



Salvation belongs to our God
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb!

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2019

Greeter This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeter Next Week: Daren & Dawn Otto

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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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.*

RECOGNITION OF SAINTS:

Ruth M. Peters

Isabel Margaret Hartman

Patsy Lueckemeyer

Arthur J. Otto

p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: *LBW #333 “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

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: Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

The Throne of the Lamb

Standing before the throne of the Lamb of God was a great multitude of people from every tribe and nation on earth. They sang loudly their praises, "Salvation belongs to our God!" These were washed in the blood of the Lamb and are protected from all calamity and suffering forevermore.

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

(Page 1076, RSV Pew Bible)

[²I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.] ⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the

throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

RESPONSIVE PSALM

The Lord Takes Pleasure in His People

The psalmist encouraged the people to sing and dance in praise of the Lord, who takes pleasure in the lives of his people. He adorns them for victory and grants them power to bring judgment to the unrighteous.

Psalm 149

(Page 546, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

³Let them praise his name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

**⁸To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;**

⁹To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

God Calls Us His Children

That God would call us “his children” is a demonstration of his great love for us. When he appears, the promise is that we will all be like him and see him as he truly is; this is something we long for and place our hope in.

1 John 3:1-3 (Page 1066, RSV Pew Bible)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12 (Page 837-838, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they

shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #690 *“Shall We Gather at the River”*

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 BLESSING

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE



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St. John Meyersville

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

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 11/3	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ <i>All Saints Sunday</i>
*2:00-4:00 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Class</i>
Mon 11/4	Office Closed
Tues 11/5	VOTE ~ Constitutional Election
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Office Hours
7:00 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
Wed 11/6	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m.	Quilters
Thurs 11/7	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 11/8	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	Youth Group Meal Baskets
10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<i>*Bake Sale after Church</i>

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.



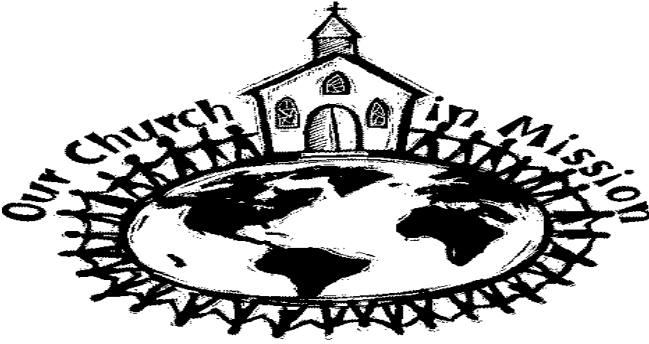
Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.

Sunday, October 27, 2019

General \$1,414.00, MOM \$525.00, NALC \$100.00, Sunday School \$153.00,
OSC \$700.00, Church Reno. \$8,195.00 **Total : \$11,087.00**

Attendance: Worship - 66 Sunday School - Children - 1 Adults - 8

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. For more information on the Christmas Family please see the November bulletins at Sunday services.



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 27th, 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 168th 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!



Constitutional Election Day

Don't forget to vote in your precinct on Tuesday,
November 5th!!!

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.



Youth News

Next Saturday, November 9th the St. John Youth Group will be going to the Corn Maze. Sunday, November 10th the Youth Group will be making Thanksgiving meal baskets during the Sunday School hour that will be taken back to their schools to share with families in need this Thanksgiving.

St. John Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale on Sunday, November 10th 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 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.

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 October 27, 2019: \$472,284**

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:

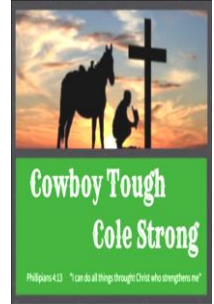
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

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 Pettrash II - 1st 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:
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Nursing Home: Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller
Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2019

All Saints Sunday (Year C)

All Saints is the day when we remember those who came before us in faith, who ran the race and persevered until the end. Our hope is grounded in the resurrection of Christ as we think of our loved ones who have passed from this earthly life to a life that continues even more fully in the presence of God. We have much to be joyful about as we meditate upon God's great love and faithfulness to his people.

