

THEY WILL SEE
THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN A CLOUD
WITH POWER
AND GREAT GLORY

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019

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Greeter Next Week: John & Margie Swannack

Reader This Week: Wendy Bishop

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: J.R. Bishop & Caleb Nagel

Acolytes Next Week: Landon & Kyle 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.

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

p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #551 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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.

FIRST READING

I Will Send You Elijah

“The day is coming,” said the Lord through his prophet. The day when the arrogant and evil will be burned like chaff at the hands of the Lord. But, those who fear and honor the name of the Lord will experience healing and wholeness. God will send his servant Elijah to turn the hearts of parents and children toward one another. This will serve as one last call for the people to repent and turn to God.

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. ⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Make A Joyful Noise

The Lord's love is steadfast and never ending. Make a joyful noise to the Lord who grants us grace. Let the rivers and seas, creatures and all people sing to the Lord.

¹Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

²**With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

³The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of
Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our
God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**⁶Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

**⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he
comes to judge the earth.

**¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

SECOND READING

Do Not Be Idle

Paul encouraged the Christians in Thessalonica to be busy rather than being busybodies who spend their time talking and not working. All who want to eat must be willing to work, he instructed, using himself and his companions as examples of earning one's keep. The church's reputation was at stake as some were continually relying on the congregation for assistance, not working to make their own living.

2 Thessalonians 3:[1-5] 6-13

(Page 1033, RSV Pew Bible)

[¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you

are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.] ⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-28 [29-36]

(Page 915-916, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

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

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, {Jesus} said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷And {the disciples} asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against

nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." [²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.

³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #410 “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*”

Blessing of the Christmas Shoeboxes

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Today we seek God’s blessing as we gather with thankfulness to bless these Shoe Boxes to the Glory of God.

All your works praise you, O Lord,

And your faithful servants bless you.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory: all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen.

You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from the night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up. You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and earth: Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets; Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles; and all the saints and witnesses in your Church of ages past, in whom your Spirit spoke and moved.

Let us pray:

Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate these Shoe Boxes to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom; through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Amen

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES' CREED

p. 65: 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!

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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St. John Meyersville

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Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 11/17	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	*2:00-4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Mon 11/18	Office Closed	
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
Tues 11/19	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 11/20	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thurs 11/21	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	*Committee Reports Due	
Fri 11/22	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	*Newsletter Deadline	
Next Sun	Christ the King Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ Polka Service

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 10, 2019

General \$1,090.00, MOM \$450.00, Cemetery \$2.00, Sunday School \$22.00, Christmas Shoeboxes \$70.00, Church Reno. \$20,475.00 **Total : \$22,109.00**
Bake Sale (*proceeds go to Christmas Shoeboxes*) \$276.00

Attendance: Worship - 81 Sunday School - Children - 22 Adults - 13

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. this Thursday, November 21, 2019.

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.



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. 3rd 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





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.

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 10, 2019: \$494,694

Thanksgiving
Eve Service

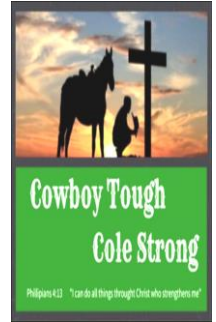


Thanksgiving Eve Service will be, Wednesday,
November 27th at 7:00 PM at St. John.

GOD
is Listening

Special Prayers for Cole
~UPDATE~UPDATE~UPDATE~

Cole will be returning from China on September 22nd 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 - 1st LT, United States Army

Andrew Washington, PFC - USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA



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 23

November 17, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28 (Year C)



As the church year nears its end, we are reminded of Jesus' words concerning the end of the age. There will be false prophets who try to lead the faithful astray. There will be wars and rumors of wars, the persecution of God's people, deadly diseases and pestilence, famines and disasters. All of this is to be expected before Jesus returns as he promised long ago. We shall not fear for our redemption is at hand.

