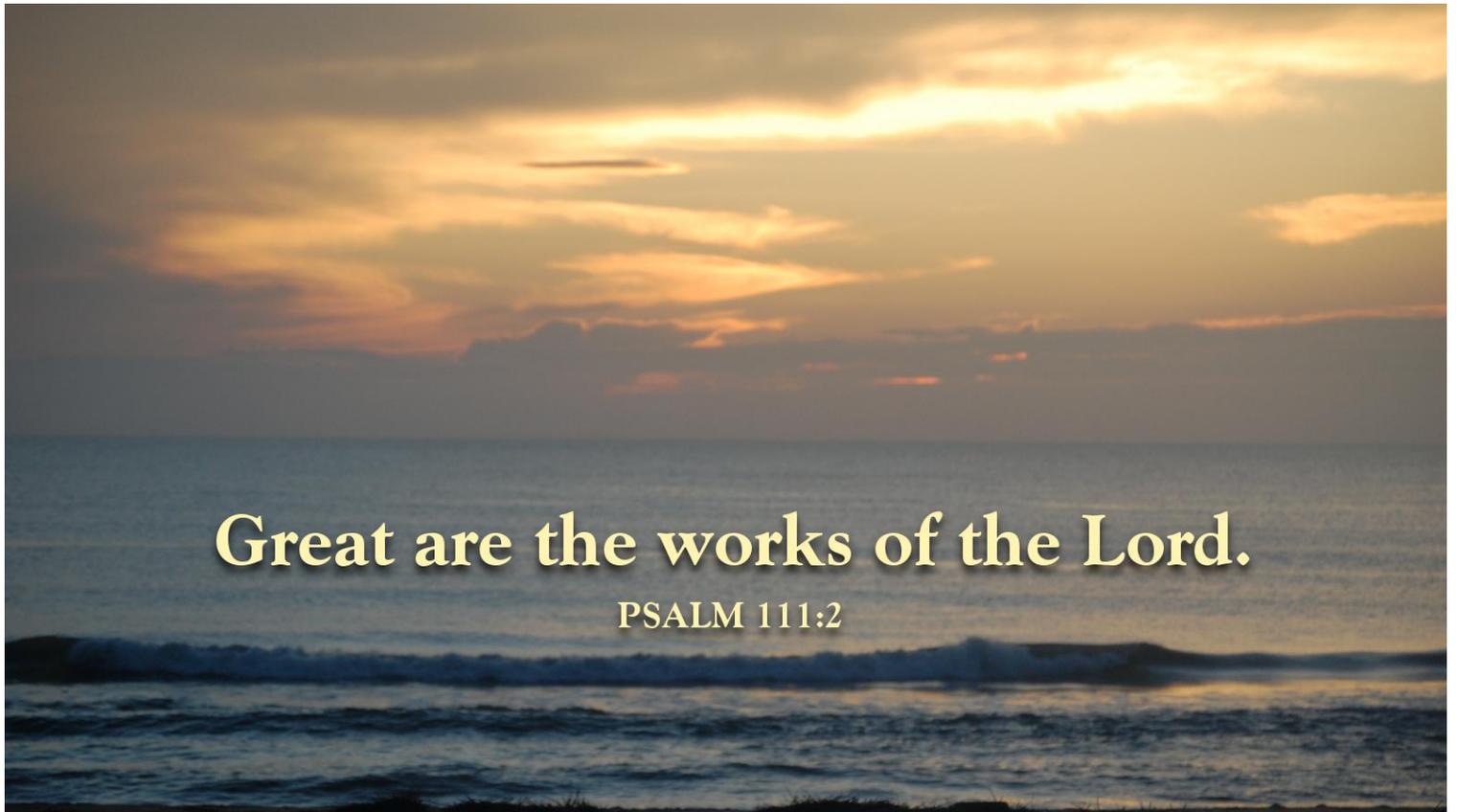


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
October 12, 2025**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Great are the works of the Lord.**

PSALM 111:2

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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**Greeters This Week:** Trish Hood

**Greeters Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader This Week:** Dickie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Ayla Nessel

**Acolyte This Week:** Bryson Henkes & Ayla Nessel

**Acolyte Next Week:** Kinley Leist

**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!

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

## AS WE GATHER

Loyalty is something to cherish as a quality in friends and family. Ruth was a loyal servant to Naomi when both lost their husbands and had to begin again in an impoverished state. The psalmist praised God for his loyalty and steadfast faithfulness to his covenant with Israel. When Jesus healed ten lepers of their disease, there was only one who was grateful and expressed loyalty to Christ, and he was a Samaritan.

**PRELUDE:**

*“Praeludium Quartum”*

**Karlmann Kolb**

**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:**

*“How Great Thou Art”*

**LBW #532**

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

*Refrain:*

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

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

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

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

**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**

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

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray,

**C** **O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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: Ruth 1:1-19a**

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. <sup>19a</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

## Responsive Reading

### Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the LORD! they are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.**

### SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. <sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

*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 17:11-19**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem {Jesus} was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:**

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy "*

**LBW #290**

<sup>1</sup>There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
There's a kind-ness in his jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kind-ly judg-ment giv'n.

<sup>2</sup>There is welcome for the sin-ner, And a prom-ised grace made good;  
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in his blood.  
There is grace e-nough for thou-sands Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh cre-a-tions In that up-per home of bliss.

<sup>3</sup>For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;  
And the heart of the e-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.  
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the head.

