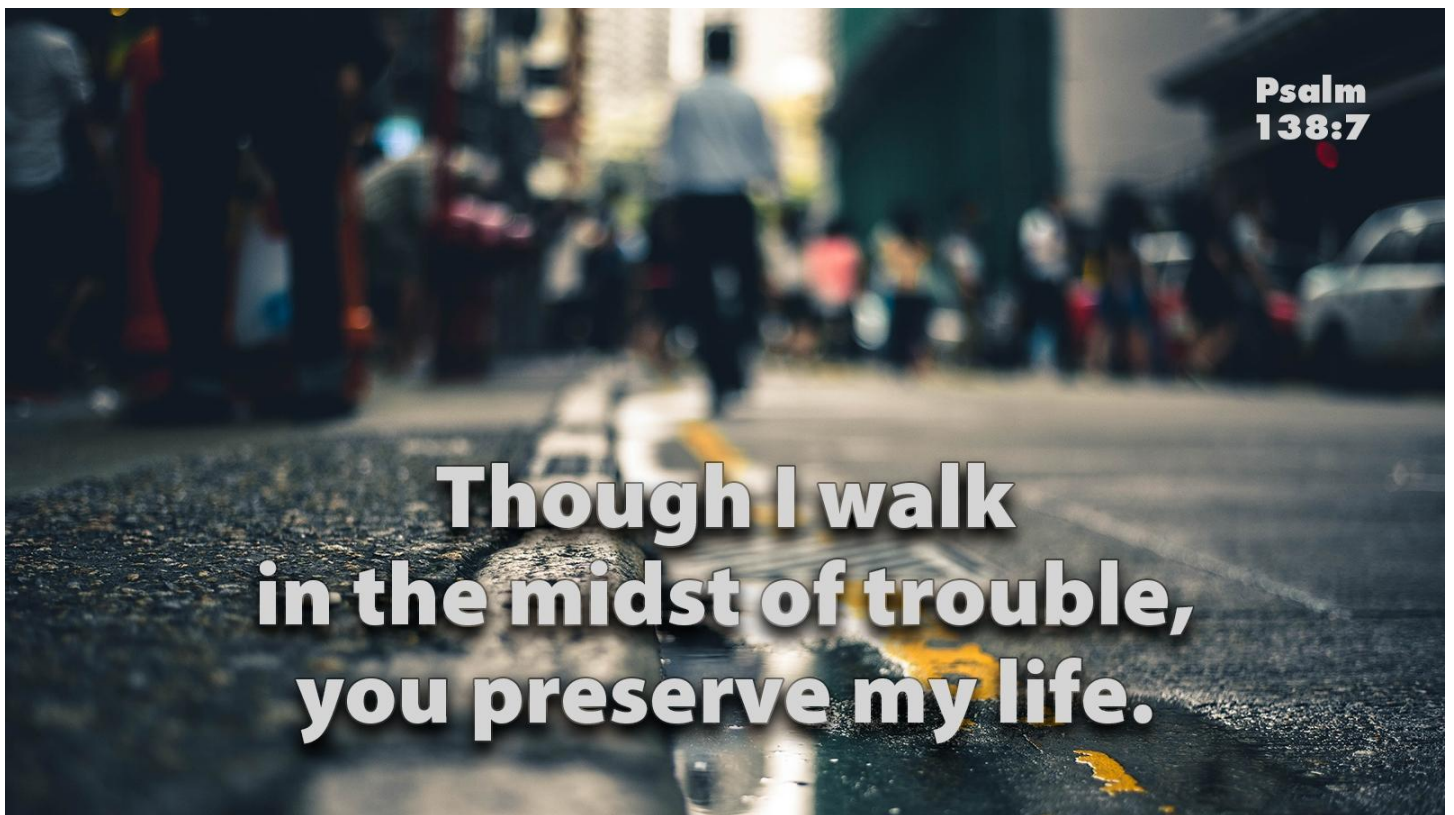


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
August 23, 2026**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Psalm 138:7

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 23, 2026

Greeters This Week: The Henry Rangnow Family
Greeters Next Week: The Hays Family
Reader This Week: Candy Cowley
Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays
Acolyte This Week:
Acolyte Next Week:
Altar Guild This Month: Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor
Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit
Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun
Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays



Busy Bags are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

MISSION STATEMENT

Share Christ. Grow in Faith. Love Our Community.

