

You know neither the day  
nor the hour

Matthew 25:13



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

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**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

November 12, 2017

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

**Greeter Next Week:** Glenn & Linda Russchaupt

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Kernell Moritz

**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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*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: WOV #744 *“Soon and Very Soon”*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

**All Almighty, eternal God, show mercy to your children who humbly pray, that we who have no confidence in our worth may not be judged but tenderly received. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>“Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight

in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 70

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

**<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;**

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back,  
because they are ashamed.

**<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**

**let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy;  
come to me speedily, O God.

**<sup>6</sup>You are my helper and my deliverer;  
O Lord, do not tarry.**

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

<sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will

not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>{Jesus said,} “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #776 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Stand page 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY *“Create in Me”*  
page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

P Go in peace, serve the Lord  
C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)  
POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### **Today 11/12 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship

### **Mon 11/13 Office Closed**

**Tues 11/14** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 11/15** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.

1:30 p.m. Quilters

6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Team

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Thurs 11/16** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Fri 11/17** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Next Sun Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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, November 5, 2017**

General \$1,803.00, MOM \$655.00, Sunday School \$6.00, NALC \$80.00, Organ \$120.00, OSC \$20.00, Building \$25.00, Church Reno. \$228.00

**Total : \$2,937.00**

**Attendance:** Worship - 84    Sunday School - 4 Children, 12 Adults

## Mission of the Month of November



### Christmas Families

#### Mission Statement

We have two Christmas Families:

The first Christmas Family decided there were folks much worse off than themselves. Social services of CISD has selected another family for our First Christmas Family. The family is a single mother of four children. According to the social services coordinator this mother has also done a great job with her children. Following are their sizes if anyone would chose to purchase clothes: If you do we ask that you include a gift receipt in the event the garment did not fit, etc. Also keep in mind that CISD has a dress code to follow so one should check that out before you make the purchase.

boy-age 3-size 4T-size 10 shoe

boy-age 6-size 7-size 1 shoe

girl-age 7-size 7-size 1 shoe

girl-age 11-size 1 adult pants/Adult X-small shirts or Kids XL shirts-size 3 shoes

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.



## Reformation 500

### Moments with Martin Luther



*In October of 1520 Martin Luther wrote his second of three treatises defining his theological position concerning teachings in the Church. In his article, “On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church,” he took on the subject of Communion in both kinds. In his day, only clergy were permitted to drink from the cup at Holy Communion. While Luther did not condemn the practice of giving the laity only the bread, he urged the church authorities to read the Scriptures and see that Jesus instituted the Holy Supper so that all people would partake of both bread and wine.*

*There were several priests who took Luther on by writing letters back to him. Luther remained unimpressed by their arguments for the use of one kind with the laity. He called them “hornets” and refused to speak or write their names in his response because he did not want them to gain fame by his mentioning them. Luther ridiculed their arguments which he said were typical of those who were against him because they “assert the very thing which they attack.” They equated the command of Christ with the decisions of the Church even though clearly they did not understand what Jesus was actually saying when he said, “This cup is the new testament in my blood. Drink of it all of you.”*

*Frustrated and desiring that all people would know God’s grace in Christ Jesus fully, Luther concluded concerning the Sacrament of Holy Communion, “To deny reception in both kinds to the laity is an act of impiety and tyranny, and one not in the power of any angel, much less of any Pope or Council whatever.”*

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### 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!





## **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

*St. John will have Thanksgiving Eve Service on  
Wednesday, November 22, 2017 @ 7:00 pm. We  
hope everyone has a happy & blessed  
Thanksgiving!*

## **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 by today. 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

## **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, 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  
Jimmy Caskey

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

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



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# Pentecost 23

November 12, 2017

## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27 (Year A)



The question of how to be prepared for Jesus' return is answered four times in today's lessons. Being ready for Jesus' return is not passivity on our part; instead, it is an active preparing, an active waiting and serving and doing justice in the world in the name of Christ. There is no reason to fear anything. Christ promised he would return in due time. We await this moment with an active and vibrant faith.



*We should learn to cling to the Word with patience and not let go of it even though the period of waiting for help last a hundred years. For God delays action out of grace, in our best interest, that our faith may become strong and great and He may give more abundantly what He has promised.*

*- Martin Luther - Comment on Genesis 31*