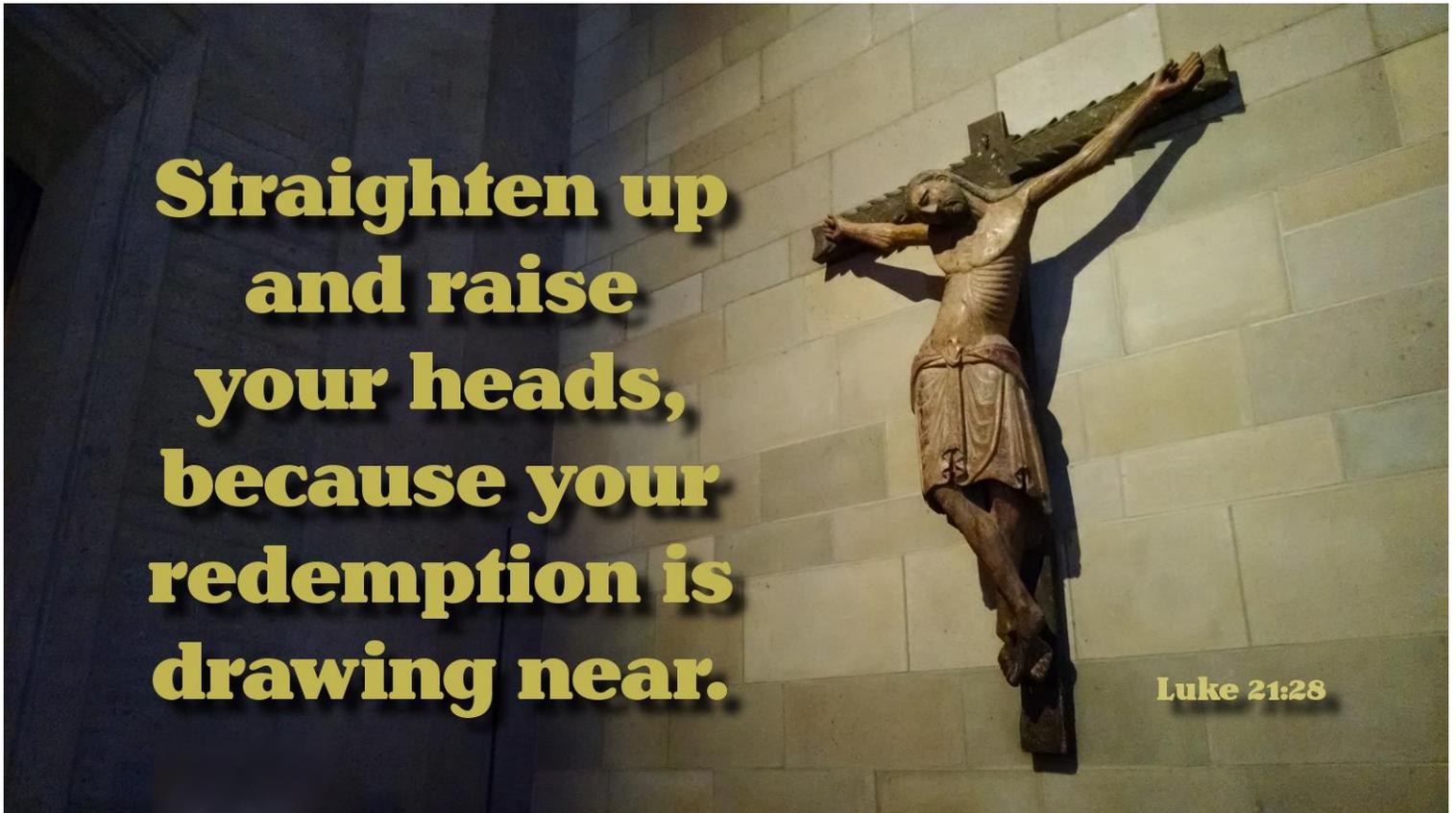


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
November 16, 2025**

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 21:28

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 16, 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: Ayla Nessel

Acolyte Next Week: Kinley Leist

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Jeff Zengerle

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun



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

Jesus explained to all who would listen that the day was coming when the temple would simply be rubble on the ground. Many will come and try to lead them astray, but they are to hold fast to the Word they have come to know as Truth. There are many in our world who seek to lead us astray, but the message is the same now as it was then: Continue in your good work and hold fast to the love of Christ.

PRELUDE:

“Prelude No. 6”

Johann Sebastian 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:

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

LBW #453

**¹If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in Him,
You'll find Him always there beside you,
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.**

**²What gain is there in futile weeping,
In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in His care and keeping,
In sorrow will He love you less?
For He who took for you a cross
Will bring you safe through ev-ry loss.**

**³In patient trust await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure
And all discerning love have sent;
Doubt not your in-most wants are known
To Him who chose you for His own.**

**⁴Sing, pray and keep His ways unswerving,
Offer your service faithfully,
And trust His word; though undeserving,
You'll find His promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.**

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 **Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 98

¹Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

³The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:[1-5] 6-13

[¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.] ⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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 21:5-28 [29-36]

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, {Jesus} said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And {the disciples} asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for

those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” [²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”]

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

WOV #801

¹Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
‘thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

²Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

³Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
’then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

⁴Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

⁵Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

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:

"Cantilena"

John Scriveyner

(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:

"Prelude in C Major"

Johann Sebastian Bach

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN



Colossians 4:2

**“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.”**

[As we head into the final months of the year, this verse calls us to be consistent in prayer and maintain a thankful attitude, no matter what happens. It serves as a practical guide for spiritual discipline in November.]

