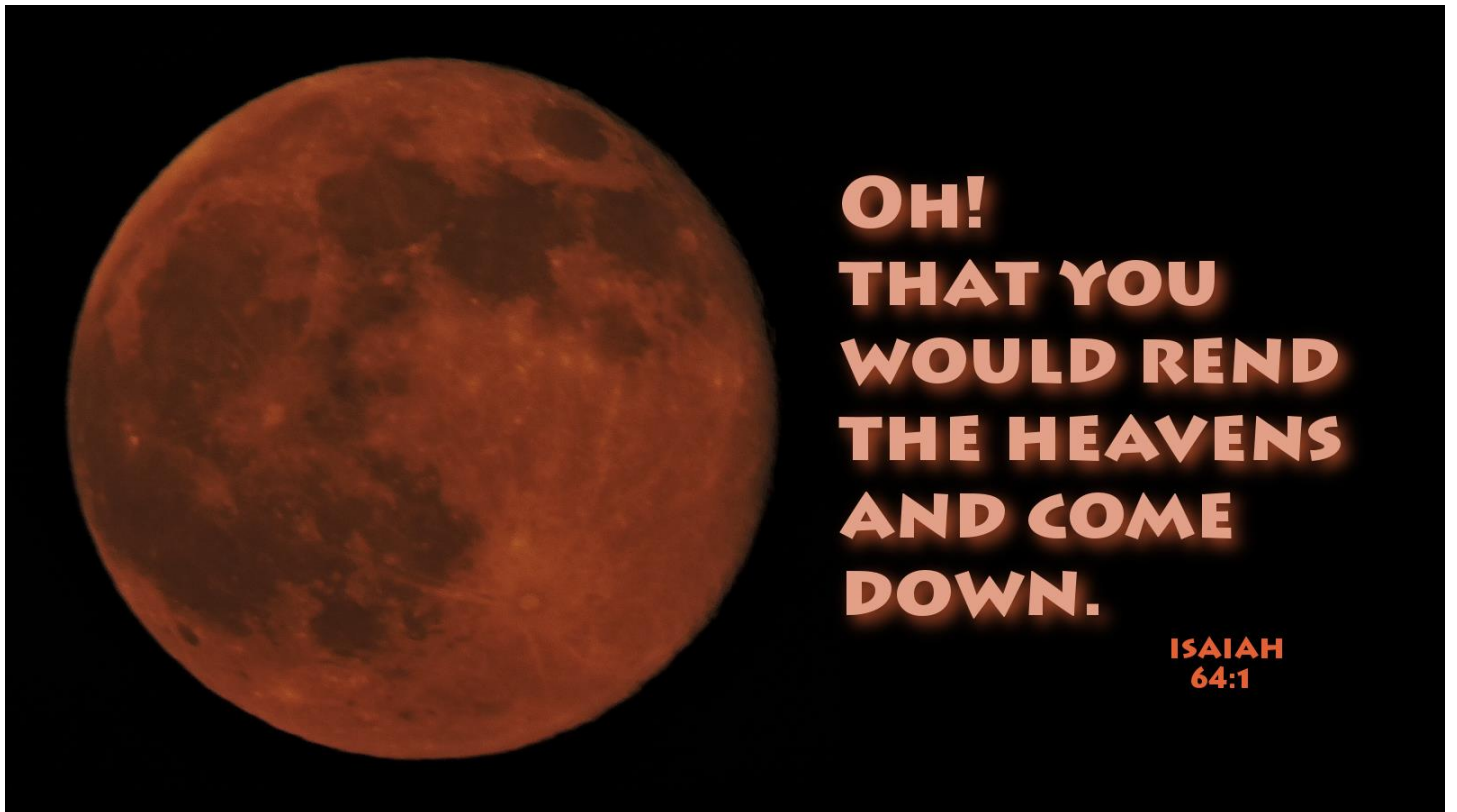


**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Meyersville, Texas  
December 3, 2023**



**OH!  
THAT YOU  
WOULD REND  
THE HEAVENS  
AND COME  
DOWN.**

**ISAIAH  
64:1**

# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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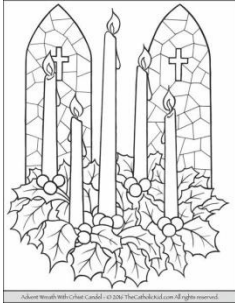
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Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise



## **First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023**

**Greeter This Week:** Beverly Bodden

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

**Reader This Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Reader Next Week:** Johnna Picard

**Acolyte This Week:** Gracie Diebel

**Acolyte Next Week:** Morgan Zengerle

**Altar Guild This Month:** M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dee Moeller & Beverly Bodden

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Brian Wendel

**Busy Bags** are available in the Narthex for all children to enjoy.

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Wishing you new hopes, new dreams,  
new opportunities for a prosperous tomorrow  
on the auspicious occasion of Advent Sunday!!!



### **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:**

For those of you who would prefer to remain in your cars, we will continue to broadcast the service on FM 101.5. 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!

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

You are invited to commune with us if, as a baptized Christian, you believe that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness; that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Sacrament; that this is more than a symbolic act, but a way God proclaims forgiveness to us who are repentant.

