

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
October 5, 2025**

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 17:6

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church
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Greeters This Week: Dianna & George Soliz

Greeters Next Week: Cathie & Dickie Bettge

Reader This Week: Ayla Nessel

Reader Next Week: Dickie Bettge

Acolyte This Week: Levi Moritz

Acolyte Next Week: Bryson Henkes & Ayla Nessel

Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

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.

AS WE GATHER

God hears us when we are troubled and answers our prayers. Sometimes, though, this requires us to wait and trust in God's perfect timing. This life of discipleship is not always an easy and carefree life; there are persecutions and trials along the way, but the promise is that we can trust God who will increase our faith and keep us from faltering. Meanwhile, we continue to proclaim the good news of Christ.

PRELUDE: "From 18 Short Preludes (Prelude No. 11)"

J. S. Bach

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:

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

WOV #771

**¹Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changes not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

²Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [*Refrain*]

³Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [*Refrain*]

Stand as you are able

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 **Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."

Responsive Reading

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation.

²He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together,
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

⁴They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; lies are their chief delight.

⁵They bless with their lips, but in their hearts they curse.

⁶For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

⁷He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

⁸In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁹Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

¹⁰Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

¹¹On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

**¹²Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹³God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹⁴Steadfast love is yours, O LORD, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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 17:1-10

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹{Jesus} said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly,

and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LBW #534

¹Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

²Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm In this world and the next.

³All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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:

"Faith"

Felix Mendelssohn

(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:

“Praise to the Living God”

Franklin Ritter

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

[Being grateful during both good and challenging times aligns with God's will. This verse encourages us to maintain an attitude of gratitude, reminding us that every circumstance serves a purpose.]

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



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.

Today 10/5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion

Mon 10/6 Office Closed

Tues 10/7 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Wed 10/8 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours
10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 10/9 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

Fri 10/10 Office Closed

Sat 10/11 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
10:15 a.m. Worship

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, September 27, 2025 General \$1,350.00, MOM (September) Christmas in September \$525.00, Youth (playground) \$50.00; **Total: \$1,925.00**

Attendance: Worship – 18

Sunday, September 28, 2025 General \$1,660.00, MOM (September) Christmas in September \$1,670.00, Sunday School \$58.00, Cemetery \$40.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Building \$10,070.00, Youth \$10.00; **Total: \$13,528.00**

Attendance: Worship – 74, Sunday School – 12 Children, 4 Teachers, Adult Study – 7

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 (*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 Heath 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!

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!

Rosenberg Disaster Warehouse Collection

During the month of October our collection items will be **FILLED HEALTH KITS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for October

NALC ADOPT A SEMINARIAN PROGRAM

Your support through the Adopt a Seminarian program is vital to the formation of future pastors and leaders in the North American Lutheran Church. By adopting a seminarian, you offer meaningful encouragement through prayer, personal messages, and, when possible, financial contributions to help fund their seminary journey. Your partnership not only sustains them through the challenges of seminary life but also reminds them that they are not alone on this journey—that the wider church stands with them, investing in their call and the future of Christ's mission.

This is a charity presented by our Reformation Sunday Speaker, Maddie Benson.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may still be picked up and are due back to the church by November 9th, 2025 for display in church. Thank you!

ATTENTION: ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be **Tuesday, October 14, 2025 @ 7 PM** in the Sanctuary. Please at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, and discussion. Thank you, Carol Ann

TEAM LEADERS

Planning for the 2026 Budget starts now! Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Monday, October 13, 2025. Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office after October 3rd. All requests will be considered.

Thank you!

~ St. John Finance Team ~



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 –

October – December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

Sunday, October 5, 2025 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM in Parsonage

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – Worship Team Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – Women's Bible Study

Saturday, October 11, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, October 11, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, October 12, 2025 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM in Parsonage – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

Monday, October 13, 2025 – Budget Requests Due

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – Men's Bible Study

REFORMATION SUNDAY

SAVE THE DATE

On October 26th, 2025, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Maddie Benson, the director of development for the NALC, followed by lunch.

Maddie Benson serves as the Director of Development for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), where she leads strategic initiatives to support the mission and ministry of the church through stewardship, fundraising, and donor engagement. With a strong background in nonprofit development and a deep commitment to faith-based service, Maddie works closely with congregations,

individuals, and partner organizations to cultivate generosity and build sustainable support for the NALC's growing ministries. Her leadership reflects a passion for connecting people to the transformative work of the Gospel through meaningful giving and faithful partnership.



St. John Lutheran Church – Meyersville

Please join us for the following:

EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY

Guest speaker: Maddie Benson, the director of development for the NALC

DATE: Sunday, October 26, 2025

TIME: 9 AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Church Service

Pot Luck Meal to follow

Members of our congregation are asked to bring a side dish and dessert.

PLACE: St. John Lutheran Church

1764 Meyersville Rd

Meyersville

361-277-8653



Invitation

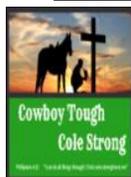
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Victoria has invited our congregation members to attend a Games Night on Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 5:30 PM. Registration - 5:30PM, Meal - 6 PM, & Play Time 7 PM - 9:30 PM for \$10.00 per person. For reservations please call: Pat Dedear 361-676-5087, Ann Gaskamp 361-550-2861, or Church Office 361-575-4305.

Food, Fun, & Fellowship Bunco Invitation

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero has invited our congregation members to join them for food, fun, & fellowship with Bunco on Monday, October 27, 2025. Registration & Light Meal @ 6:00 PM and Games begin @ 7:00 PM. Please RSVP by October 22, 2025 to Marlene Fromme 361-275-4214 or Church Office 361-275-2845. Hope to see you there!

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

Michael Petrash II - 1st LT,
United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL -
USMC, Pensacola, FL



Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina
Zach McBrayer - Captain, 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, MayDell Jacob, Caroline Blain, Clifford Diebel, Nancy Butler, Laurie Pokluda, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda; 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

God loves and hates temptations. He loves them when they provoke us to pray to Him and trust in Him; He hates them when we despair because of them. If you feel well, sing and praise God. If you feel ill, call upon God and pray.

~ Martin Luther ~

From the Dietich-Medler collection of Luther's thoughts (1530)

