

**The God of Abraham  
and the God of Isaac  
and the God of Jacob**



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

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

November 10, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Daren & Dawn Otto

**Greeter Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader Next Week:** Wendy Bishop

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolytes Next Week:** J.R. Bishop & Caleb Nagel

**Altar Guild This Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Coker

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

**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.

## 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 – *Throughout the service you may remain seated or stand as you are able.*

p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #290 “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

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.**

FIRST READING

*The Burning Bush*

*As Moses was tending to the flocks of his father-in-law, he encountered an angel in a bush that was alight with fire but would not burn up. As he turned to look more closely at the bush, God spoke to him, saying, “Come no closer. This is holy ground.” It was in that encounter that God gave Moses his mission to return to Egypt and free His people from oppression and slavery.*

Exodus 3:1-15

(Page 47-48, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great

sight, why the bush is not burned.”<sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”<sup>5</sup> Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”<sup>6</sup> And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,<sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.<sup>9</sup> And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.<sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”<sup>12</sup> He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *Praise the Lord*

*The psalmist sang joyfully, praising the holy name of the Lord. Let everything that God created join their voices in praise to the Almighty.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup>**He made them stand fast forever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;**

<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and  
heaven.

**<sup>14</sup>He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his  
loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near  
him. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING

### *Don't Be Deceived by the Lawless*

*Paul taught the Christians in Thessalonica that the Day of the Lord is already here. He encouraged them not to worry about when the end would come, as it will not be until the lawless one causes a great rebellion. The Lord will destroy him before the end of the world.*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 (Page 1032-1033, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? <sup>6</sup>And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

<sup>14</sup>To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our

spoken word or by our letter. <sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 20:27-40

(Page 914-915, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>There came to {Jesus} some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, <sup>28</sup>and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. <sup>30</sup>And the second <sup>31</sup>and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. <sup>32</sup>Afterward the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, <sup>36</sup>for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” <sup>39</sup>Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” <sup>40</sup>For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #734 “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*”

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

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!

page 76: THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #352 *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"* (vs. 1,2,7,8)

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



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**St. John Meyersville**

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 11/10</b>	<b>Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</b>
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study Youth Meal Baskets
10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<b>*Bake sale after church ~ proceeds will go to Christmas Shoeboxes</b>
<b>Mon 11/11</b>	<b>Office Closed ~ Veteran's Day</b>
<b>Tues 11/12</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Meyersville 4-H Meeting
<b>Wed 11/13</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Yorktown Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
	<b>*Deadline for Team Budget Reports</b>
<b>Thurs 11/14</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Finance-Property Team Meeting
<b>Fri 11/15</b>	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<b>*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</b>

**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.**



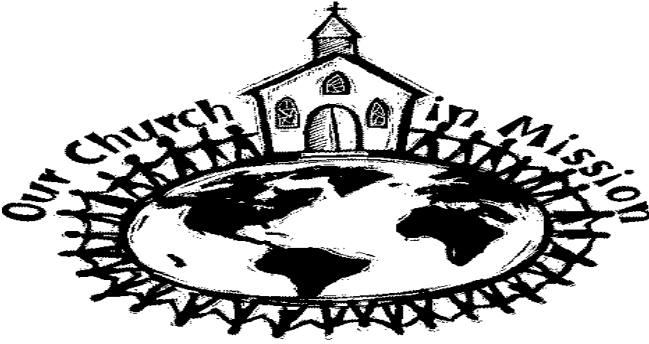
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

### **Sunday, November 3, 2019**

General \$4,408.84, MOM \$845.00, Christmas Shoeboxes \$100.00,  
Sunday School \$36.25, OSC \$51.36, Organ \$22.00, Building \$25.00,  
Church Reno. \$1,935.00 **Total: \$7,423.45**

**Attendance:** Worship - 88      Sunday School - 15, Adults - 14  
Confirmation - 12

## Mission of the Month of November



### Christmas Family Mission Statement

The mission for the month of November will be the Christmas Family. The Christmas family this year is a single Mother with seven children. If you wish to buy a gift instead of giving a monetary donation, please see Linda Ruschhaupt for details.



### Operation Christmas Child

We have kicked off Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project for St. John's. Shoe boxes will be available in the foyer of the church. If you need a box please call Linda Ruschhaupt at (361) 275-2059. Please leave your completed shoe boxes on the risers in the Parish Hall by 8 A.M. November 21, 2019.

### Shoebox Challenge

This year as we have in several of the past years, our church is taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. Our speaker for Mission Feast Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, will be Pastor Walter Jackson, who will talk to us about that program and other ministries of Samaritan's Purse. We have all heard some of the stories of the effect these boxes have on the recipients, and I'm sure Pastor Jackson will add to that beautiful list. So let's all agree this is an amazing program and our participation in it is a good thing! That being said I would like to issue a challenge to all the members of St John. A few facts to validate the challenge. First of all, our church was founded in 1851 and 2019 will be our 168<sup>th</sup> year of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Third, we give ourselves and those we love gifts at Christmas. Fourth, the

Shoebox program is a wonderful way of showing love to our neighbors by giving a Christmas gift to deserving children, just as we give ourselves. **So I challenge the members of St John Meyersville to exceed the goal of one box for each year of our church's existence, that's 168 shoeboxes.** That's considerably more than we did last year, but it should be a very attainable goal. We average 80 something in attendance per Sunday. If each of us brought 2 boxes each we would almost be there in one Sunday. So let's do this, and I know it will be to the glory of God, however many we collect, but I bet it will make this Christmas feel a little different if we reach our goal.

