your still waters, I'm safe**

Writer(s): Justin Richards, Jonathan Gamble, Leanna Crawford

**Gospel**     **John 15:5-8**     (Please stand as you are able)  
{Jesus said,} “<sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, it is he that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**Sit**            **MESSAGE**

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

**C**              **And also with you.**

**Sharing the Peace**

**Offering**     **“COUNTING MY BLESSINGS” – Seph Schlueter**

(Sing while offering is collected)

**It's like it was yesterday  
I was a praying for a miracle  
Scared to have a little hope  
And now looking back today  
Seeing all the things You've done  
I can't even add them up**

**One, two, three up to infinity  
I'd run out of numbers  
Before I could thank You, for everything**

**God, I'm still counting my blessings  
For all that You've done in my life  
The more that I look in the details  
The more of Your goodness I find  
Father on this side of heaven  
I know that I'll run out of time  
But I will keep counting my blessings  
Knowing I can't count that high**

**And I know that seasons, never last forever  
So, God I will remember, all of the reasons  
My heart has to be grateful  
All the times You've been faithful to me**

**God, I'm still counting my blessings  
For all that You've done in my life  
The more that I look in the details**

**The more of Your goodness I find  
Father on this side of heaven  
I know that I'll run out of time  
But I will keep counting my blessings  
Knowing I can't count that high**

**Oh, I can't count that high  
(High, oh, high)  
(Oh, Your goodness, Your goodness)**

**One, two, three up to infinity  
I'd run out of numbers  
Before I could thank You, for everything**

**God, I'm still counting my blessings  
For all that You've done in my life  
The more that I look in the details (the details)  
The more of Your goodness I find  
Father on this side of heaven  
I know that I'll run out of time  
But I will keep counting my blessings  
Knowing I can't count that high  
I will keep counting my blessings  
Knowing I can't count that high**

Songwriters: Jonathan Gamble / Jordan Douglas Sapp / Seph Schlueter

**Pastor John      PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed it 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 unto 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

**Song "WHO YOU ARE TO ME" – Chris Tomlin & Lady A**

**Some people think You're distant, just some words on a page  
That You're nothing more than fables handed down along the way  
But I've seen You part the waters  
When no one else could pull me from the deep  
That's who You are to me**

**Some people think You just live in cathedrals made of stone  
But I know You live inside my heart, I know that it's Your home  
And I've seen You in a sunset  
And in the eyes of a stranger on the street  
That's who You are to me**

**You're amazing, faithful, love's open door  
When I'm empty, You fill me with hunger for more  
Of Your mercy, Your goodness  
Lord, You're the air that I breathe  
That's who You are to me  
Who You are to me**

**Sometimes I have my doubts, I'm sure that everybody does  
And I wonder when I stumble, am I still worthy of Your love?  
But I know that I get stronger  
When I'm talking to You down on my knees  
You're everything I need**

**You're amazing, faithful, love's open door  
When I'm empty You fill me with hunger for more  
Of Your mercy, Your goodness  
Lord, You're the air that I breathe  
That's who You are to me  
Who You are to me**

**You're forever, Holy  
You're the Lamb who, is worthy  
My forgiveness (my forgiveness), my healer (my healer)  
The Messiah, my Redeemer**

**You're amazing, faithful, love's open door  
When I'm empty You fill me with hunger for more  
Of Your mercy, Your goodness  
Lord, You're the air that I breathe  
(Lord, You're the air I breathe)  
That's who You are**

**You are greater, higher, over it all  
In Your presence, Jesus, I stand in awe  
Of Your mercy, Your goodness  
Lord, You're the air that I breathe  
That's who You are to me**

**That's who You are  
That's who You are  
That's who You are  
That's who You are to me  
That's who You are  
That's who You are  
That's who You are  
That's who You are to me**

Writer(s): Dave Haywood, Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley, Chris Tomlin

Reader 4 **Mark 8:27-29** - Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."

Reader 4 So that brings us to the personal question of our own faith. "Who do you say I am?" Is our answer the same or do we have one version on Sunday and a more sterilized version for the rest of the week? What do we say if asked by someone struggling with a question of faith or how do we answer to someone seeking out Christ? And finally do our actions in our daily life help us reveal what it means to be a Christian or do our actions convict us before we can speak a word?

