

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
October 4, 2026**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard
for this vine.*

Psalm 80:14

Matthew 18:10

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Greeters This Week: Dianna & George Soliz

Greeters Next Week: Archie & Virginia Abrameit

Reader This Week: Rachel Nessel

Reader Next Week: Kinley Nessel

Acolyte This Week: Ayla Nessel

Acolyte Next Week: Seely Picard

Altar Guild This Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Altar Guild Next Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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

When it comes to righteousness, Paul says, “I win the medal!” When it comes to following the law to the letter, again he says, “I get the prize!” But now his life is in Christ who showed the apostle the worthlessness of his labors. Paul confesses his zeal for the law and says that whatever he gained by that, he now counts as loss. The only gain we can rejoice in is the love and mercy of Jesus, our Savior.

PRELUDE: *“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor”*

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:

“Listen, God is Calling”

WOV #712

*Refrain: Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.*

¹Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news
That he came to save us and set us free. *[Refrain]*

²Let none be forgotten throughout the world.
In the triune name of God go and baptize. *[Refrain]*

³Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts, led by your Word. *[Refrain]*

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray,

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

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Responsive Reading Psalm 80:7-18

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

¹⁵They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

**¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing

worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

³³{Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,} “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

¹Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

²All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.

³Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

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:

“Reverie”

John M. Rasley

(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.

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:

**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.**

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POSTLUDE:

"Prelude in G Minor"

J. S. Bach



Psalm 107:1

**"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for
He is good, for His steadfast
love endures forever!"**

[This verse sets the tone for October, reminding us to be thankful. God's goodness and enduring love are the foundation of our gratitude. In this season of change, recognizing His faithfulness is crucial.]

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



Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 10/04	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
Mon 10/05	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tues 10/06	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
Wed 10/07	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 10/08	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 10/09	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Sat 10/10	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Service

Next Sun. Twentieth 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 Pastor's Appreciation Day, Pastor John!!!

Have a Blessed Week!



Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John's.

Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request, please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Saturday, September 26, 2026 General \$790.00; **Total: \$790.00**

Attendance: Worship – 8

Sunday, September 27, 2026 General \$3,725.00, MOM (September) Hospice of South Texas \$270.00, MOM (November) \$100.00, Sunday School \$581.10, Old Stone Church \$1,000.00, Building \$1,000.00, Youth \$500.00; **Total: \$7,176.10**

Attendance: Worship – 72, Sunday School – 5 Children, 2 Teacher, Adult Study – 7

All Saints Sunday

With November just around the corner, this is a reminder that All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 1, 2026. If you have a family member or someone who passed away since November 1st of 2025, please let Pastor John or Meliss Eckhart in the office know so that they may be included in our service on this special day. Thank you!

ATTENTION: ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting for St. John's Altar Guild will be Tuesday, October 13, 2026 @ 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Please at least one member from each team is asked to attend for changes in procedures, reminders, and discussion. Thank you, Carol Ann

NALC Disaster Response

What's in a Cleaning 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 October, our collection items will be **CLEANING BUCKETS FILLED WITH CLEANING ITEMS** for the warehouse in Rosenberg.

Mission of the Month for October **NALC Seminary**

The matter of the proper education of preachers of the gospel is worthy of your ultimate commitment.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As members of a confessional movement, we believe that the Church is the community built on biblical truths which are confessed in the ecumenical Creeds and given clarity in the Lutheran Confessions. In other words, we seek to respond to the cultural changes by intentionally becoming a denomination that reflects the faith and ensuing ethical commitments of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We are convinced of the timeless truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and seek to bear witness to that Gospel. Therefore, we believe that the best response to the unprecedented cultural changes is to be disciples, and make disciples, of Jesus Christ. Crucial to this endeavor is the formation of pastors and lay leaders.

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.*

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes may be picked up in the Narthex. The adhesive label is included in the shoebox. Please have the Christmas shoeboxes returned to church by Sunday, November 8. Thank you!

Member 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.

