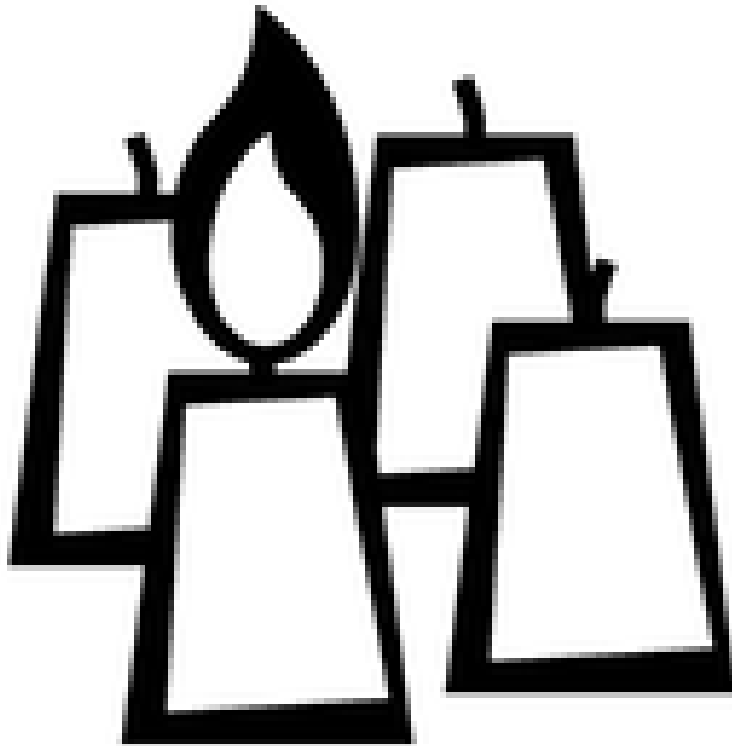


NOVEMBER 27, 2022



**Be Ready.**  
**Matthew 24:43**

# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Greeter Next Week:** John & Margie Swannack

**Reader This Week:** Dwight Jander

**Reader Next Week:** Johnna Picard

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Cathie Bettge & Brenda Boor

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Brian Wendel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Dickie Bettge

### 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.

### **As We Gather**

Your faith, as Abraham's, is reckoned to you as righteousness. The Lord God is our sure defense, for we cannot be saved from ruin by Military or political might, but by the strong right arm of the Lord. It is our unwavering conviction that God both created and sustains by his word. How can we not trust him with fear and faith, and hope in his steadfast love? We do not concern ourselves over each day's bread, as God has given us the whole kingdom, the heavenly city, the glorious homeland that we both seek and find in Christ.

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 First Advent Candle is the Candle of **Hope**.

The Nick Picard family will assist with the lighting.

### **Advent Verse**

### **Light One Candle**

**WOV #630**

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

Let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

## 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:**

**Fling Wide the Door**

**LBW #32**

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;  
The King of glory comes in state;  
The Lord of lords and King of kings,  
The Savior of the world who brings  
His great salvation to the earth.  
So raise a shout of holy mirth  
And praise our God and Lord,  
Creator, Spirit Word.

He is the rock of our belief,  
The heart of mercy's gentle self.  
His kingly crown is holiness;  
His scepter is his loveliness;  
He brings our sorrows to an end.  
Now gladly praise our king and friend,  
And worship him with song,  
For saving us from wrong.

O, happy towns and blessed lands  
That live by their true king's commands,  
And blessed be the hearts he rules,

The humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss  
Who fills our lives and makes us his,  
Creator of the world,  
Our only strength for good.

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;  
Our hearts are open wide in trust.  
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,  
Upon our sorrows shine your face,  
And let your Holy Spirit guide  
Our journey in your grace so wide.  
We praise your holy name,  
From age to age the same

## **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.**

*Please be seated*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

## **Psalm 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when the said to me,  
"Let us go to the house| of the LORD."

**<sup>2</sup>Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity | with itself;

**<sup>4</sup>To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the| house of David.

**<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with in your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

**<sup>8</sup>For my brethren and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek to do you good."

## Second Reading: Romans 13:[8-10] 11-14

[<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.] <sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desire.

*Please stand*

### GOSPEL VERSE

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

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24 chapter.

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

### Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup>{Jesus said,} “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

### MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN:**

**Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel**

**LBW #34**

<sup>1</sup>Oh come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

#### *Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

<sup>2</sup>Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

#### *Refrain*

<sup>3</sup>Oh, come strong branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save, And give them vic'try o'er the grave.

