

Christmas Eve



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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE December 24, 2016



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

We welcome all who come to worship tonight as we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. A special welcome home to our visitors as well as to our college students and families living out-of-town.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Christmas Dialog

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

L The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

L Those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them has the light shined

C We have seen Christ's glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

L For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

L Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared

C Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!

HYMN #71 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You make this Holy Night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; Through your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

AMEN

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 7:14 9:6-8

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

HYMN OF PRAISE #41 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 1&2)

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

HYMN OF PRAISE #41 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verses 3&4)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

² In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while

they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel Of The Lord

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

HYMN #70 “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share that peace.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

Offering Response: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

*The Pastor lights a candle from the Pascal candle; the ushers light their candles from the pastor’s candle. Then the ushers light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. When receiving the light, please tip your **unlit** candle toward the lit candle to avoid spilling wax upon yourself or the pews. Thank you.*

PASTOR READING

Silent Night, Holy Night!

LBW Hymn #65

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

LBW Hymn #39

HYMN #65 – “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #39 – “Joy to the World”



In Memory of

Delmar Diebel by His Family

Clarence & Hertha Weise To the Glory of God by Bruce A. Weise

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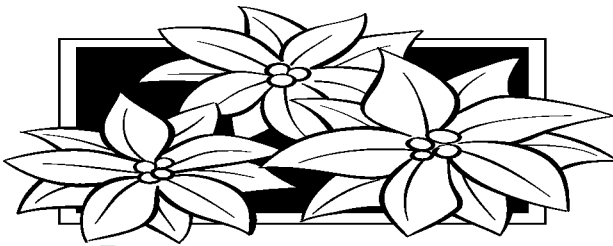
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*Edward & Lucille Ruschhaupt and Herbert & Martha Spinks
by Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt*



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Elvie & Walter Egg by The Robert Moore Family

Lizzie & Walter Mueller by The Robert Moore Family

Patty Ohrt by Dean Ohrt

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Martin & Wilma Wolter by Johnny & Virginia Jank

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Tommy Gohmert by Sandy Gohmert & Family

Jerry Wendel by The Family

Reuben & Maud Wendel and Lewis Wendel by Family

Marla Hartman To the Glory of God by Her Family

Johnny & Jeffery Haun by Elizabeth Haun Beard

G.R. & Margene Wilke To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack

*Harry & Dorothy Swannack To the Glory of God
by John & Margie Swannack*

Jeffery Swanack To the Glory of God by John & Margie Swannack



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Wanda Diebel Brown by Evelyn Diebel-Brown Children

Fred Diebel To the Glory of God by Evelyn Diebel

*Michael Bartosh and Herbert & Martha Spinks To the Glory of God
by Dianna Bartosh*

Sonny Meyer To the Glory of God by Mike Meyer

Pa & Brandon Talkington To the Glory of God by Brighton Blain

In loving memory of Julie Arndt by Delvin & Family





In Honor of

My Family, Clifton & May Dell Jacob, Pat & Tristan Hays by Wanda Hays

*Our Parents To the Glory of God by Laurie Pokluda, Kathy Dunn
& Joel Egg*

My Wife, Heather by Deacon Don

Pastor John & Brenda Boor To the Glory of God by Bruce A. Weise

Virgie Gohmert by Joie & Jimmy, JoLeah & Brian, Julie

John C. Otto by Grandma & Papa John