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, October 3, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 – Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, October 10, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – Property Team Meeting @ 8 AM

– Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service @ 10:15 AM

– Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Tuesday, October 13 – Thursday, October 15, 2026 – Pastor John @ Pastor's Retreat

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 – Bi-Annual Altar Guild Meeting @ 7 PM in Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – Comm. Service @ Yorktown Manor @ 10 AM

– Women's Bible Study @ 12:30 PM

– Quilters @ 1:30 PM

Saturday, October 17, 2026 – Evening Worship Service with Communion in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Sunday, October 18, 2026 – Confirmation Classes @ 9 AM (First Day)

– Sunday School & Adult Study @ 9 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Monday, October 19, 2026 – 4-H Meeting in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

– Finance Team Meeting @ 7 PM

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – Pastor @ CAMAL House in AM

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

– Men's Bible Study @ 7 PM

Thursday, October 22, 2026 – Committee Reports Due

Friday, October 23, 2026 – Newsletter Articles Due

Saturday, October 24, 2026 – Dreier Wedding

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday/Mission Feast Sunday

175th Anniversary Celebration

– Confirmation Class @ 9 AM

– Worship Service with Communion @ 10:15 AM

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 – Council Meeting @ 7 PM

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – Quilters @ 1:30 PM

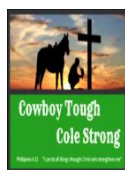
Friday, October 30 – November 5, 2026 – Pastor John on Vacation

Saturday, October 31, 2026 – Evening Worship Service in Parish Hall @ 6 PM

An alternate service to the traditional Sunday morning service.

Monday, October 26, 2026- St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Cuero will hold their annual Bunco with a Light Meal starting at 6 PM. Please RSVP by October 22, 2026 – church office 361-275-2845 or Marlene Fromme 361-275-4214. Please join them for food, fun, and fellowship.

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, Billy Guenther, Christy Johns, David Diebel, Obert Sagebiel, Nancy Butler, Kevin Bodden, Seth Wendel, Linda Boyer, Kaleigh Newman, Ashley McAllister, Clem Waskow, Beatrice Fagg; also, remember to pray for our members who have fallen away from St. John.

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus

AlzCare of DeWitt County Assisted Living – Carol Ann Sagebiel



A Prayer for Humility Before Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, I come before You recognizing my unworthiness to partake of this sacred meal. Teach me humility and repentance so I may receive You with a contrite heart. Remove pride and self-righteousness from me, replacing them with a deep awareness of Your grace. Help me to trust in Your mercy alone and to serve others with a humble spirit. Amen.

Micah 6:8

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Prayer

Father, I ask You to soften my hear. Teach me to be meek and lowly in spirit. May my attitude reflect the humility of Christ as I come to the Holy Communion table. Help me to honor You by living humbly before others. Amen.

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

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

By faith, as St. Peter says, we acquire a new and clean heart,
and God will and does account us entirely righteous
and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. . . And such faith, renewal, and
forgiveness of sins is followed by good works. . . We say, besides, that if good
works do not follow, faith is false and not true.

~ Martin Luther ~

Smalcald Articles, Part III, Article VIII



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars, on October 25th, 2026, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday-
Mission Feast & 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.

In an effort to make this day even more special, we would love to have some additional activities
celebrating our anniversary. If you have any suggestions, please let Johnny Jank, Lloyd Copeland,
Cathie Bettge, Brenda Gohmert, or Pastor John know ASAP. Time is running short so please get
ideas to them quickly. Thank you!



Prayer for Rain to Bless the Land

Rain is essential for sustaining agriculture, livestock, and communities. This prayer asks God to bless the land,
ensuring fertility, growth, and abundance. Believers acknowledge God as the ultimate provider and sustainer of life.
By praying for land blessings, we express faith in His mercy, timing, and care. This prayer emphasizes stewardship,
gratitude, and trust, seeking God's guidance in nurturing resources. It reminds us that both spiritual and physical
prosperity flow from His hand and that His provision brings life and growth to every area in need.

"You crown the year with Your bounty, and Your carts overflow with abundance." – Psalm 65:11

Prayer

Heavenly Father, bless the land with Your life-giving rain. Nourish crops, strengthen soils, and provide abundance
for every living creature. Protect the land from harm, floods, and drought, and guide us in wise stewardship of Your
resources. Let our work bring fruitfulness, prosperity, and gratitude. May Your blessings flow to all who depend on
the land, sustaining lives and communities. Strengthen our faith as we trust Your provision and celebrate the
abundance You pour upon the earth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(taken from www.perfectprayers.com/prayers-for-the-rain/)

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St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org to view weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

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.