*Refrain*

Oh, come blest Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Refrain*

*Stand as you are able*

**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.**

*Please be seated*

Offering

*Please stand if your able*

**OFFERTORY**

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**

*Please stand*

Father remember us always and teach us to pray;

**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:**

**My Lord, What A Morning**

**WOV #627**

*Refrain*

**My Lord, what a morning,  
My Lord, what a morning,  
Oh, my Lord, what a morning  
When the stars begin to fall,**

**<sup>1</sup>You will hear the trumpet sound  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. (*Refrain*)**

**<sup>2</sup>You will hear the sinner cry  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. (*Refrain*)**

**<sup>3</sup>You will hear the Christian shout  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall. (*Refrain*)**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE DOXOLOGY:

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**

Postlude



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 11/27</b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday School Confirmation Class Adult Study Worship Service Office Hours Church Christmas Decorating
<b>Mon 11/28</b>	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
<b>Tues 11/29</b>	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Office Hours Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Wed 11/30</b>	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilters Mission Evangelism Team Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 12/1</b>	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
<b>Fri 12/2</b>	4:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.	Office Hours
<b>Sun 12/4</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Sunday School Adult Study Worship Office Hours



*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 6, 2022:** General \$3,077.00, Building \$130.00, Sunday School \$105.57, MOM-Christmas Family 420.00, Youth 200.00. **Total:** \$3,932.57

**Attendance:** Worship - 65 Sunday School - 6 - Children, 12 - Adults

### Acolytes

Volunteers are needed! A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have previously signed up. We still need a lot of dates to fill. Thank you.



### Mission of the Month of December

#### **Samaritan's Purse**

Samaritan's Purse is a nonprofit Christian relief and evangelism organization that specializes in meeting the needs of victims of war, poverty, disease, and natural disaster, while at the same time sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. They serve where needed whether it be on foreign lands or right here in the USA.

All donations to the St. John Christmas Family are due no later than **Sunday – December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Called Congregational Meeting**

A called congregational meeting will be held immediately following the service on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. There are two agenda items consisting of an A/C replacement proposal and consideration of the proposed St. John Budget for 2023.

### **Thrivent Giving Tuesday**

Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022 is an opportunity to make our communities stronger one act of giving at a time. Please join us in supporting our featured organization, **Lovepacs**.

**Amplify your impact:** For every \$2 donated on Thrivent's giving platform, Thrivent will match \$1 up to a total of \$20,000.

### **Cuero Municipal Library**

In partnership with the DeWitt County Historical Commission, the Library now has ancestry! Patrons may access ancestry Library Edition

### **St. John Lutheran Sunday School**

Christmas is right around the corner, and the Sunday School is planning to present another exciting Bethlehem Village on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mark your calendars!

### **+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole**

Hello everyone! Hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather! Cole not so much. He hates the winter time daily because he burns all over when he gets cold. He loves to be outside so this makes it miserable for him when it's cooler. He pushes through it like he does everything else but maybe pray this burning will stay away. Cole has reached a cool milestone recently. He has officially walked over 100,000 steps on his Lokomat machine! He faithfully goes twice a week to work an hour on the Armeo are machined then walks on the Lokomat even though he really doesn't feel like it some days. That on top of all the therapy he does at home. He's hard-

headed and sometimes that serves us well! Cole has been staying healthy otherwise so we are always Thankful for that. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

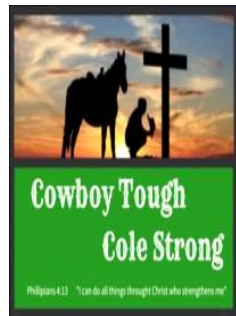
Also, please pray for another boy, Holden, who sustained some very serious injuries in an ATV accident recently. In addition, please pray for his parents and doctors as they move forward in the care and needs of Holden. Thank you and God Bless.

**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)***



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**St. John Meyersville**

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**Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org)**

**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 \$1.25 ea.

1 bottle bleach – small! – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 pair rubber gloves – Dollar Tree \$1.25 ea.

1 scrub brush – Dollar Tree \$1.25 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.

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 \$1.25

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

1 comb – Dollar Tree 12 pk for \$1.25

1 bath towel – Walmart \$1.97 ea.

1 drawstring bag – available to be filled in narthex or you may sew your own from an old pillow case.

## SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

The Spirit, however, creates a willing and unconstrained heart, such as the Law requires; and then good works spring directly from faith.

-Martin Luther-



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**Our Military and their families:**

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army, Louisiana

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Hawaii

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 - 1<sup>st</sup> LT, United States Army

Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL

Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA

Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina

Zach McBrayer - U.S. Air Force, San Antonio

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**Please Pray for:** Hunter Jacob  
Cole Ohrt  
Marie Liner  
Bea Fagg  
Mrs. Stiles  
Ryon Preslar  
Lisa Phillips  
Joy Meadows  
Billie Egg

**Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



**CAMAL House**

*Winter*  
**Blanket  
Drive**

**We will accept donations  
of new or gently used  
blankets through  
February 2023**

**Please  
Donate**

**New or gently used  
blankets, comforters,  
quilts or extra large  
throws. No small throws  
please.**

**Blankets can be donated at:  
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First United Methodist 210 N Clinton  
St. Mark's Lutheran 400 N Esplanade  
Grace Episcopal 102 E Live Oak  
St John's Lutheran 1764 Meyersville Rd**

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