**So grab a box, fill it and come back and get two more. Let's fill some shoeboxes with some St John Meyersville Texas love and make some children smile!**



### St. John Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale **TODAY** after church. All donations of cookies, cakes, bars, breads or pies will be accepted to help reach our goal of 168 Christmas Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse.

### ATTENTION:

#### ALL CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

YOU (lady or gentlemen) have the opportunity to become the second member of an awesome Altar Guild Team. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way. If needing more information, please contact any Altar Guild member or Carol Ann Sagebiel. Thank you.



### ATTENTION – ALL ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

On all station communion set-ups (eg. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Easter, etc.) Place the CHALICE with a small amount of wine on the table with; Ciborium with wafers, paten with large wafer, 3 purificators, Missal on Stand and 4 trays.

Thank you, Carol Ann



# REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

**Thank you to all of our Veterans!!!**

## **\*Team Budget Reports & Finance-Property Teams Meeting\***

**ALL** team budget reports are due Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Finance-Property Team meeting on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.



## **Raffle Tickets for Carly**

Raffle tickets are available to benefit Carly Arndt Waters in her fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Proceeds will help pay medical costs associated with her scheduled surgery. Tickets may be purchased from Brian Wendel or the Meyersville Store.



## **Christmas Program Survey Results**

Based on the survey results church council has set the new program date for Sunday, December 22nd, at 6 p.m. Parents please contact Wendy Bishop @ (361)935-2123 if your child would like to participate in the program. Thank you.



## **Parents' Sunday School/Bible Study Class**

We are looking for interest for a Parents' Sunday school/Bible study class that would take place during Sunday school. We're looking for parents of all aged children to gather together, study the word of God, and help each other apply God's teachings to raising kids in today's society. We're wanting to make Sunday school a family event, and the studious learning of God a lifelong commitment. Please contact Johnna Kethan at 361-649-4234 if you are interested.



## NALC Disaster Relief

We will continue collecting **Health Kits** and **Flood Buckets** for the NALC Disaster Relief indefinitely. Because the Texas warehouse was totally depleted of all the disaster relief items during the recent tornadoes and flooding in the midwest we will continue to try to stock it for the next need. The instructions for building them are in the back of the church in a folder. Norrean Sager has made about 30 bags for the health kits and Norrean or Linda will be glad to get as many as you need from storage. If you just want to purchase some of the items, Linda will put it together. Leave the items in the kitchen at church. Linda will collect them if you let her know - (361) 275-2059.



## Bible Study

What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary describes a disciple as a follower, student or apprentice of a teacher or leader. Our Sunday Morning Bible study continues the Two Part series titled “Disciples of the Cross”. In Part one we studied “Who We Are” and we are just beginning Part Two, “What We Do”. Our group invites you to join us for this interesting look at “what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how that plays itself out in many areas of life and ministry.” Just get up a little earlier and come in for a cup of coffee, a couple of donut holes or a cookie or two, some fun, fellowship, and a discussion of our lesson and current events each Sunday morning. We would love to have your input.



## Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$599,553.00. 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 November 3, 2019: \$474,219



Thanksgiving  
Eve Service

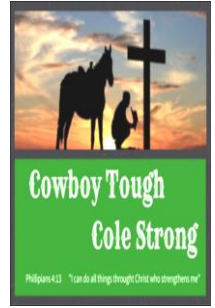


Thanksgiving Eve Service will be,  
Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at  
St. John.

**GOD**  
is Listening

**Special Prayers for Cole**  
**~UPDATE~UPDATE~UPDATE~**

Cole will be returning from China on September 22<sup>nd</sup> after six months of treatment for his injury. God truly blessed Cole with many outstanding doctors, nurses and therapist that took care of him while he was in China. Cole



has shown some improvement since he's been in China. Even though he is still on the ventilator he is able to take nine deep breaths on his own off the ventilator with very little difficulty. He is also able to hold his head on his own for at least sixteen minutes or more. He is getting stronger every day. We pray for continued healing for Cole each and every day. God has been with Cole every step of the way and by faith we know he will continue to do so.

When Cole leaves China he will be going to New Jersey for a surgery on his diaphragm that hopefully will help get him completely off the ventilator. After about one week in New Jersey he will be returning to TIRR in Houston for continued rehab. It will be so great to have him so close to home.

We want to thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns and support for Cole and his family while they were in China. They have truly been a blessing. We ask for those continued prayers as Cole and his family continue on this slow and difficult journey. Thank you again and may God bless each and every one.

**+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+**  
**At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:**  
*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*  
*To help family stay strong*  
*Patience*  
*Stay positive*  
*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*

**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:**

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
John Otto - USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC  
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 - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army



**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
Nate Boehl  
Hunter Jacob  
Glynn Yurick  
Kenny Jacob  
Cole Ohrt  
Carlton Migura  
Carly Waters  
Joy Hoy  
Marie Liner  
Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:  
11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

**Nursing Home:** Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller  
Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun

# Pentecost 22

*November 10, 2019*

## **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27 (Year C)**



The Day of the Lord will come, but no one knows the time except the Father. This is not a cause to worry or fret. In this life, those who belong to Christ have been chosen, saved, and sanctified by the Spirit. All of life is a walking on holy ground because all of life is sacred. As we await the return of Christ, we are called to be faithful to his Word and give thanks for the love that gives us new life.

