

A dramatic sky with a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, creating a lens flare effect. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright white/yellow in the center, and then to a fiery orange and red at the bottom. A faint, glowing figure of a person with arms outstretched is visible in the center of the bright light.

Then they will see the
Son of Man
coming in clouds

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ the King Sunday

Polka Worship Service-*Music led by The Polka Spirit Band*

November 25, 2018

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Kathy Dunn

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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Altar Guild This Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Altar Guild Next Month: Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

Communion Assistant This Month: Dickie Bettge

Communion Assistant Next Month: Pam Haun

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 CONCERN

OPENING HYMN:

“May God Be Gracious”

Sung to tune of Happiness Waltz

May God be gracious and kind to us
And bless us with his peace.

May his face shine upon all of us,
And bless us with his peace.

Let all the nations around the world
behold his saving pow’r.

Let all the people praise you, O God,
Let all the people give praise.

Let all the nations around the world
behold his saving pow’r.

Let all the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people give praise.

People be glad and sing for joy!
You nations; all rejoice!

God judges people with equity,
And guides with heavenly voice.

Bountiful harvests have blessed the earth,
We pray for blessings to come.

Let all the people praise you, O God,
Let all the people give praise.

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Let all the people give praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Come, Let Us Worship”

To the tune of Roll Out the Barrel

- 1 Come, let us worship, worship our Savior and Lord.
 Come, let us worship, worship the God we adore.
 Lift up your voices, lift them in one accord.
 Sing your praises to our Savior,
 Jesus Christ, the Lord!
- 2 Come, let us worship, worship our Savior and Lord.
 Come, let us worship, worship the God we adore.
 Glory and honor, power and might ever be
 to our mighty Lord creator, God of victory!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

FIRST READING

Listen, My People

The nations will be judged by the Messiah who is sent out on behalf of God. The law that goes out from the Lord will be the basis for his judgment. God's power will be shown through the Suffering Servant and he will be a light for the world. Though the heavens and earth shall pass away, the Lord's salvation is forever.

Isaiah 51:4-6

(Page 632, RSV Pew Bible)

{The Lord said,} ⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

SECOND READING

The Alpha and Omega

Saint John greeted the seven churches in Asia in the name of the Almighty, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. He proclaimed that Jesus, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of all earthly kings, is the one who loves and frees his people through his holy and precious blood. Jesus will come again with the clouds and every eye shall see him in all of his glory.

Revelation 1:4b-8

(Page 1072, RSV Pew Bible)

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Stand GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

HYMN:

“Alleluia”

To the tune of Julida Polka

- 1 Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:
Receive the message of eternal life.
- 2 Your word sustains us, your word fulfills us.
Your word will free us, dear Lord, now feed us.
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:
Receive the message of eternal life.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37 (Page 882, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

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

{Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew,} ²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do

not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN:

“Thank you, O God, We Pray”

Sung to the tune of What Can Happen Waltz

1 Thank you, O God, we pray
 for sending us Lord Jesus
 as a true servant king
 to guide us and to lead us:
 a perfect gift from heaven above
 sent to redeem the world that you love.
 Yes, We thank you, O Holy One
 for the great gift of your son.

2 Lead us, O Lord, we pray,
 and fill us with your goodness.
 Help us to know your way
 of grace and peace and kindness.
 O Lamb of God, O Savior of all,
 help us to listen and hear your call.
 Help us follow and help us serve,
 Spreading your almighty word.

(Verse 3 is on the next page)

3 Send us, O Lord, we pray,
 in service and in mission.
 Shining your ray of hope
 to ev'ry land and nation.
 So all your children lost in the night
 will see your true, bright pathway of light
 and they'll follow, and they will serve,
 spreading your almighty word.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“Bless Lord, Our Offerings”
To the tune of At the Spring Waltz

Bless, Lord, our offerings.
Bless, Lord, the gifts we bring.
Help us to give our lives for you,
in sacrifice, in service true.
Mindful of blessings you bestow,
keep our hearts thankful here below.

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY PRAYER
page 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

“Now Go in Jesus’ Name”

To the tune of Lindenau Polka

1 There are so many people who are searching every day;
The wand’ring and the lost, that do not know God’s way.
With empty hearts so hungry and in need forevermore
for the true life giving word of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Chorus

Now go in Jesus’ name and spread His holy reign
And let the mighty saving word be heard from shore to
shore, O hear the Spirit’s call inviting one and all:
“Come follow as the blessed servants of the Lord.

2 Join hand in hand together with believers young and old,
To open ev’ry mind to seek the heav’nly goal,
By sharing God with others, changing lives forevermore
With the true life-giving word of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 11/25 Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Polka Service
***Christmas Play Practice during Sunday School**
*2:00-4:00 Confirmation Class
*3:00 Church Christmas Decorating

Mon 11/26 Office Closed

Tue 11/27 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed 11/28 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 11/29 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Fri 11/30 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

Next Sun First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
***Christmas Play Practice during Sunday School**

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 18, 2018

General \$977.01, MOM \$250.00, OSC \$10.00, Cemetery \$3.00,
Building \$45.00, Sunday School \$69.91, Church Reno. \$545.00
Total : \$1,899.92

Attendance: Worship - 95 Sunday School - 8 - Children, 19 - Adults

Mission of the Month of November



Christmas Family Mission Statement

Our Christmas Family is a Grandmother and Grandfather who are raising two Junior High age girls. They did have 5 grandchildren, but recently other family members took 3 of them in. The grandparents are both disabled. The kids could use socks and underwear especially.

Grandma is in the hospital at this time.

7th grade girl - size 16

8th grade girl - Adult Medium

Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is home now and able to be with his family & friends. Though he has a long road ahead of him, God has been with him every step of the way.

We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's recovery and for spiritual strength, strong faith and unlimited patience for him and his family. Thank you and may God bless you all.





Thank You

Thank you to the Polka Spirit Band for providing the church music today! We greatly appreciate you traveling to St. John to share your wonderful music with us!



Church Christmas Decorating

Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Christmas can join us today, November 25th at 3:00 pm.



Christmas Program

St. John Lutheran Sunday School will be performing a Christmas Eve Program on December 24 at 6:30 pm. in the church. We need to know if your children will be able to participate in the presentation so we can assign parts. We plan to have practice during part of Sunday School starting NOVEMBER 25 at 9 am. The FINAL dress rehearsal will be DECEMBER 23 at 9 am.

This year's play is called "Joseph's Shoes" and focuses on the abundant faith both Joseph and Mary had during the Christmas miracle. There are both speaking and non-speaking roles for all ages. We will also need backstage people for older students who may not wish to be in the play but still be a part of the production.

Please call or text Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234 or Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322 or let us know at Sunday School or church.

We are looking forward to another wonderful Christmas Eve Program as we celebrate Jesus' birth!

Yours in Christ,

Kathy Dunn, Wanda Hays and Johnna Kethan

Called Congregational Meeting



A brief called congregation meeting will be held immediately following the service on Sunday, December 9th. The sole agenda item will be consideration of the proposed St. John Budget for 2019, as approved by Council.

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. Place it in the offering plate with payment. They are \$11.00 each & will be in a gold tin with a Christmas bow. The deadline to purchase poinsettias is Sunday, December 9th.



Worship Team

Worship Team is listening for a few leading voices! We are looking for interested voices that would be Interested in leading the congregation in song on Sunday morning's services. We have a couple of possible volunteers but really want a few more to spread the joy of assisting with the service through sharing your voice in song. If you might consider God calling you to that ministry please contact Pastor John, Johnny or Virginia Jank, Marv or Noreen Sager, Beverly Bodden, Dawn Otto, Carol Ann Sagebiel or Bruce Weise for more details.





Readers & Greeters

If you would like to become a reader or greeter for the upcoming year please contact the office or sign-up on in the Narthex. If you are

currently a reader or greeter & would like to be removed, please contact the church office by phone or email: stjohnvlutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



Attention Acolytes

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

Youth Group Leader

Anyone interested in becoming the Youth Group Leader(s) at St. John, please contact Pastor John at (361)243-0373 or Kathy Dunn at (361)275-4322. Thank you.



Church Renovation Update

Our new bathroom is not quite complete, but the contractor is letting us use it until final finish work is completed. The contractor is in the process of pouring necessary concrete for the elevator shaft. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.

GOAL: \$599,553



RECEIVED AS OF October 28, 2018: \$304,669

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 at (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, Japan
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL,
going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army
Aviation Flight School
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - Iraq



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carlton Migura
Robby Bitterly
Carly Waters

Nursing Home: Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation, Ruth Peters, Elmcroft, Victoria, TX

Homebound: Bette Jo Haun

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

Christ the King Sunday, Proper 29 (Year B)



Today we celebrate the Kingship of Jesus, a King like no other king. This King gave his life for the sake of God's people. Through his sacrificial death he put an end to death, and those who believe will enter into his kingdom when he returns in glory. There will be no question about his return, as the Scriptures tell us that all will know when he comes on the clouds in power and majesty to gather his elect.