VISION STATEMENT

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a thriving, multi-generational church family where faith is lived boldly, new ideas are welcomed thoughtfully, and every person feels valued, called to serve, and connected.

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

Peter's confession of Jesus' true identity is a confession of his faith. As followers of Christ, we also are called to make public confession of our faith. St. Paul asserts that this is manifested in a transformation of our old selves into people with a mission and purpose in the Body of Christ. He encourages us to stand firm in the face of pressure to conform to the ways of the world, even as the Spirit enables us to serve.

PRELUDE:

"Invention 5"

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:

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW #294

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

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

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

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

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 Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. 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: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

³For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

⁴When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁶They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me;
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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: Matthew 16:13-20

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

¹Stand up, stand up for Jesus, As soldiers of the cross,
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army he shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

²Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him Against un-numbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.

³Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, You dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

⁴Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see,
And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

Stand as you are able.

P Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father, the 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 arose 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:

“Reflections”

Robert J. Hughes

(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!**

*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**

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.**

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN:

“Faith of Our Fathers”

LBW #500

**¹Faith of our fathers living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

Refrain

***Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.***

**²The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate
If they, like them, should die for thee. *[Refrain]***

**³Faith of our fathers! We will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how,
By saving Word and faithful life. *[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:

“Festive Song Of Praise”

Lani Smith



Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

[Prioritizing God's kingdom allows us to align our lives with His purposes. In August, let us focus on seeking Him above all else, trusting that He will take care of our needs.]

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



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 8/23	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 8/24	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tues 8/25	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 8/26	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 8/27	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Fri 8/28	???	Office Hours
Sat 8/29	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service w/Communion
Next Sun. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship – Baptism

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

Sunday, August 16, 2026 General \$1,852.00, MOM (August) Lutherans for Life \$185.00, Sunday School \$78.10, Building \$20.00; **Total: \$2,135.10**

Attendance: Worship – 59, Sunday School – 4 Children, 4 Teacher, Adult Study – 8

God Is Our Creator

On Day 1 of Rainforest Falls VBS, our campers met Tango the Quetzal and learned that **God is our Creator** through the story of creation in Genesis 1. They discovered that everything God created is good and that each of us is wonderfully made in His image. We also began our day with this prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us to VBS this week! We're excited to learn about your nature and how we can be rooted to you. We are amazed that you created everything in our universe and called it good. Thank you for making each of us on purpose and in your own image. Help us remember that we don't have to prove our worth, because we already matter to you. As we enjoy the world you made, help us trust you, love you, and celebrate being your special creation.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



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**
- 1 shampoo at least 4 ozs.**
- 1 bar of soap (2or 3 if travel size)**
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)** (*Dollar Tree 4pk/\$1.75*)
- 1 pack of floss**
- 1 toothpaste - individually sealed (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**

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 August, our collection items will be **ANY HEALTH KIT ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg

Mission of the Month for August **Lutherans for Life**

LFL believes God gives the gift of life to all people from the moment of conception until natural death. LFL are witnesses to the sanctity of human life through education based on the Word of God. Both His Law and His Gospel are applied to all the life issues—abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, sexual purity and bio-technology. It is a recognized service organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and is a ministry partner of the North American Lutheran Church. LFL is supported entirely by individual donations and grants.



If anyone would like to acolyte on a Sunday morning starting June 7, please let Pastor know or the office so we can include your name in the bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

What a way to praise our Lord, serve at church, and have volunteer credit on future applications (job & college)!



Prayer for Gratitude in Giving

Colossians 3:17 – “Whatever you do... do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God.”

Prayer:

Father, fill my heart with gratitude in every act of giving. Help me to recognize that everything I have comes from You. Let thanksgiving accompany my generosity. Keep my heart joyful and thankful as I give, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7PM

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, August 29, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, August 30, 2026 – Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

– Baptism

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 – Worship Team Meeting @ 7PM

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, September 5, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, September 6, 2026 – Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Monday, September 7, 2026 – LABOR DAY

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, September 12, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, September 13, 2026 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Confirmation Classes @ 9 AM (First Day)

– Sunday School & Adult Study @ 9 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM



Member Death/Funeral Notification Email for our Members

If you are interested in having the church office email you to let you know of a congregational member's death and/or funeral, please let Meliss Eckhardt know your email address. This email address will not be included in the directory, but will be used for the sole purpose of notification.