**Song "PREACH" - Ryan Stevenson / Matt Hammitt**

**I talk about grace, I talk about love  
I talk about faith, But some days I don't have enough  
I talk about forgiveness, Still learning how to give it  
Lord, I need your strength, to live what I believe  
I want my life to preach  
Every breath, every beat, I want my life to preach  
When I'm strong, when I'm weak  
Through valley lows and mountain highs  
Every moment testifies, Further than my words could ever reach  
Lord, I want my life to preach**

I talk about peace, And I talk about hope  
I talk about serving others, But most days I don't  
And I talk about freedom, But gettin' lost in religion  
Lord, give me strength to live what I believe  
'Cause I want my life to preach

Every breath, every beat, I want my life to preach  
When I'm strong, when I'm weak  
Through valley lows and mountain highs  
Every moment testifies, Further than my words could ever reach  
Lord, I want my life to preach

(I want my life to preach)  
(I want my life to preach)

Turn my days into your canvas, Let me stay open-handed  
With a humble heart to serve the least of these (least of these)  
I want my faith to be in action, Let this flame of compassion  
Be louder than every word I speak  
I want my life to preach, I want my life to preach  
I want my life to preach, I want my life to preach

Yeah

Every breath, every beat, I want my life to preach  
When I'm strong, when I'm weak  
Through valley lows and mountain highs  
Every moment testifies  
Further than my words could ever reach  
Lord, I want my life to preach

(I want my life to preach), (I want my life to preach)  
I want my life to preach,  
(I want my life to preach), (I want my life to preach)  
I want my life to preach

Every breath, every beat  
Lord, I want my life to preach

Songwriters: Toby Mckeehan / Paul Wright / Micah Darrel Kuiper / Ryan Stevenson / Bryan Christopher Fowler

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor John Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

**C**           **Thanks be to God!**

**Doxology**           **“PRAISE GOD” – Josh Turner**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Postlude**



## Hebrews 12:1

**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”**

[As we navigate the month of August, this verse encourages us to persevere in our faith journey, shedding any distractions or burdens that hinder our walk with Christ.]

[www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-august](http://www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-august)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

|                   |                                       |                                |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Today 8/31</b> | <b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> |                                |
|                   | 9:00 a.m.                             | Sunday School                  |
|                   | 9:00 a.m.                             | Adult Study                    |
|                   | 10:15 a.m.                            | Worship – Contemporary Service |
| <b>Mon 9/1</b>    | <i>Office Closed</i>                  |                                |
| <b>Tues 9/2</b>   | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.                  | Pastor’s Office Hours          |
|                   | 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.                   | Office Hours                   |
| <b>Wed 9/3</b>    | 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.                   | Office Hours                   |
|                   | 1:30 p.m.                             | Quilters                       |
| <b>Thurs 9/4</b>  | 9:30 a.m.-1:30                        | Office Hours                   |
|                   | 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.                    | Pastor’s Office Hours          |
| <b>Fri 9/5</b>    | <i>Office Closed</i>                  |                                |
| <b>Sat 9/6</b>    | 2:30 p.m.                             | Parish Education Meeting       |
|                   | 6:00 p.m.                             | Evening Worship Service        |

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

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School                                 |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Adult Study                                   |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Confirmation Parent/Student Mtg. in Parsonage |
| 10:15 a.m. | Worship – Holy Communion                      |

## *Have a Blessed Week!*



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Melissa at 361-649-0413.



**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, August 23, 2025** General \$290.00, Old Stone Church \$50.00, Youth \$20.00; **Total: \$360.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 14

**Sunday, August 24, 2025** General \$1,215.00, MOM (August) NALC Seminary \$105.00, Sunday School \$13.00, Building \$160.00, Youth \$25.00; **Total: \$1,518.00**

**Attendance:** Worship –66, Sunday School – 10 Children, 4 Teachers, Adult Study – 9

## **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!!!



## **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.*

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### **NALC Disaster Response**

#### **What's in a Flood Bucket?**

- 1 five gallon bucket with lid** (*check at schools, restaurants, donut shops*)
- 1 roll paper towels** (*Walmart \$0.68*)
- 1 powder scouring cleanser(like comet)** (*Walmart \$0.88*)
- 1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 bottle bleach – small! (1/2 gal. or smaller)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 scrub brush** (*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair rubber gloves (size L preferred, reusable)**  
(*Dollar Tree \$1.75*)
- 1 pair leather gloves(size L preferred)**(*H Depot 3pk/\$6.00*)
- 1 pair cotton gloves (size L preferred)**(*H Depot \$1 ea. or Walmart 6pk/\$5.00*)
- 2 large contractor trash bags (3 mil)**
- 2 rags** (*cut up old bath or beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths*)

#### **What's in a Health Care Kit?**

- 1 bath towel**
- 1 wash cloth (optional)**
- 1 shampoo (2 or 3 if travel size)**
- 1 bar of soap (2or 3 if travel size)**
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)** (*Dollar Tree 4pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)**
- 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)** (*Walmart \$0.77 to \$0.90*)
- 1 comb** (*Dollar Tree 12 pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 deodorant** (*Walmart \$1.18*)
- 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!**

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**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!

