

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
September 6, 2026**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**Their angels always see the face of
my Father who is in heaven.**

Matthew 18:10

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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greeters This Week: Beverly Bodden

Greeters Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader Next Week: Kinley Nessel

Acolyte This Week:

Acolyte Next Week: Bryson Henkes

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

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Wanda Hays

Communion Assistant Next Month: Johnny Jank

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!

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 warned his followers that anyone who caused a child (or one who is childlike in faith) to stumble in the faith would have a worse fate than having a millstone hung around his neck and being thrown into the sea. Followers of Christ are called to be humble and to receive the childlike with grace and mercy, even as they are called to be like children who are in awe of the kingdom of heaven.

PRELUDE: *“Prelude (from 6 Little Preludes)”*

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: *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

LBW #359

**¹In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**²In him shall true hearts ev’rywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord Close-binding all mankind.**

**³Join hands then, brothers of the faith, Whate’er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.**

**⁴In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.**

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 O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. 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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 32:1-8

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**⁸You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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 18:1-20

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. ¹⁰See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

¹**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who pours out himself for them. *[Refrain]***

²**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near-by and far away. *[Refrain]***

³**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *[Refrain]***

⁴**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *[Refrain]***

Stand as you are able

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

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.

**C 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.

Please be seated

OFFERING:

“Summer Reflections”

John M. Rasley

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

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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.

L 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:

"Toccatina"

Donald Callendar



1 John 4:19

"We love because he first loved us."

[This verse encapsulates the essence of our relationships with others. As we experience God's love, we are called to reflect that love in how we treat others throughout August.]

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 9/06	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship w/Communion
Mon 9/07	<i>Office Closed</i>
Tues 9/08	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours ??? Office Hours
Wed 9/09	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 9/10	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting
Fri 9/11	<i>Office Closed</i>
Sat 9/12	6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
Next Sun.	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study 10:15 a.m. Worship

Happy Grandparents' Day!!!

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, August 29, 2026 General \$310.00; **Total: \$310.00**

Attendance: Worship – 15

Sunday, August 30, 2026 General \$2,834.70, MOM (August) Lutherans for Life \$250.00, Old Stone Church \$10.00, Youth \$10.00; **Total: \$3,104.70**

Attendance: Worship – 80, Sunday School – 2 Children, 3 Teacher, Adult Study – 5

God Is Our Safe Place

On Day 3 of Rainforest Falls VBS, Dottie the Ocelot introduced us to David's story as he hid from Saul and learned that God is our safe place. The children discovered that no matter what happens, God is always our refuge and strength. We prayed:

Dear God,

Thank you for being our safe place when we feel scared, worried, or overwhelmed. Just like you protected David, thank you for staying close to us and never leaving us. Help us remember that we can always run to you and trust you, because you are our shelter and our strength. Please fill our hearts with peace and courage when life feels hard.

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 September, our collection items will be **ANY CLEANING BUCKET ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for September **Hospice of South Texas**

Hospice of South Texas is committed to delivering empathetic and dignified care. Our mission is to honor the lives of those we serve by providing comfort, support, and exceptional care, ensuring that every moment matters. The Hospice of South Texas Dornburg Center of Compassion is a state-of-the-art inpatient facility with twelve private rooms offering hospice patients and their families all the comforts of home, along with round-the-clock, expert medical care.

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.

Zion Lutheran Church Bunco Party

The women of Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley cordially invite the ladies and friends of our congregation to come join the fun at their Bunco Party, September 14 @ 6 PM. See bulletin board in the narthex for more information. RSVP by September 12th.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Every Sunday - 9:00 A.M. - Sunday School-

Come deepen your faith, connect with friends, and grow closer to God!

All youth are welcome — we'd love to see you there!

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

~Proverbs 22:6~

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

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 @ 12:30 PM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Thursday, September 10, 2026 – Life-to-Life Discipleship Meeting @ 6:30 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

Happy Grandparents' Day!!!

Monday, September 14, 2026 – Zion Lutheran Church of Mission Valley Bunco Party @ 6PM

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Mission Ev. Team Meeting @ 6 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Thursday, September 17, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, September 18, 2026 – Newsletter Articles Due

Saturday, September 19, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, September 20, 2026 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Starting TODAY, September 6th, 2026, Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may be picked up in the Narthex. The adhesive label is included in the shoebox. Watch bulletins and next month's newsletter for more information on date due back. Thank you!

Confirmation Classes Start Sunday, September 13th, 2026 at 9:00 AM



TEAM LEADERS

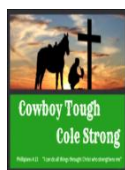
Planning for the 2026 Budget starts now!

Team Leaders please have your budget requests in to the Finance Team/Office no later than Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

Year-to-date figures will be available for pick up from the church office after September 18th. All requests will be considered. Thank you!

~ St. John Finance Team ~

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, Elizabeth Beard; 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



A Prayer for Spiritual Preparation Before Holy Communion

Dear Lord Jesus, as I approach Your holy table, I ask You to prepare my heart spiritually. Cleanse me from all sin and distractions so I may receive You with reverence and love. Help me to fully comprehend the sacrifice You made on the cross and the grace You extend through this sacred act. Purify my thoughts, renew my faith, and open my soul to Your presence. May this Holy Communion nourish my spirit and deepen my relationship with You, my Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

1 Corinthians 11:28

"Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup."

Prayer

Father, I come before You with humility, seeking to examine my heart honestly. Help me to confess and turn from any sin that separates me from You. Grant me a heart of repentance and a spirit sensitive to Your leading. As I partake in Communion, may Your presence fill me, and may my faith be strengthened to walk daily in Your truth. Amen.

(taken from prayerlit.com/prayers-before-holy-communion/#google_vignette)



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another." To me, clearly and simply it means: Not as men, but as Christians, are we under obligations. Our indebtedness should be the free obligation of love. It should not be compulsory and law prescribed... Love's obligation enables a man to do more than is actually required of him.

~ Martin Luther ~

Sermon on Romans 13, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars, on October 25th, 2026, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday & 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Johannes Congregation now known as St. John Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, Meyersville, Texas.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor Bobby Vitek, part-time Southern Area Assistant to the Bishop of the NALC, followed by lunch. More information is to come in the upcoming bulletins and newsletter.



A Prayer for Rain in a Dry Season

Father in Heaven, we are enduring a dry season, and we feel the weight of its impact on our land and lives. We ask for Your grace to send the rain that will end this dryness. Let Your blessings fall from the sky like rain, bringing new life to the earth and refreshing our spirits. We trust in Your wisdom and timing, and we pray that You will open the heavens to release the rain we need. We know that You hear our prayers, and we believe in Your power to bring transformation through the gift of rain. Amen.

Zechariah 10:1

"Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone."

Prayer

God, we thank You for the promise of provision and the assurance that You hear our prayers. We ask for rain in this dry season, so that the land may be refreshed and new life may emerge. Let the rain be a reminder of Your faithfulness and care, and may it restore not only the earth but also our hearts. Keep us steadfast in faith as we await the rain that will bring renewal. Amen.

(taken from prayerlit.com/prayers-for-rain/#google_vignette)



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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.