

In your
presence
is fullness
of joy.

Psalm 16:11

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

Greeter This Week: Dickie & Cathie Bettge

Greeter Next Week: Candy Cowley

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Acolytes This Week: Madyx Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Hayden Leist & Peyton Diebel

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & LeAnn Jander

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays

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 this morning's service. We thank God that we continue to be able to gather together and worship inside our church. We are not mandating any seating, nor do we mandate wearing a mask. However if you feel more comfortable wearing one, please feel free to do so. There is hand sanitizer available at each door as you enter and smaller bottles in each pew for your use. At the place in the service where we "Share the Peace" and we would typically move about the church sharing the peace of Christ, we would ask that you remain at your seat, where you might share the peace with immediate family members or look around the church "share the peace" at a distance or give an "air-hug" to others you see. For those uncomfortable with this amount of personal contact we welcome you to continue to take part in the service by listening in your vehicle in the parking lot. We will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5 and you can follow the service in the bulletin as the liturgy, the organ music, hymns with the lyrics by our song leaders, and Pastor John's message will be on the broadcast. Thank you for your patience as we all look forward and pray for the day when we might worship without the concern for this pandemic.

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,

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:

“Lift High the Cross”

LBW #377

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain:

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.**

Refrain:

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.**

Refrain:

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.**

Refrain:

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Refrain:

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

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'

Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord, You alone are the

Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray;

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: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

PSALM READING

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**⁸I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil

conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

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

¹As {Jesus} came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" ²And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

***"In The Morning When I Rise"
Give Me Jesus***

WOV #777

**In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.**

Refrain:

**Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.**

**Dark . . . midnight was my cry, dark . . . midnight was my cry,
dark . . . midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.**

Refrain:

**Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus.**

Refrain:

**Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Jesus.**

Refrain:

**And . . . when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Jesus.**

Refrain:

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father, the 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 arose 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.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a

Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your

Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

And uphold me with your free Spirit.

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!

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy," RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER")

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:

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

LBW #509

**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see, his banners go!**

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

Refrain:

**Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided; All one body we:
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.**

Refrain:

**Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never ‘Gainst that church prevail.
We have Christ’s own promise, And that cannot fail.**

Refrain:

**Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.
We through countless ages With the angels sing:**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN:

**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 11/14	Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 11/15	~ <i>Office Closed</i> ~
Tues 11/16	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Meyersville 4-H Meeting
Wed 11/17	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting 10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab. 1:30 p.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
Thurs 11/18	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours *Committee Reports Due
Fri 11/19	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours *Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Christ the King Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Polka Service</i>

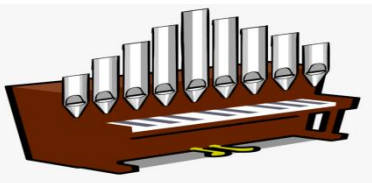


Welcome Visitors! We would like to extend a special welcome to all visitors. If you are looking for a church home, we pray you would consider St. John’s.

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.

November 7, 2021 General \$2,692.00, MOM-Christmas Giving \$300.00, Sunday School \$4.00, Organ \$23,105.00, OSC \$120.00, Building \$40.00 **Total: \$26,261.00**

Attendance: Worship - 80 Sunday School - 8 - Children, 14 - Adults, Confirmation - 6



Organ Fund

The congregation voted on October 17, 2021 to upgrade our organ which is in need of a major overhaul. The cost of the upgrade is \$69,117.00 and we have \$34,965.35 in designated giving in the fund currently. Any contributions should be marked as Organ Fund. Thank you from the Organ Committee and Church Council.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

St. John will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.



Mission of the Month of November



Christmas Giving

Mission Statement

We will be sharing our mission offering with several individuals this year. The special needs will be listed in the bulletin as soon as we receive them. HAPPY GIVING!

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 gift packages for the Christmas Giving for the month of November. Our Christmas Shoeboxes & labels have arrived, please pick yours up to fill today! Do not forget to fill out your label & include your check (no cash) for \$9.00 per box for shipping costs. If you wish to pay by credit/debit card you will need to scan the QR code on your label with your phone or go on line and pay for your shipping at: samaritanspurse.org/activate. Please have all boxes filled with labels & shipping paid to the church no later than Sunday, November 14, 2021. Thank you!

Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls and also for all the food I received from family and friends during my recent knee surgery and other health problems.

I especially want to thank my family for being there for me. I could not have gotten through this without your help, also Pastor John for being at the hospital the day of surgery and I cannot forget the drivers getting me to physical therapy.

Thank you again. God bless all of you.

Joan Wendel



NEW UPDATE: Worship Team Notes

Worship services will be in the church sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. Communion will go back to the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month by stations. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. We will continue to commune those worshipping remotely “in the parking lot” in their vehicles. Please note state and local guidelines are subject to change and we will continue to attempt to follow those for the health and safety of all. Guidelines and changes in those will be posted in the bulletin, on our website & FaceBook page. Please check these for changes and updates. Please Note: The service will NO longer be videoed & posted to the church website.





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

Christmas is right around the corner, and it's time to prepare for our Sunday School Christmas program! "The Village of Bethlehem" will be held on Sunday December 19th at 6:00 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.

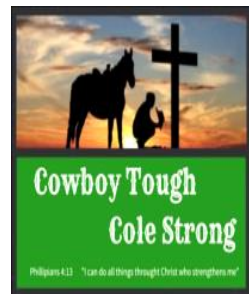
With God's Love,

Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234, Kathy Dunn 361-275-4322, Laurie Pokluda 361-275-4232, Trish Hood 361-212-7322 and Lenzi Moritz 361-772-6312.



+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family and friends. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and is now receiving therapy in Victoria on his new fabulous walking machine, the Lokomat Pro. This machine is a robotic training system that allows Cole's legs to be attached to robotic legs that assist with basic walking functions. It's an awesome machine and God has truly blessed Cole once again. Cole and his family want others, in need of this type of therapy, to share



in this wonderful blessing and be able to also use this machine. God is truly at work thru Cole. 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)

NEW Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to correct construction errors related to landing elevation and drainage, modification of steps to meet original architectural plans, and elimination of flatwork ponding on approach to elevator, at contractor's cost. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched up. The current invoiced total for cost of construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, grass planting, and incidentals is \$600,850.80. Designated giving and memorials received to date total \$602,683.30.



Fill the Warehouse!
(The cheapest place to shop for supplies!)
NALC Disaster Response
What's in a Flood Bucket?

1 bucket (5 gallon) with a lid – Firehouse Subs \$3.00 ea.

(Check other restaurants, donut shops, school kitchens, etc.!)

1 roll paper towels – Walmart 44 cents a roll

1 powder cleanser – Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 floor cleaner – small! (like Pine Sol, Fabuloso) – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.00 ea.

1 pair leather gloves – Home Depot 3 pk under \$6.00

1 pair cotton gloves – Walmart 6 pk under \$5.00/Home Depot or Lowe's \$1.00 ea. Pr

2 contractor trash bags (3 mil) – shop around.....

2 rags – Don't buy! Cut up old bath & beach towels, dish towels, wash cloths.....

What's in a Health Kit?

Soap: 1 regular size bar or 2-3 travel size*

Shampoo: 2 or 3 travel size* (or 1 small size)

Lotion: 1 or 2 travel size*

***Ask for donations from people you know that stay in hotels!**

1 deoderant – Walmart 88 cents ea.

1 toothbrush – Dollar Tree 4 for \$1.00

1 toothpaste (travel size) – Walmart (or for a bigger tube) 77-90 cents ea.

1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.00

1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – Make 2 from an old pillow case!

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. 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.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Virginia
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, North Carolina



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Hunter Jacob
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Britany Jank Tomas
Bea Fagg
Clint Coles
Mrs. Stiles
Ryon Preslar

Nursing Home:

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



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Pentecost 25

November 14, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28 (Year B)

The Christian Church is no stranger to trials and suffering. Still, we are shocked and grieved each time we turn on the news and hear of faithful disciples who are being martyred around the world. Jesus taught his disciples that this trouble was coming, that his followers would be hated because of him. He also promised to be with us always; he is our refuge and strength, our hope and eternity. Hold fast!

