

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Meyersville, Texas
October 18, 2026**

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



**Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's.**

Matthew 22:21

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2026

Greeters This Week: Johnny & Virginia Jank

Greeters Next Week: Margie & John Swannack

Reader This Week: Johnny Jank

Reader Next Week: Neal Moritz

Acolyte This Week: Slade Picard

Acolyte Next Week: Bryson Henkes

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

Though King Cyrus of Persia did not know the God of Israel, God still used him to bring His people back into a covenant relationship. God can and will use foreign rulers to accomplish his will in the world. It does not matter that the person knows nothing of the Lord. All power and authority belong to the one who creates light and darkness, and he will care for his chosen ones by any means necessary.

PRELUDE: *“Sarabande”* **Areangelo Corelli**

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: *“Now Thank We All Our God”* **LBW #534**

**¹Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

**²Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm In this world and the next.**

**³All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

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 God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; 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 45:1-7

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.”

Responsive Reading

Psalm 96:1-9

¹¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

**²Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

³Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

**⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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 22:15-22

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (Sung)

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (Sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LBW #221

¹Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

²With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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:

"Little Offertory in D"

Edward Broughton

(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:

LBW #565

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

POSTLUDE:

"Prelude in G Minor"

J. S. Bach



Ephesians 5:20

**"Giving thanks always
and for everything to God
the Father in the name of
our Lord Jesus Christ."**

[Being thankful is not just a
seasonal practice;
it's a lifestyle.

This verse encourages
constant gratitude in every
aspect of our lives.]

[www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-
for-october](http://www.prayerlit.com/bible-verses-for-october)



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

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Sun 10/18 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship w/Communion

Mon 10/19 Office Closed

6:00 p.m.	4-H Meeting in Parish Hall
7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting in Parsonage

Tues 10/20	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours

Wed 10/21	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study

Thurs 10/22	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	Committee Reports Due	

Fri 10/23	Office Closed
	Newsletter Deadline

Sat 10/24 Dreier/Nickelson Wedding – No Saturday Church Service

Next Sun. Reformation/Mission Feast Sunday 175th Anniversary Celebration

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Opening
9:00-9:20 a.m.	Old Stone Church & Cemetery Tour
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Adults Meet & Greet and Discussion with Pastor Vitek
9:20-9:30 a.m.	Snacks & Drinks for Children & All
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Games
10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Immediately following service: Prayer	
	Introduction of Guests
	Bar-B-Que Meal
	Pictorial Slide Presentation
	Historical Talk

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, October 10, 2026 General \$60.00; **Total: \$60.00**

Attendance: Worship – 8

Sunday, October 11, 2026 General \$1,532.00, MOM (October) NALC Seminary \$300.00,

Sunday School \$59.25, Building \$660.00, Youth \$100.00; **Total: \$2,651.25**

Attendance: Worship – 83, Sunday School – 4 Children, 3 Teacher, Adult Study – 7

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*)

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.

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

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!

NALC Mary Bates is retiring!

As you know, Mary Bates, disaster coordinator, is retiring as of October 31st.

As a going away gift, we are asking everyone to mail her and Ken a note of appreciation, blessings and love for all she & Ken have done for the NALC and disaster response! She has touched many lives in the past years with all she has done!

Address:

NALC Disaster Response
ATTN: Mary & Ken
16500 Noble Street
Caldwell, OH 43724

Please pass the word on to everybody!! We want to fill their mailbox to overflowing!!

Thanks so much & God bless,
Pat Dittrich, Secretary
NALC Disaster Response Team

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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

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

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

~Proverbs 22:6~

Each Sunday - Portals of Prayer – October-December Portals of Prayer are available for pick-up in the narthex.

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/Nickelson 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.



REFORMATION SUNDAY

On October 25th, 2026, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with guest speaker, Pastor Bobby Vitek, the Southern Area Assistant to Bishop

Selbo.

Pastor Bobby Vitek is a fifth-generation Texan, living in Fredericksburg where he and his wife Tammy reside. He retired from 37 years of full-time ordained ministry in January 2025 having served in Sinton, TX and Fredericksburg. He currently serves in a part-time capacity with the North American Lutheran Church as the Southern Area Assistant to the Bishop. In addition to offering pastors and congregations encouragement, direction and being in the pulpit from time to time, he enjoys his semi-retirement by chasing five grandkids, making home wine, spring turkey hunting, and traveling with Tammy. His favorite Bible verse is John 10:10 where Jesus states, *"I came that you may have life and have it abundantly."*



ST. John Lutheran Church – Meyersville

Please join us for the following:

EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY
MISSION FEAST SUNDAY

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GUEST SPEAKER: Pastor Bobby Vitek, the Southern Area Assistant to Bishop Selbo

DATE: Sunday, October 25, 2026

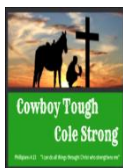
TIME: 9 AM-10 AM Sunday School Opening, Old Stone Church & Cemetery Tour, Adults Meet & Greet and discussion with Pastor Vitek, Snacks & Drinks for Children and All, Games

10:15 AM Church Service with Communion
A barbeque brisket lunch to follow as well as a pictorial slide presentation and a historical talk.

Members of our congregation are asked to bring a traditional side or dessert which was a featured recipe favorite from years past.

PLACE: St. John Lutheran Church
1764 Meyersville Rd, Meyersville, TX
361-277-8653

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, Kristen Wendel; 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



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!

Oktoberfest

St. Peter's Lutheran Church – Ander

Please join us October 25, 2026 at St Peter's Lutheran Church for food, fun, fellowship, and fundraising from 3:30-6:30 p.m. We will have a country store, a live auction, a silent auction, and a traditional German meal served. Plates are \$15/plate. 100% of proceeds will go to Fannin Methodist Church Food Pantry & Goliad Outreach Hope to see you there!

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.

SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

"All things are yours whether ... life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's...." This is not to say that every Christian is placed over all things to have and control them by physical power - a madness with which some churchmen are afflicted- for such power belongs to kings, princes, and other men on earth.

~ Martin Luther~

On Christian Liberty

Prayer Before Holy Communion

Prayer for Worthiness

Life can sometimes feel overwhelming, leaving you questioning your own goodness or readiness to approach God. You might feel the weight of your imperfections, wondering if you are truly worthy of such a divine gift. It is in these moments that faith calls you to trust not in your own merit, but in God's boundless mercy and love, which are always greater than your shortcomings.

Bible Verse

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." — Ephesians 2:8

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I approach Your altar with a humble heart, aware of my many sins and imperfections. I do not deserve the grace of Your presence, but I trust in Your infinite mercy and Your boundless love for me. Please cleanse my heart and make me worthy to receive You. Fill me with Your Spirit and help me to live a life that honors You. Amen.

[Taken from www.dailyinprayer.com/short-prayers-before-holy-communion/]

Prayer for Rain

Abundant Blessings: Dear God, we ask for Your abundant blessings in the form of rain. May Your showers of grace fall upon us, bringing growth and prosperity to our lands. We thank You for Your endless love. Amen.

Related verse: "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." — Zechariah 10:1

[Taken from: www.prayersfor.com/prayers/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.