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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2016

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Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

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Acolytes Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

Altar Guild This Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

Communion Assistant Next Month: Obert Sagebiel

Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

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

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Meyersville, strive to be witnesses for Christ, a Christian family striving to be models and examples to others, loving one another and trying to be friendly to all; acknowledging that we are sinful, but being patient, faithful, giving, caring, forgiving, and forgiven believers.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude. Please show your respect with silent meditation at this time.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION &
FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #377 *“Lift High the Cross”*

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (*sung*)**

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.

¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

³Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.**

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

⁹Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰**It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields
with fire.**

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹²**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:13-20

¹³{God} has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:27-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

²⁷There followed {Jesus} a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him

save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #327 “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”

p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)

p. 71: LORD’S PRAYER

p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION
SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”

p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 11/20 Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 a.m. Worship

Mon 11/21 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tue 11/22 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 11/23 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church
1:30 p.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. *Thanksgiving Eve Service*

Thurs 11/24 Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri 11/25 Office Closed

Next Sun First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 a.m. Worship-Polka Sunday

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.



Sunday, November 13, 2016:

Offering:

General \$924.00, MOM \$377.00, Sunday School \$50.00, Youth Group \$10.00, Church Reno. \$660.00, Building \$65.00 Total: \$2,086.00

Attendance: Worship- 71 Sunday School- 11-Adults, 14-Children

Mission of the Month of November:



Christmas Families 2016

Mission Statement

Our first Christmas family is that of an 80 year old woman who is a widow. She has limited social security income. She has an eye condition that takes her to Richmond, TX several times a year to receive a shot in her eyes. Due to losing her daughter a few years back she finds herself taking care of great grandchildren, because their mother (her granddaughter) has a hard time finding a job because she has been in prison. She strives to create a good home life and stable environment for these children. In addition to the grandchildren she helps care for a sister with health problems by driving her to Dr. appointments in Victoria even though she is not in good health and has a hard time walking because of foot problems. She has home repair issues that include foundation repair and the need to remove a tree which is threatening to fall on her house or garage. She has gotten an estimate of \$2,000.00 just to remove the tree. Nominated by Marlene Dreier who states this woman would never ask for help for herself yet she is always eager to help others.

Our second Christmas family is a single mother of three. She has two girls ages 8 and 10 and a son who is 3. She works as a waitress but has to pay all her bills out of that salary and in addition pay child care for the three year old since the father left the home. She didn't have shoes to work in but has since been given a pair of used shoes that fit well. The person who nominated them said they would be glad to even receive paper goods and laundry soap. Generally we give a check but if anyone would care to give something else in addition please contact Linda Ruschhaupt for more info (361) 275-4990.



Blessings



We are blessed to have been given new communion linens and a fair linen (altar cloth). These gifts are in memory of Ruth Moore. Communion linens include large communion veil, pall, and four purificators.

The altar cross, originally given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wendel, has been refurbished/restored. This blessing was done in memory of J. Gus and Iris Jank and adorns our altar to the glory of God.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held here at St. John this Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Polka Sunday

Our Polka Sunday Service will be next Sunday, November 27th. Hope to see you there!



Christmas Decorating

Church Christmas decorating will be next Sunday, November 27th at 3 PM. Come join the fun!

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone during Christmas time, please fill out the insert in the bulletin. The deadline to purchase poinsettias is Sunday, December 11th.





Christmas Eve Program

Will you help us with this centerpiece of our Christmas Celebration of Jesus' birth?

Please call or text:

Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322 or

Wanda Hays 361-648-4033

Calling All Voices!!

If you can consider singing with the CHRISTMAS CHOIR that is now forming, please get with Brenda Boor for a free CD of the music. You can listen at your leisure, and maybe you will be inspired to add your voice to this choral worship. Practices will be at 6:00 pm on Monday evenings from now until the week before Christmas-working together to craft a beautiful musical offering. All are welcome!



Congregation Meeting

Council has voted to hold a called congregation meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, December 11th for approval of the proposed budget for 2017.



Church Renovation Fund

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.



ACOLYTES



Please sign up to acolyte for the upcoming months. Thank you.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - U.S. Air Force, Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

John Otto - USMC, Norfolk, VA

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Germany

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy

Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun

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.



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Christ the King

November 20, 2016

Christ the King Sunday, Proper 29 (Year C)



On this last day of the Church year, we celebrate the kingship of Jesus as we hear of God's impending judgment and the separation of the righteous from the wicked. As he was led toward death, our Savior warned those who mourned that things would get worse before they got better. Moments later, from the cross of his murder, he pronounced a thief forgiven and assured him they would meet in Paradise soon.