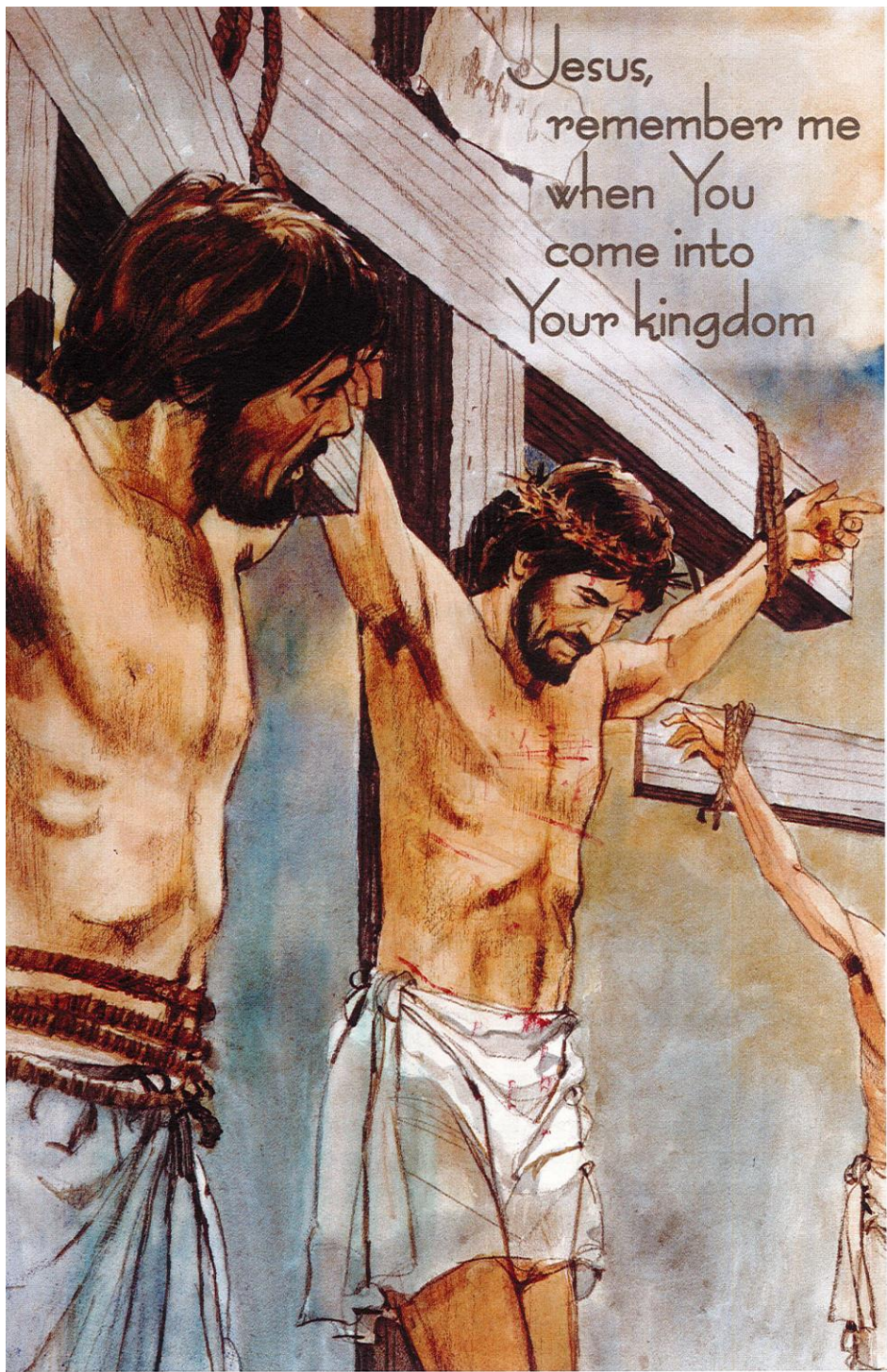


Jesus,
remember me
when You
come into
Your kingdom



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ the King Sunday

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

November 24, 2019

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack

Greeter Next Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Landon & Kyle

Acolytes Next Week: McKenna & Kendra

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 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 CONCERNS

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

OPENING HYMN:

“I Will Sing My Praises to the Lord”

Tune: Owl Polka (words based on Psalm 146)

- 1 I will sing my praises to the Lord; O praise the Lord, my soul.
To the one who always keeps his word; O praise the Lord, my soul.
Our great Lord creator of the world and all there in:
Brings new hope and blesses ev’ryone who puts their trust in him.
Our great Lord creator of the world and all there in:
Brings new hope and blesses ev’ryone who puts their trust in him.
- 2 God, our maker loves his chosen ones; and cares for those in need.
Lifting high the weak and lowly ones, and setting captives free.
Caring for the stranger, giving justice to the poor,
He will reign on earth as King of Kings, and Lord forevermore.
Caring for the stranger, giving justice to the poor,
He will reign on earth as King of Kings, and Lord forevermore.

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

Distinction Between Righteous and Wicked

The Lord chastised the people for turning away from him and speaking against him, lifting up the wicked and putting God to the test. Then those in the community repented and wrote a book of remembrance before the Lord. God changed his mind and promised to spare the righteous who served him.

Malachi 3:13-18

(Page 830-831, RSV Pew Bible)

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts?’ ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” ¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who

feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

SECOND READING

The Firstborn of All Creation

St. Paul, in his introduction to his letter to the church in Colossae, describes the uniqueness of Christ, saying he is the image — the very likeness — of the invisible God. Christ is also the “firstborn of all creation,” meaning he is the heir of all things, the inheritor of the Father’s kingdom, and yet fully One with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Colossians 1:13-20

(Page 1026, RSV Pew Bible)

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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

Luke 23:27-43 (Page 918-919, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

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

²⁷There followed {Jesus} a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him

sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN:

“Jesus, Savior of the World”

Sung to tune of Lazy Farmer Waltz

- 1 Jesus, Savior of the world, come to us, free us from sin.
Jesus, Savior of the world, cleanse us and make us whole again.
- 2 God our maker so loved the world that he gave his only son,
And for all believers in Him, life eternal would be won.
- 3 Greater sacrifice: there was none. No greater love to ever know:
Love so true, yet undeserved, love that only God could show.
- 4 So we thank you, gracious God. Hear our song of grateful praise.
May your precious gift from above live in our hearts through all our
days.

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:

Sung to tune of Shiner Polka

We now close this time of worship,
strengthened and restored.
From the words which we remember
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
This heav’nly word revives us,
this heav’nly word uplifts us,
the word of true salvation, for all believers given.
We now close this time of worship,
strengthened and restored.
We now leave this house of worship
on our homeward way.

Keep the message of the Savior
in your hearts today.
Let's share with all the others,
our sisters and our brothers,
and tell the saving story, so all may know God's glory.
As we leave this house of worship
follow in God's way.

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 11/24 Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Worship ~ *Polka Service with
the Polka Spirit Band*

Mon 11/25 Office Closed

Tue 11/26

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Office Hours

7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

Wed 11/27

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.

Old Stone Church Meeting

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thurs 11/28 Office Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri 11/29

10:00 a.m.-2:00 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*

**2:00- 4:00 Confirmation Class*

**3:00 Church Christmas Decorating*

*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 17, 2019

General \$1,320.00, MOM \$275.00, Christmas Shoeboxes \$175.00,
CAMAL House \$100.00, NALC \$100.00, Organ \$15.00, Youth \$220.00,
Sunday School \$35.00, Church Reno. \$2,405.00

Total : \$4,645.00

Attendance: Worship - 88 Sunday School - 18 - Children, 13 - Adults

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service



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

Church Christmas Decorating

Anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Christmas can join us next Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 pm.



Youth News

The T-shirt design contest for Youth Group is still going on. All T-shirt design ideas need to be turned into Wendy Bishop by December 1st. Can't wait to see some creative ideas!

Called Congregational Meeting

A called congregational meeting will be held immediately following the service on Sunday, December 15th. The sole agenda item will be consideration of the proposed St. John Budget for 2020, as approved by Council.



CALLED
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



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!

Christmas Program

Plans are underway for this year's Christmas Program at St. John's. We are very excited to share the Christmas Story about our Lord and Saviour's birth with our congregation and community. A participation form was mailed out, please fill this form out & return it to the church office. It can be placed in the box outside the church office as well. Program practices will be held in the church during the Sunday School hour from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on December 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Please let us know if your child(ren) will be able to participate and help us share the good news of Christ's birth!



Yours in Christ,
Wendy Bishop
(361)935-2123

Poinsettias



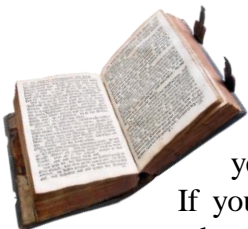
If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone during Christmas time, please fill out the insert in the bulletin. Place it in the offering plate with payment. They are \$11.00 each & will be in a gold tin with a Christmas bow. We are not sure of the deadline to purchase poinsettias just yet, so get your orders in early!

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: stjohnevlutheran@juno.com. Thank you!



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



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

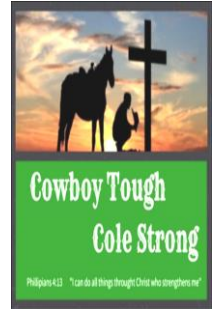
Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$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 17, 2019: \$497,099

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

Christ the King

November 24, 2019

Christ the King Sunday, Proper 29 (Year C)



On this last day of the Church year, we celebrate the kingship of Jesus as we hear of God's impending judgment and the separation of the righteous from the wicked. As he was led toward death, our Savior warned those who mourned that things would get worse before they got better. Moments later, from the cross of his murder, he pronounced a thief forgiven and assured him they would meet in Paradise soon.

