

WHEN THE SON OF MAN



COMES IN HIS GLORY

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Christ the King Sunday ~ Polka Service
November 22, 2020

Greeter This Week: John & Margie Swannack
Greeter Next Week: Youth Group
Reader This Week: Volunteer Needed
Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander
Acolytes This Week: Hayden Leist
Acolytes Next Week: Madyx Blain & Hudson Zengerle
Altar Guild This Month: Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden
Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit
Communion Assistant This Month: Johnny Jank
Communion Assistant Next Month: Glenn Ruschhaupt

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.

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. We thank God that we are once again able to gather inside the church. For those who are not comfortable entering the church we are also broadcasting as we have for the past several weeks and you are more than welcome to remain in your car. The service, the organ music, and Pastor John's message will be routed through the church's sound system and broadcast on your car radio on FM channel 101.5. Please follow the service in the bulletin.

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

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

All We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN:

*“Send Your Spirit, Lord”
Sung to tune of Youth & Pleasure Polka*

**Send your Spirit, Lord, help us live anew.
Set aside our sinful hearts so we may walk with you.
Let us hear your voice calling ev’ry day.
Lead us on true paths of life to follow in your way;
lead us on true paths of life to follow in your way.**

**Precious is the Word, precious more than gold.
Heavn’ly messages of grace are treasures to behold!
We will spread the Word, riches we will share.
Giving of our lives in Christ, to all who need God’s care;
giving of our lives in Christ, to all who need God’s care.**

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*“Come, Let Us Worship”
To the tune of Roll Out the Barrel*

**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!**

**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;

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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land.

There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,

²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

³For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us bow down, and | bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

^{7a}For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL VERSE

“Alleluia”

To the tune of Julida Polka

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Open the hearts of your faithful servants:

Receive the message of eternal life.

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: Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

³¹{Jesus said to the disciples,} “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Praise the God of All Creation”

Sung to tune of At the Mill Polka

**Praise the God of all creation, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
And the Son, sent down from heaven, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise the Lord, our living Savior, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
King of Kings who reigns forever, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise the rock of our salvation, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Jesus Christ, the firm foundation, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,
And also with you

Offering – If you wish to give an offering it will be received as you leave.

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.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**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!**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN:

“We Now Close this Time of Worship”

Sung to tune of Shiner Polka

**We now close this time of worship, strengthened and restored.
From the Word 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**

**As we leave this time of worship, lead us, Lord, we pray.
Help us live our lives for you, Lord, serving ev'ry day.
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, following God's way.**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN:

LBW #565

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

- Today 11/22 Christ the King Sunday**
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship ~ *Polka Service*
- Mon 11/23** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
- Tues 11/24** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed 11/25** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Thurs 11/26** *Office Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving!*
- Fri 11/27** *Office Closed*
- Next Sun** **First Sunday of Advent**
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship



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 15, 2020

General \$815.00, MOM-Christmas Family \$700.00, Youth \$25.00, Sunday School \$61.00, Organ \$15.00, Building \$40.00, Reno. \$370.00 **Total: \$2,026.00**

Attendance: Worship - 62 Sunday School - 8 - Children, 16 - Adults Confirmation - 5

Special 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!



Thanksgiving Eve Service



*Thanksgiving Eve Service will be, this Wednesday, November 25th
at 7:00 PM at St. John.*

UPDATE - Worship Team Notes - UPDATE

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will be by stations on the 1st Sunday until further notice. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. These specific guidelines are posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



Mission of the Month of November



Christmas Family 2020

Mission Statement

Our **first** Christmas family is a grandfather and granddaughter. She is in high school and he is elderly and in poor health. He has sole custody of the granddaughter and is her only close relative. Their needs are great.

Our **second** Christmas family is a single father with four children.

The Mission Team has a list of their wishes. Please see Linda Ruschhaupt, team leader so we can Co-ordinate efforts to make some of their Christmas wishes come true. Monetary donations will help them also.

Youth Group News

St. John's is looking for someone who enjoys working with young people to be our new youth leaders. Please prayerfully consider this and let Pastor John or Laurie Pokluda know if this is your calling.



