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## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

*All Saints' Sunday*

November 5, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Candy Cowley

**Greeter Next Week:** Marvin & Norrean Sager

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader Next Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Altar Guild Next Month:** MayDell Jacob & Brenda Boor

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank

**Large Print Bulletins** are available on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

**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

### *RECOGNITION OF SAINTS:*

*Mildred Heinold*

*Cleo Paul Wendel*

*Alice Potcinske*

*Helen Meyer*

*Patsy Goebel*

*C. Michael Meyer*

*Marlene Dreier-Rangnow*

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #174 "*For All the Saints*" (vs. 1-4)

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 God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## FIRST READING

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

[<sup>2</sup>I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, <sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, <sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.] <sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name in the dance;  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**<sup>4</sup>For the Lord takes pleasure in his people  
and adorns the poor with victory.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;  
let them be joyful on their beds.

**<sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be in their throat  
and a two edged sword in their hand;**

<sup>7</sup>To wreak vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples;

**<sup>8</sup>To bind their kings in chains  
and their nobles with links of iron;**

<sup>9</sup>To inflict on them the judgment decreed;  
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the

pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #174 “*For All the Saints*” (vs. 5-8)

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**

<b>Today 11/5</b>	<b>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship - <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> <b>*Daylight Savings Time Ends-Fall Back!*</b>
<b>Mon 11/6</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 11/7</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Constitutional Election ~ Vote!</b>
<b>Wed 11/8</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Manor 1:30 p.m. Quilters 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 11/9</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 11/10</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Veterans Day</b> <b>*Martin Luther's Birthday~1483</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship

***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.*

**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

General \$1,123.00, MOM \$320.00, Sunday School \$72.00,  
Youth \$20.00, Church Reno. \$130.00

**Total : \$1,665.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 91      Sunday School - 2 Children, 15 Adults

# Mission of the Month of November



## Christmas Families Mission Statement

We have two Christmas Families:

The first is two brothers. Both men are disabled with many health problems. Their house is in bad repair and they struggle paying day to day bills. They have no transportation and rely on family members to take them to necessary appointments and to supplement their meager incomes. Family members help them but as they also age it has become more difficult for all them.

The second is a family who has come to us with high recommendations from the CISD family services coordinator. The family has a mom and dad who have three children of their own and who have also taken in two other children who belong to the mom's sister. The parents are concerned and come to parent/teacher meetings for all. The children make good grades and are well behaved. The parents both work at low paying jobs and sacrifice for the wellbeing of the children. Teacher, counselors and other faculty helped in the selection of this family. The coordinator said this family deserves something good to happen to them.

## Church Pictorial Directory

It is not too late to get your picture in the pictorial directory! Please submit a digital picture to the church email or if you need a picture taken, ask any council member after church today. We would be happy to take your picture and submit it to go in the directory. Thank you!







*We keep the family of Marlene Dreier-Rangnau in our Prayers, who went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. May God comfort her family at this difficult time of loss.*

## **Reformation 500** **Moments with Martin Luther**

*In response to news that he was called to Rome in order to recant of his criticisms of the papacy and the abuses of the Church, Martin Luther wrote the first of three documents which expressed the major concerns of the nascent Reformation movement. In a treatise entitled “Address to the Nobility of the German Nation” (August, 1520), Luther sought to gain the attention of Emperor Charles V and other Christian nobles in the land by pointing out the three “walls” that insulated the Church and the Pope from taking seriously any reviews that would lead to reform.*

*The walls Luther spoke of were three tenets of the church that protected them punishment or the assessment of those who charged abuse. The Pope claimed: 1) Worldly power has no jurisdiction over the Church; 2) No one is permitted to admonish the Pope with the Scriptures because only the Pope can interpret the Word; 3) No one but the Pope had the authority to call a council therefore the Pope and the Church can never be questioned in public. Drawing on the biblical story of Joshua’s victory at Jericho, Luther called on Christian leaders, saying, “Now may God help us, and give us one of those trumpets that overthrew the walls of Jericho, so that we may blow down these walls of straw and paper.”*

*Through Luther’s writing to the Christian nobility he opened up a whole new perspective, saying, “All Christians are priests to one another,” “All are to be concerned with the Word of God,” “Christ is the head of the Church,” and “If God spoke by an ass against a prophet, why should He not speak by a pious man against the Pope?” His words brought encouragement to common believers.*

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## **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.





## Youth Group

St. John Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm in the parish hall. The youth leaders, Mike & Diane Chavez are also planning a trip to the Corn maze in Moulton next Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> right after church. Please text Diane at (361)212-4438 & let her know if you will be attending, so they can plan transportation. Thank you!

## Samaritan's Purse Boxes

If you already have or would like to turn in a Samaritan's Purse Christmas box for a child in need, please turn those in at the parish hall kitchen by next Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## Readers

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested in reading in church. Please sign-up ASAP, Dawn will be making the reading schedule for 2018 soon. Thank you.

## FEMA Disaster Assistance

If you or anyone you know is in need of FEMA assistance please call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). You may qualify for assistance even if you have insurance. They do work with insurance companies to cover what your insurance company may not. If you need more information regarding FEMA, there is a flyer hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



# FEMA

## Attention Acolytes

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



Acolytes

**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, Cuba  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force  
Lee Magrauder - U.S. Army, Afghanistan  
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force



**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
Nate Boehl  
Hunter Jacob  
Glynn Yurick  
Kenny Jacob  
Sandy Gohmert

**Nursing Home:** Arlen Mueller, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation  
Merton & Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation  
Jimmy Caskey, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

**Homebound:** Helen Mae Egg, Bette Jo Haun



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# All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2017



## All Saints Sunday (Year A)

In the waters of baptism we were called by God and identified as “saints” even while we were still “sinners.” Our saintliness comes through no work of our own, but on the holiness bestowed on us by Jesus. Out of our chosenness we experience trials and joy, but all are used by God to bring us closer to him. The theme of justice and judgment pervade today’s readings as God works to bring salvation to his people.



*(On neglecting the Word of Christ...)  
Therefore we are duly punished for our  
ingratitude and contemptuous  
treatment of these words by getting  
little enough from them, and never  
feeling or tasting what a treasure,  
force and power there is in the  
words of Christ.*

*- Martin Luther -*

*Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount*