

#### ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt Greeter Next Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Reader This Week: Neal Moritz Reader Next Week: Kathy Dunn

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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 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

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #777 "In the Morning When I Rise"
Give Me Jesus

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: Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of all things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come. 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

# A Time of Trouble for Israel

In this passage of apocalyptic literature, Daniel prophesied an impending calamity for God's people. The great prince, Michael the Archangel, will come to Israel's defense. All those whose names are written in "the book" shall be saved.

Daniel 12:1-3

(Page 774, RSV Pew Bible)

{The man in the vision said,} ¹"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found

written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

#### RESPONSIVE READING

### I Take Refuge in You

Though trials and tribulations will come, the psalmist acknowledged that it is the Lord in whom he takes refuge and strength. With the Lord on his side, he will not fall victim to his enemy. Trust in the Lord, for he holds you in safety and security.

Psalm 16

(Page 471, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

<sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

# <sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### SECOND READING

# Hold Fast the Confession of Our Hope

Every priest rises daily to offer sacrifices in the temple, explained the author of Hebrews. Now we have Christ, our great High Priest, who offered himself for us so that we no longer have to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin. Through him we have full access to God; the law of the Lord is written on our hearts and minds.

#### Hebrews 10:11-25

(Page 1049-1050, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 166 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," 17then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." 18Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 13:1-13

(Page 881-882, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

<sup>1</sup>As {Jesus} came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." <sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. <sup>9</sup>But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #731 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES' CREED

**HYMN: WOV #775** 

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

- 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



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# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship

**Mon 11/19** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

7:00 p.m. Finance Team

**Tues 11/20** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 11/21** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero

Nursing & Rehab.

1:30 p.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Thurs 11/22 Office Closed** ~ *Thanksgiving Day!* 

\*Committee Reports Due

Fri 11/23 Office Closed

\*Newsletter Deadline

**Next Sun** Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship ~ Polka Service

\*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

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.

Welcome P to Our Church

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 11, 2018

General \$764.80, MOM \$335.00, OSC \$10.00, Organ \$40.00,

Sunday School \$59.00, Church Reno. \$665.00 Total: \$1,873.80

Attendance: Worship - 81 Sunday School - 17 - Children, 14 - 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.



# **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.





# **Attention Acolytes**

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Volunteers are needed.

# **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

St. John will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service this Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. *Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone! Have a Blessed Day With Family & Loved Ones!* 





# Polka Spirit Band on Christ the King Sunday

Next Sunday the "Polka Spirit Band" will join us once again to lead our worship in songs of praise with a polka flair. Please join us for our annual Polka Service!

# **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

St. John collected 42 Christmas shoe boxes for kids in need! How amazing!!!

~Thank you to everyone that donated~





# **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.

# **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

# Pentecost 26

November 18, 2018

# Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28 (Year B)



The Christian Church is no stranger to trials and suffering. Still, we are shocked and grieved each time we turn on the news and hear of faithful disciples who are being martyred around the world. Jesus taught his disciples that this trouble was coming, that his followers would be hated because of him. He also promised to be with us always; he is our refuge and strength, our hope and eternity. Hold fast!