We would like to thank Wendy and Doug Bishop for serving as our youth leaders. Our young people were very blessed by their service.



Meyersville Country Club Fundraiser

Don't forget to pick up your pork ribeye plates from the MCC **today**, November 22nd from 11-2. There will be to go plates only. You can purchase any tickets that may be left from any country club member or go by & see if there are any extra plates. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Church Decorating

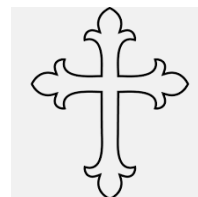
Christmas church decorations will be put up this Saturday, November 28th at 2 PM. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to come!



St. John collected **86 shoe boxes** for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child this year! How AWESOME!!! Thank you to everyone who participated in any way!

NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. We will be collecting for the Christmas family wish lists for the month of November. Please see Linda Ruschhaupt for details on what is needed. Thank you.





St. John Lutheran Sunday School & Youth Group Christmas Program Information

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to prepare our Sunday School Christmas program! "The Village of Bethlehem" will be held on Sunday December 20th at 6 or 6:30 pm outside under our new covered walkway. Each class will be assigned a booth to create and learn about for the program. These parts of the play will be practiced during Sunday school starting at the end of October. As an example, our Pre-K and Kinder class will be The Shepherds booth. They will learn in their classroom what a shepherd did, how they took care of their flocks, what the animals ate and drank, etc. They will also be working on decorations for their booth. During the program, the booths will be setup for all attendees to pass by with a list of questions you can ask the students. All the booths will be setup in a village format to allow all attendees to see and visit every booth. The Live Nativity will also be setup to complete our Bethlehem village! Each class will also learn a Christmas song to sing with their class, which will be performed at the beginning and ending of the program so all attendees can watch.

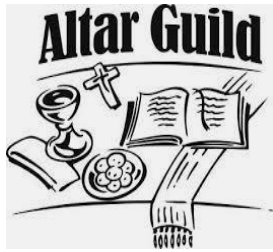
We hope you are as excited about this program as we are! We're looking forward to learning more about each of the booths in the village and seeing all the decorations the students create! It is highly important to keep attending Sunday school from now until the program. Each class will be working on their booths in addition to their daily lessons. The students will also be practicing their songs for the program in their classes. Please contact us with any questions, and we thank you so much for having your child be a part of our Sunday School program.

With God's Love, Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234, Wendy Bishop 361-935-2123, Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322
Laurie Pokluda 361-275-4232, Trish Hood 361-212-7322

Altar Guild

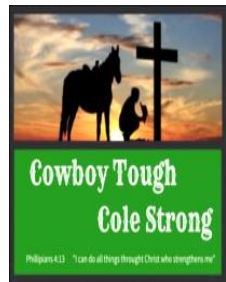
ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY/PLEA

One of our faithful Altar Guild teams is no longer able to serve. Therefore, the Altar Guild is urgently asking for each of you to prayerfully and seriously consider being a part of a team to serve on the Altar Guild. You and your teammate (as do the 5 other teams) serve approximately 2 months per year setting up communion before and cleaning up afterward and filling candles. Please contact Carol Ann Sagebiel (361)243-0122 or any Altar Guild member for more information, etc. Thank You.



Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.



+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)

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 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 November 15, 2020: \$557,978.30



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request please contact Evelyn Diebel (361)275-5979 Or Linda Ruschhaupt (361)275-4990 or the Pastor. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel at (361)275-5979.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Kuwait
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Sarah Cooper
Jimmy Caskey
Britany Jank Tomas
Dot Ball (John Swannack's Sister)
Dugan Chandler

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun
Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow



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Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday, Proper 29 (Year A)

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the church celebrates the identity of Christ as King of kings. This one who is the Good Shepherd of the sheep is a king who serves the outcast, infirm, forsaken, and alone. He calls his followers to do the same. The reign of God comes near whenever God's people act in faith and obedience to God's holy will for the other. Jesus is unlike any other king.



SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

It is God's will, order, and command that believers should walk in good works ... truly good works are not those which every one contrives himself from a good intention, or which are done according to traditions of men, but those which God Himself has prescribed and commanded in His Word. - Formula of Concord -