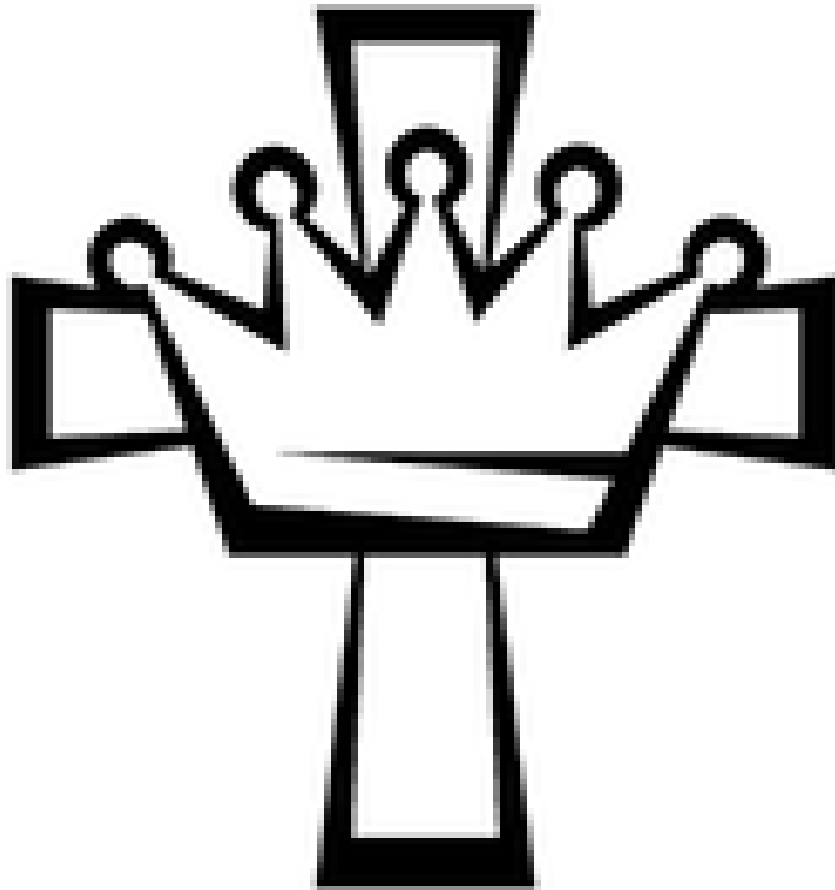


NOVEMBER 20, 2022



Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday ~ Polka Service

November 20, 2022

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Neal Moritz

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

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

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

“I Will Sing My Praises to the Lord”

Tune: Owl Polka (words based on Psalm 146)

**I will sing my praises to the Lord; O praise the Lord, my soul.
To the one who always keeps his word; O praise the Lord, my soul.
Our great Lord creator of the world and all there in:
Brings new hope and blesses ev’ryone who puts their trust in him.
Our great Lord creator of the world and all there in:
Brings new hope and blesses ev’ryone who puts their trust in him.**

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**God, our maker loves his chosen ones; and cares for those in need.
Lifting high the weak and lowly ones, and setting captives free.
Caring for the stranger, giving justice to the poor,
He will reign on earth as King of Kings, and Lord forevermore.
Caring for the stranger, giving justice to the poor,
He will reign on earth as King of Kings, and Lord forevermore.**

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,

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.

Please be seated

First Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’
¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’
¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”
¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.
¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.
¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

Psalm 95:1-7a

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

²Let 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.

⁴In 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.

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

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

Second Reading: Colossians 1:13-20

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

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

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

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24-37

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

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²⁴{Jesus said to Peter, James, John and Andrew,} “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning — ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

Please be seated

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Thank you, O God, We Pray”

Sung to the tune of What Can Happen Waltz

Thank you, O God, we pray
for sending us Lord Jesus
as a true servant king
to guide us and to lead us:
a perfect gift from heaven above
sent to redeem the world that you love.
Yes, We thank you, O Holy One
for the great gift of your son.

Lead us, O Lord, we pray,
and fill us with your goodness.
Help us to know your way
of grace and peace and kindness.
O Lamb of God, O Savior of all,
help us to listen and hear your call.
Help us follow and help us serve,
Spreading your almighty word.

Send us, O Lord, we pray,
in service and in mission.
Shining your ray of hope
to ev’ry land and nation.
So all your children lost in the night
will see your true, bright pathway of light
and they’ll follow, and they will serve,
spreading your almighty word.

Stand as you are able

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always,

C And also with you

Please be seated

OFFERING

Stand if you are 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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.**

"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: 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

Today 11/20	Christ the King Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship ~ <i>Polka Service</i>
	1:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	Last day to order Poinsettias!	
Mon 11/21	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Tues 11/22	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed 11/23	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Thanksgiving Eve Service</i>
Thurs 11/24	~ <i>Office Closed</i> ~ <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	
Fri 11/25	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Office Hours
Sun 11/27	First Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	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 13, 2022 General \$2,183.00, MOM-Christmas Family \$450.00, Sunday School \$312.00, Youth \$40.00, Building \$60.00 **Total: \$3,045.00**

Attendance: Worship - 55 Sunday School - 2 - Children, -10 - Adults,

Thanksgiving Eve Service

St. John will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.



St. John will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit CAMAL House food pantry over the holiday season. Canned meat items like Spam, Vienna sausages & chili are especially needed at this time. Thank you for all donations!

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

Mission of the Month of November



Christmas Family

All donations to the St. John Christmas Family are due no later than **Sunday – December 11, 2022.**



Christmas Poinsettias

St. John will be selling poinsettias to decorate the Church for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Worship Services. You can take your poinsettias home after the Dec. 25th service. Forms are available in the Narthex, and in the back of today's bulletin. Deadline for submitting is today - Sunday, November 20, 2022. Price per plant \$15.00.

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 42 shoeboxes and they have been delivered! What a blessing!

Thank You

St. John gives a warm welcome & a big Thank You to The Polka Spirit Band for being with us today!



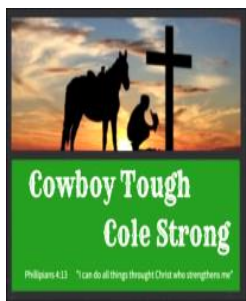
St. John Lutheran Sunday School

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



+ 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)

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 deodorant – 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: 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

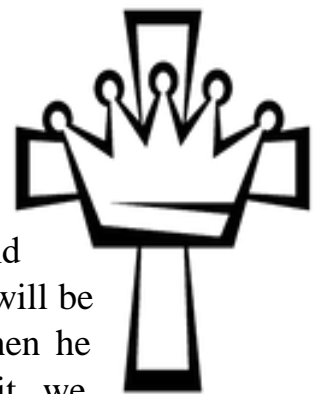


Christ the King

November 20, 2022

Christ the King Sunday, Proper 29 (Year B)

The last day of the Church year is a time to celebrate the Kingship of Jesus, a King like no other king. He gave his life for the sake of God's people and through his sacrificial death he put an end to death for all who believe. There will be no question about his return, as the Scriptures tell us that all will know when he comes on the clouds in power and majesty to gather his elect. As we wait, we continue to serve.





SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER

To speak more clearly of (the cross of Christ), you should not take it to mean this or that wood on which Christ hung suspended; but the cross of Christ is the shame and the great indignity which Christ innocently suffered... The shame and persecution endured for righteousness' sake is the cross of Christ.

-Martin Luther-
Sermon, October 22, 1522



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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:
CAMAL House 118 W Main
First Presbyterian 302 N Mcleod
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

**For more information or to
schedule a donation please
call/text 512-350-8791**