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

Today 11/16 Twenty-Third 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 11/17 Office Closed
1:30 p.m. Repairing of Chrismon Ornaments

Tues 11/18 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours

Wed 11/19 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thurs 11/20 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Office Hours
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
*****Committee Reports Due*****

Fri 11/21 Office Closed
*****Newsletter Deadline*****

Sat 11/22 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Polka Service

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, November 8, 2025 General \$200.00, Youth \$50.00; **Total: \$250.00**

Attendance: Worship – 16

Sunday, November 9, 2025 General \$2,730.00, MOM (November) Christmas Family \$200.00, Sunday School \$30.00, Cemetery \$40.00, Building \$620.00, Youth \$25.00, Church Reno \$40.00;
Total: \$3,685.00

Attendance: Worship – 65, Sunday School – 5 Children, 3 Teachers, Adult Study – 9

FOUND

I have a pair of glasses in the church office that were found in the church restroom this past week. If you are missing them, please let me know or come by to pick them up. Thank you! ~ Meliss

FOUND

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 November our collection items will be **POWDER CLEANSER (ex. Comet) & SCRUB BRUSHES** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for November **Christmas Family**

This November the Mission Evangelism Team has chosen twin 14 year old children (boy and girl) for our Christmas gift giving. The children and family lost their Cheapside Road home to a fire in early October. Please see Pam Haun after church if you are interested in helping to bring some joy to these children by buying a gift for them. Pam has a list of some of their needs and wants. Teenagers might appreciate a gift card to KN Drive-in, Whataburger, or McDonalds. Possibly a Walmart gift card would help fill in the needs also. It would be helpful if you would bring the gift to church wrapped and labeled BOY or GIRL by December 17th.

Reader/Greeter Sign-Up Sheet

Please consider being a reader and/or greeter next year. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or please call the office. Thank you!

Nursing Home Visitors

Virginia Abrameit would like to let everyone know that the list of Nursing Home Visitors will remain the same as last year unless someone would like to be added, removed, or moved to a different month. At this time, January is open if anyone is interested in filling this spot. Thank you for your time and effort in visiting our church members who are in the nursing home. You are each greatly appreciated.

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, November 17, 2025 – Chrismon Ornament Repair @ 1:30 PM

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – Old Stone Church Meeting @ 9 AM

– Youth Group Meeting @ 6:30-8:00 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Thursday, November 20, 2025 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, November 21, 2025 – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, November 22, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, November 22, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – Confirmation @ 9 AM

– Polka Service @ 10:15 AM

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 – Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7 PM

Thursday, November 27, 2025 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Saturday, November 29, 2025 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall

We will continue our Evening Worship Service on Saturday, November 22, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be an alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Saturday or Sunday, November 29th or 30th, 2025 – Church Christmas Decorating

Watch bulletin for further information on this event.

Poinsettia Orders

Don't forget the last day to order a poinsettia to honor or remember a loved one is

Sunday, November 23, 2025.

The order will be placed after church and no other orders will be accepted after that.

**Plan ahead to come help repair
Chrismon Ornaments on
Monday, November 17, 2025 @
1:30 PM in the parish hall.
Thank you!!!**



Cornucopia

Donations of garden fresh items as well as store bought items of fruits and vegetables are very much appreciated and can be brought to the church at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26th. Volunteers will assemble the cornucopia for the Thanksgiving Eve service. You may pick your items up after the Thanksgiving Service.



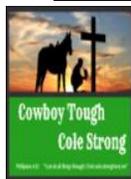
Decorating of Church for Christmas



*Plans are being made to decorate the church for Christmas on November 29th or 30th, 2025...
Watch bulletins for further details.
Thank you!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

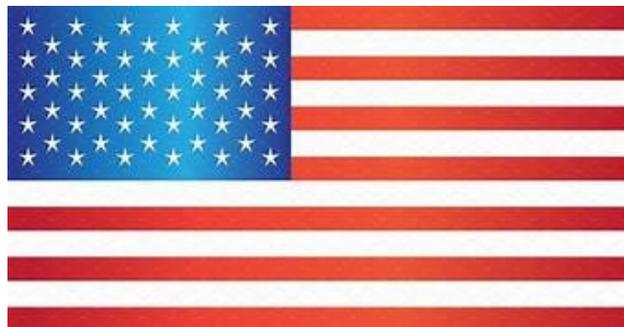
+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (October 10, 2025): It's that time of year again for the Annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong team roping benefit. This is definitely one of Cole's favorite events of the year and he's so grateful to Justin Shelton and all those involved for doing this every year. Proceeds from this event go towards paying for Cole's care above and beyond what insurance won't pay for and as anyone with a disability knows it is a constant battle. We try to have a silent auction Saturday and Sunday depending on the number of items that are donated. So if you're interested in donating anything from baked/homemade goods, décor, or really anything please contact me at 361-550-8856. And we hope to see you there!♥



+ 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
John C. Otto – Army, National Guard



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, Nancy Butler, Laurie Pokluda, Robert Moeller, Jonathan Pokluda, Margie Swannack; 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

To those who believe and enjoy the divine promise, this life is merely a pilgrimage during which they are preserved by hope for that future and better life.

~ Martin Luther~

Lectures on Genesis 47