

In those days John the Baptist came



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Kernell Moritz

Reader Next Week: Jeffery Bennett

Acolytes This Week: Marlee Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Carlie Parsons

Altar Guild This Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Altar Guild Next Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

HYMN: WOV #630 2nd Verse "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #26 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his

lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 72:1-7

¹Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

²**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

⁴**He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

⁶**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has

welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

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

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #34 *“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”*

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 12/4	Second Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Youth Group Christmas party & decorating</i> <i>*Christmas play practice after church</i>
Mon 12/5	Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Tue 12/6	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 12/7	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 12/8	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 12/9	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Christmas play practice after church</i>

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.



Wednesday, November 23, 2016 Thanksgiving Eve

Offering: General \$233.00, MOM \$25.00,

Thank Offering \$30.00, Building \$5.00 Total: \$293.00 **Attendance:** 32

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Offering: General \$1,132.00, MOM \$265.00, Sunday School \$68.00,

Cemetery \$23.00, Church Reno. \$280.00, Building \$255.00

Total: \$2,023.00

Attendance: Worship-131 Sunday School- 12-Adults, 20-Children

Mission of the Month of December:

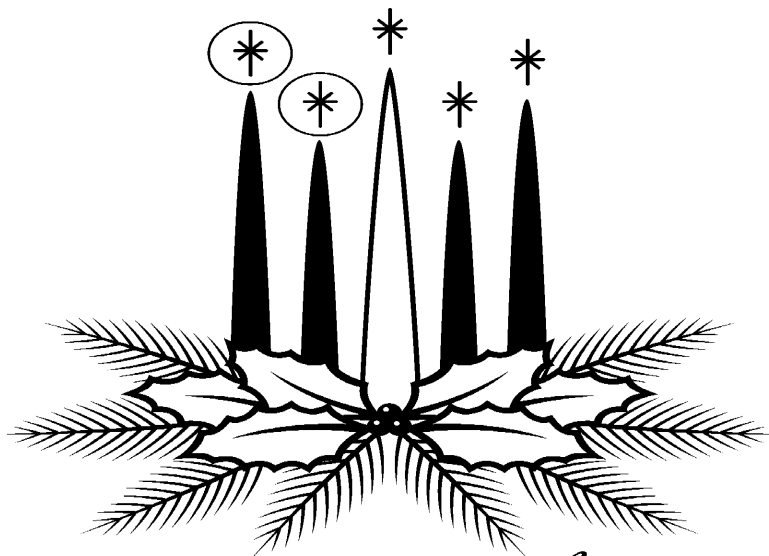
Mission Project



CAMAL House

Mission Statement

St. John's Mission of the Month of December is CAMAL House which is the local food bank. December is a busy month at the CAMAL House. Volunteers run this food bank.



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Christmas Eve Program

St. John Lutheran Sunday School will be performing "Silent Night, Holy Night" on Saturday, Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. in the church. We need to know if your child will be able to participate in the presentation so that we can assign parts. We will have practice on Sunday:

December 4th after church

December 11th after church

December 18th after church

Please call (361-275-4322 or 361-648-4033) or let us know at Sunday School or church. It is very important that we know as soon as possible, so that we can start giving out parts. We will serve a light lunch for the practices after church. We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas Eve Program, as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

Yours in Christ,

Wanda Hays, Jackie Parsons & Kathy Dunn



Youth Group News



Today the Youth Group will decorate the church Christmas tree & have their Christmas party immediately after. This will take place of the Youth Group gathering for December, we will not meet again until January. After the party we will scatter through the community to help with any chores our neighbors may need. Please call me if we can assist you in any way. Dawn Otto (361)550-9167.

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 next Sunday, December 11th.



Services:

Communion Service 3:00 pm

Christmas Program 6:30 pm

Candlelight Service w/ Communion 10:30 pm



Confirmation

There will be no Confirmation classes on Sunday, December 18th, 25th or January 1st. Classes will resume on January 8, 2017.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday school classes on December 25th or January 1st. Classes will resume on January 8, 2017.



Finance Team

The Finance Team will meet on Monday, December 12th at 7:00 pm.

Quilters

The Quilters will only meet in December on Wednesday the 7th & 14th. Quilting will resume to every Wednesday in January.



Congregation Meeting

Council has voted to hold a called congregation meeting immediately following the service next Sunday, December 11th for approval of the proposed budget for 2017. Copies of the proposed budget as approved by council are available in the Narthex.

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.



Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!



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,
Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
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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Advent 2

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)



John the Baptist paved the way for the Messiah's public ministry by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. As the Church awaits Christ's imminent return, his reign of righteousness, justice and peace continues to guide his followers until he returns in glory. In the meantime, we wait patiently, filled with joy and the power of the Holy Spirit, who sends us into the world to proclaim the Good News of Christ.