<sup>4</sup>Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; It is some-thing more than all:  
Great-er good be-cause of e-vil, Larg-er mer-cy through the fall.  
If our love were but more sim-ple, We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord.

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

*Please be seated*

### **OFFERING:**

***“Lyric Meditation”***

**Sylvia K. Riggs**

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

*Stand as you are able*

### **OFFERTORY**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!**

*(after each petition “Lord in your mercy,” RESPONSE “HEAR OUR PRAYER”)*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Please stand*

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation.  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen**

**HYMN:**

*“On Our Way Rejoicing”*

**LBW #260**

<sup>1</sup>On our way rejoicing Gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; Vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
Who, if we be faithful, Can our hope destroy?

*Refrain*

*On our way rejoicing; As we forward move,  
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!*

<sup>2</sup>Unto God the Father Joyful songs we sing;  
Unto God the Savior Thankful hearts we bring;  
Unto God the Spirit Bow we and adore,  
On our way rejoicing Now and evermore. [*Refrain*]

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE DOXOLOGY:**

**LBW# 565**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:**

*“Praise to the Living God”*

**Franklin Ritter**



### Psalm 145:9

**“The Lord is good to all,  
and His mercy is over all  
that He has made.”**

[God’s goodness is universal, extending to all of creation. This verse encourages us to recognize His mercy in our lives and reflect that kindness to others.]

[www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-october/](http://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 Meliss at 361-649-0413.

## Have a Blessed Week!

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

#### Sun 10/12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

Property Team Meeting  
Sunday School  
Adult Study  
Confirmation Class  
Worship – *Pastor Appreciation Day*

#### Mon 10/13 Office Closed

**\*\*\*Budget Requests due to Finance Team/Office Today!!\*\*\***

**Tues 10/14** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Pastor’s Office Hours  
Office Hours  
Biannual Altar Guild Meeting

**Wed 10/15** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Office Hours  
Quilters  
Men’s Bible Study

**Thurs 10/16** 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.

Office Hours  
Pastor’s Office Hours

#### Fri 10/17 Office Closed

**Sat 10/18** 6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service  
w/Communion

#### Next Sun. Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.

Sunday School  
Adult Study  
Confirmation Class  
Worship w/Communion



**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, October 4, 2025** General \$20.00, Old Stone Church \$50.00; **Total: \$70.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 8

**Sunday, October 5, 2025** General \$2,895.00, MOM (September) Christmas in September \$340.00, MOM (October) NALC Adopt a Seminarian Program \$320.00, CAMAL \$100.00, Old Stone Church \$220.00, SS Mission \$3.00, Building \$1,965.00, Youth \$45.00, Organ \$20.00, Church Renovation \$100.00; **Total: \$6,008.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 76, Sunday School – 5 Children, 3 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](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.*

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

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## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. All requests will be considered.

Thank you!

~ St. John Finance Team ~

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## 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.

### Monday, October 13, 2025 – Budget Requests Due

### Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting @ 7 PM

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

### Saturday, October 18, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall with Communion

We will continue our Evening Worship Service with communion on Saturday, October 18, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

### Sunday, October 19, 2025 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM in Parsonage

### Monday, October 20, 2025 – 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall @ 6:30 PM

– Finance Team Meeting in Parsonage @ 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, October 21, 2025-Thursday, October 23, 2025 – Pastor John is at Pastors' Retreat in Belton

### Thursday, October 23, 2025 – Committee Reports Due

### Friday, October 24, 2025 – Newsletter Deadline

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## **REFORMATION SUNDAY** **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. 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



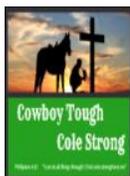
**Invitation**

*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*

**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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Rylar 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, 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

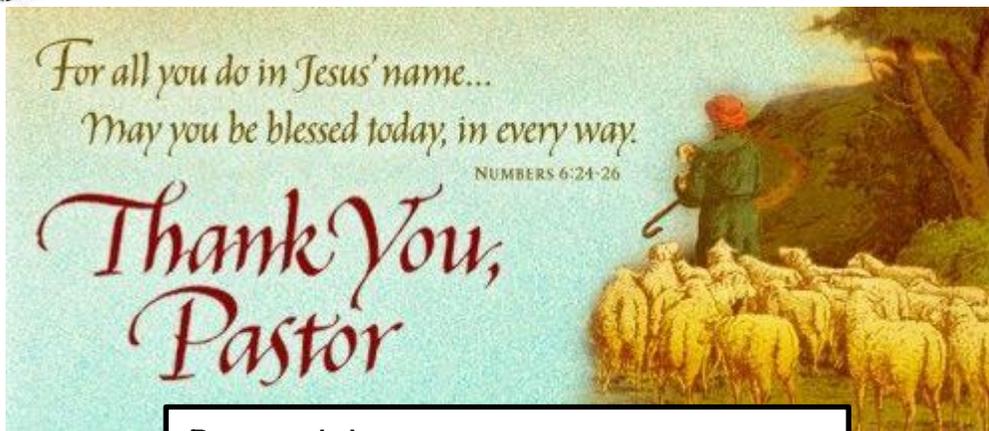


## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

A penitent heart is a rare thing and a great grace; one cannot produce it by thinking about sin and hell. Only the Holy Spirit can impart it.

~Martin Luther~

*March 1521*



Pastor John,  
Thank you for all you do for our church and congregation. May you continue to receive God's blessings as you continue to lead us in knowing God's goodness and mercy. Your ministry is much appreciated.



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For those on church premises wishing to worship in their vehicles, tune in to FM 101.5 at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

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