



Your redemption
is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Trish Hood

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Madyx Blain

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ *The Britton Blain Family*

HYMN: LBW #58 1st Verse

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing"

**Lo, how a rose is growing, A bloom of finest grace;
The prophets had foretold it: A branch of Jesse's race
Would bear one perfect flow'r Here in the cold
of winter And darkest midnight hour.**

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

HYMN:

“My Lord, What a Morning”

WOV #627

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You'll hear the trumpet sound,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You'll hear the Christian shout,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

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;

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**²Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

**⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**⁸He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**¹⁰For your name’s sake, O Lord,
forgive my sin, for it is great.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²⁵{Jesus said,} “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Soon and Very Soon”

WOV #744

**Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin’ to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin’ to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

**Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

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.

**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!**

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

HYMN:

“Day by Day”

WOV #746

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort
to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all
mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior,
lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and
wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil
of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior,
help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.**

**Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter
what be tide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior,
with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.**

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 11/28	First Sunday of Advent 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Adult Study – “Come Holy Spirit” 10:15 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Church Christmas Decorating
Mon 11/29	~ <i>Office Closed</i> ~
Tues 11/30	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 12/1	9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church Meeting 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 12/2	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Office Hours
Fri 12/3	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Second Sunday of Advent 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



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 21, 2021

General \$845.00, MOM-Christmas Giving \$570.00, Organ \$1,640.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Youth \$30.00
Sunday School \$21.00, Building \$170.00, Old Stone Church \$10.00 **Total Offering: \$3,306.00**

Attendance: Worship - 82 Sunday School - 11 - Children, 13 - Adults, Confirmation - *included in Sunday school count*



Church Christmas Decorating

Please join us to help decorate the church for Christmas
TODAY at 3:00 p.m.

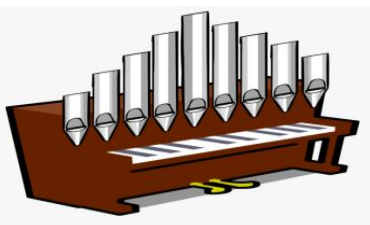
Old Stone Church

The Old Stone Church meeting has been rescheduled for
December 1, 2021 at 9:00 am.



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 received \$61,885.35 in designated giving to the fund to date. Any contributions should be marked as Organ Fund. Thank you from the Organ Committee and Church Council.



Mission of the Month of November



Christmas Giving Mission Statement

Our **first** Christmas family is a young mother with a 6 month old baby girl & a 13 year old son.

Our **second** Christmas family is a High School Senior, she is planning to go to college.

The Mission Team has a list of their wishes. Please see Cathie Bettge, team leader so we can Co-ordinate efforts to make some of their Christmas wishes come true. Gift card donations to HEB & Walmart would be useful also. HAPPY GIVING!



NALC Warehouse

We will be collecting for the warehouse 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.

Thank You

Thank you to all who filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. All together we filled 61 shoeboxes and they have been delivered! What a blessing!



HOLY BAPTISM

*On Saturday, November 20, 2021 we welcomed as a member by Holy Baptism, Lyanna Dee Picard, daughter of Nicholas & Johnna Picard
Sponsors for her Baptism were Mollie Janota & Jacob Maddox.*

Notice of Passing

Charles O. Moore, Jr. (Chuck) passed away Monday, November 15, 2021 in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Linda Silverio Moore; daughters, Jennifer (Eli) Hemphill and Elizabeth (Carl) Seiley; 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and a brother, Robert (Cobb) Moore.

~ Our sincere condolences to the Moore family from the people of St. John ~



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*



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.

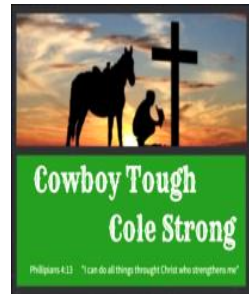
With God's Love,

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!

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.



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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Advent 1

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Jeremiah was to inform an idolatrous people that the Lord would not forsake them, even though they had disregarded his love and his ways. He would send a righteous branch of the tree of David to be their king. This king would be eternal and his reign would be characterized by justice and mercy. We know this one as King Jesus, and he will return to earth once more and take his people unto himself for all eternity.