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### **Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection**

**During the month of August our collection items will be gift cards to Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, or Tractor Supply (TSC) for the San Saba Texas Hill Country Flood Victims. Please write the amount and purchase date on the gift cards. Melissa will be collecting gift cards in the office to mail all at once to the St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC) in Crawford as directed by Rosenberg Warehouse director, Michael Dittrich.**

Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, plans to be in the San Saba area the Week of August 17 to assess and plan for the long-term recovery.

Fencing supplies are still heavily needed. If someone would like to furnish fencing supplies, the contact for fencing supplies is Brad Williams (325-372-7072).

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### **Mission of the Month for August** **North American Lutheran Church Seminary**

As Pastor Eric Riesen will be stepping down as Seminary president in January, Rev. Dr. Jukka Kaarianen began his role as NALS president remotely from his home in Finland this past June. He brings with him a wealth of global experience in theological education, pastoral ministry, and mission leadership. The NALS is experiencing unprecedented growth with more students than ever before.

***Please put MOM-NALC Seminary on your checks or offering envelope to prevent confusion.***

## **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.

### **Sunday, August 31, 2025 – Contemporary Service**

### **Saturday, September 6, 2025 – Parish Ed Meeting 2:30 PM**

### **Saturday, September 6, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion**

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

### **Sunday, September 7, 2025 – Parent/Student Meeting/Class 9:00 AM**

#### **PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

Parents of this year's confirmation students, there will be a meeting with Pastor John in the Parsonage on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 9:00 AM. Please make sure to attend. First Confirmation class is set to begin following the parent meeting.

### **Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – Women's Bible Study 12:30 PM**

### **Saturday, September 13, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall** We will continue

our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, September 13, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### **Sunday, September 14, 2025 – Confirmation Class 9:00 AM**

### **Sunday, September 14, 2025 – Property Team Meeting 8:00 AM**

### **Sunday, September 14, 2025 – CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING**

#### **Called Congregational Meeting on**

**Sunday, September 14, 2025 after church services**

**to present bids on painting the church and window restoration.**



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Maddie Benson, the director of development for the NALC, followed by lunch. More information is to come in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.

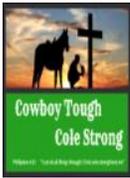
#### **Bunco Party**

The Women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite the ladies and friends of your congregation to come join the fun, Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at Zion Lutheran Church, 12183 FM 236, Victoria, TX 77905. Registration/refreshments is from 6-7 pm and Bunco starts at 7:05 pm. Please RSVP by Saturday, September 20, 2025 to Cass Martignoni (361) 649-3138 or the Church Office (361) 578-5447.

#### **Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Fall Festival**



On Sunday, September 28, 2025, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic church will be holding their annual BBQ Meal, Raffle, & Country Store, & Live Auction starting at 11 AM. Dine-in or to-go plates will be available for \$15 each until 12:30 PM. Please come out and join us.



## 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

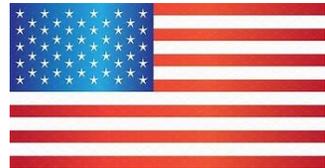
but he has handled with more grace and faith than I think I ever could. God has definitely given Cole the grace and strength to deal with this life but I am proud of Cole for accepting these gifts from God. He does give a choice – we can accept His grace or turn our back on it and become bitter. I am 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, U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas  
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



### 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.

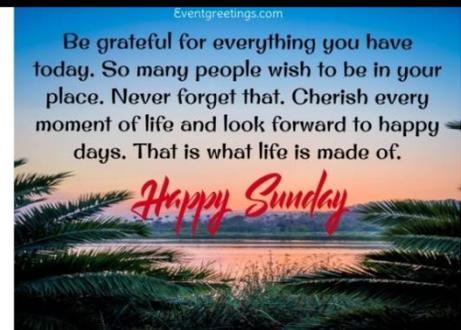
### CHURCH PRAYER LIST:

#### 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, Pam Ficklen, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Clifford Diebel, Nancy Butler; 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

True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue.

~Martin Luther~

## September Prayer List

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*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."  
John 14:27*

### Prayer for Rain

and all-powerful God,

Blessings you give us in heaven  
 ularly the beauty of nature and  
 provides. We come to You in  
 he gift of water to cleanse us,  
 s, and heal us. Please send down  
 , renewing it and nurturing all  
 you shower us with your love,  
 , faith, and trust in You. Send us  
 v continue to care for all living  
 rain after a drought brings us  
 relief when we feel alone and  
 rd, keep us and all living things  
 at we may enjoy the abundance  
 t your wondrous works.

hrough Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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