Prayer for Worship and Renewal on Sunday

Heavenly Father,

Bless my Sunday with joy and worship. Renew my spirit as I gather in Your presence. Prepare me for the new week by filling me with hope and strength. Amen.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another." – Hebrews 10:25

Prayer for Peace in Stressful Situations

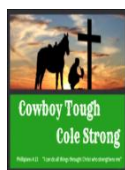
God Almighty,

This week may bring challenges that unsettle my heart. Calm my spirit when I feel overwhelmed. Replace anxiety with peace and let me trust that You hold every situation in Your hands. Amen.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:7



PRAYER REQUESTS



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole: Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong (June 9, 2026):

Hello everyone. Cole has asked me to graciously ask all his prayer warriors to pray for him as he is about to go into surgery in Houston for a fractured femur he sustained yesterday while doing some routine stretching at home. He knows he can count on all of you to lift him up in prayer during this scary time for him. ~~ Man, I am overwhelmed by the love and support you all give my precious boy. Thank you for lifting him up in prayer. He's in surgery now. Will post with an update when he gets out. ~~ Cole is out of surgery and doing well! Surgery went great thank the Lord. Cole is still a little drowsy but wanted me to thank all of you for your prayers and asks y'all to keep praying for his complete healing. ~~ Wanted to give an update on Cole. He is back home and doing well. Has some pain and discomfort but nothing compared to before surgery. We want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers. Cole had an amazing surgeon and team in Houston and his surgery was successful with no complications. God. His is good. ♥

+ 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 Hood

Chase Schroeder, IT3 - U.S. Navy, FL

Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Fort Riley, KS

Michael Petrash II - 1st Lt., U.S. Army

Austin Burns, U.S. Army



Andrew Washington, L CPL – USMC,

Washington DC

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

Zach McBrayer – Capt., USAF, Germany

John C. Otto – Army, National Guard

Philip Child, Capt., USAF, McConnell AFB

Wichita, KS

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, Christy Johns, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Jonathan Ideus, Stacey Nelson, MayDell Jacob, Nancy Butler, Jonathan Pokluda, Kay Nagel, Kevin Bodden, Gary Moeller, Betty Diebel, Seth Wendel, Linda Boyer, Kaleigh Newman, John Helms, Ashley McAllister; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus and Carol Ann Sagebiel

PAM Unit – Elizabeth Beard



Taken from Facebook: Solace in Solitude

He will sustain you.

There will be days when your strength feels like it has run out, when the weight you carry seems heavier than your heart can bear. You may wonder how you'll make it through another day, but God has never asked you to carry life's burdens alone. **His strength has always been enough for every weary soul that chooses to lean on Him.**

God doesn't promise a life without hardship, but He does promise His presence through every trial. **He is the One who gives peace in the middle of uncertainty, hope in the middle of disappointment, and strength when you have nothing left to give.** Even when you cannot see the next step, His hands are already holding you steady.

One day, you'll look back and realize that it wasn't your own strength that carried you through. It was His faithfulness. Every prayer, every tear, every silent battle was met with His sustaining grace. **He will sustain you today, tomorrow, and in every season still to come.**

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith. In the same way, he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and preserves it in unity with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

~ Martin Luther ~

Small Catechism: On the Third Article of the Creed



A Prayer for Rain to Heal the Land

Merciful God, the land is parched and dry, in need of healing rain to bring it back to life. We ask that You send a steady rain to fall upon the earth, restoring what has been lost and allowing the land to flourish once more. Let the rain be a sign of Your healing touch, bringing life and vitality to the places that have suffered under the heat. We trust in Your power to heal and restore, and we give thanks for the rain that will renew the earth. Amen.

Isaiah 55:10

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater.”

Prayer

Lord, we pray for the healing rain that will bring life back to the dry and barren land. Let the rain fall in abundance, soaking the earth and bringing forth new growth. We trust in Your ability to restore what has been broken, and we give thanks for Your provision. Amen.



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