*May your participation increase your faith and strengthen your love for God and one another.*

*(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

*The Service begins with the first notes of the prelude.  
Please prepare for worship with silent meditation at this time.*

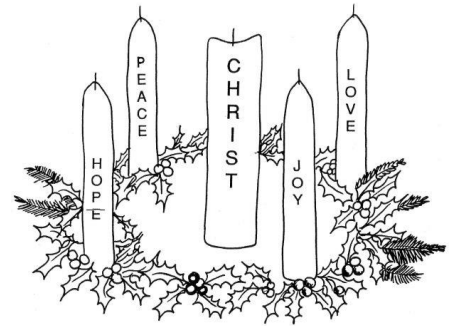
**PRELUDE**  
**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ *The Soliz Family***

**HYMN: LBW #58 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**



*Stand as you are able*

**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,

**C 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: “Light One Candle to Watch the Messiah”**

**WOV #630**

**<sup>1</sup>Light one candle to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**

**<sup>2</sup>Light two candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.**

**<sup>3</sup>Light three candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.**

**<sup>4</sup>Light four candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!**

## **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.**

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**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **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*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

God's anger is kindled by our sin and disobedience. The Lord turned away from his people and left them vulnerable to the consequences of their iniquity. Yet, when they cried out to him for salvation, when they vowed to live in unity with him as his beloved created ones, he sent his Son into the world to save us from sin and death. Through Jesus, God's face shines upon us. He is faithful until the end of the age.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence —  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 80:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **Gospel: Mark 13:24-37**

<sup>24</sup>{Jesus said,} “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And 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. <sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It 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. <sup>35</sup>Therefore 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 — <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And 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:**

*“Fling Wide the Door”*

*LBW #32*

<sup>1</sup>**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.**

<sup>2</sup>**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.**

<sup>3</sup>**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.**

<sup>4</sup>**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!**

*Stand as you are able*

Let us confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L 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!**

Each petition ends with "...Lord, in your mercy,"  
The congregation responds with "**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.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

L The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

L Let us share the peace.

**OFFERING** (*Please use the yellow envelopes for cash/coin offerings & include your name.*)

*Stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

L Merciful Father,

C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

L Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
That all those who believe in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you for the salvation  
You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
That we may receive our Lord  
With a living faith as he comes to us  
In his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L In the night in which he was betrayed  
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
And gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
Shed for you and for all people  
For the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



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.**

L Come for the Lord's Table is ready.

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** *(For those attending, please fill out a tan communion card.)*

L May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

C **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Let us pray;

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

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

May the Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

L Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **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**



**Luke 6:38**

**"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 12/3</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
	10:15 a.m.	Worship with Communion



**Mon 12/4** Office Closed

<b>Tues 12/5</b>	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pastor's Office Hours

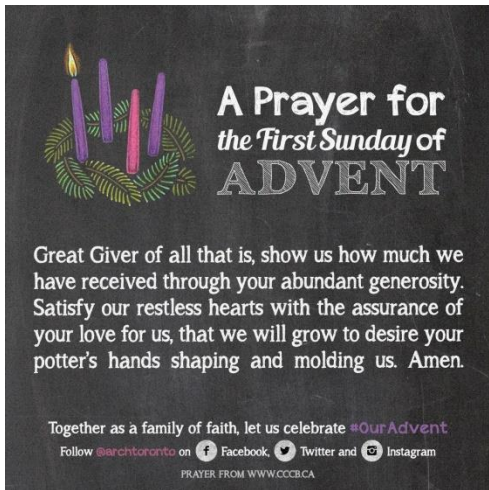
**Wed 12/6** 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Thurs 12/7** 1:00 p.m-4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

**Fri 12/8** 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Office hours

**Next Sun. Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:00 a.m.	Adult Study
10:15 a.m.	Worship



**Have a Blessed Week!**



*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.*

**Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 22, 2023** General \$438.00, MOM – Christmas Families \$130.00, Old Stone Church \$50.00, Building \$310.00

**Total: \$928.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 43

**November 26, 2023** General \$1,288.00, MOM – Christmas Families \$280.00, Sunday School \$7.00, Old Stone Church \$10.00, Building \$210.00, Youth \$40.00

**Total: \$1,835.00**

**Attendance:** Worship – 80, Sunday School - 5 Children, 4 Teachers; Adult Study - 10

***Sunday School continues throughout the year.  
We'd love to see all the children every Sunday at 9a.m.!***



*Office hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. If you would need immediate assistance outside of office hours, text or call Meliss at 361-649-0413. If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call or text the church office at 361-277-8653*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OFFICE HOURS COULD CHANGE THIS WEEK DUE TO FAMILY EVENTS!**

***Please call before you stop by to see if I'm in the office.***

***If you need something, please don't hesitate to call my cell. Thank You! Meliss***

Thank  
you!

To those individuals who helped decorate the church and tree in preparation for Christmas. It looks beautiful!!!

Thank you to Beverly Bodden and Susan Egg for substituting this week for our December Altar Guild members. It is much appreciated!



JOINT ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH FOR OUR ANNUAL

## Christmas Program

Sunday December 17 @ 6 PM

Our youth will retell the story of Christmas as the stars who were twinkling away the night Jesus was born.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall and Christmas Bags!!!



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### Mission of the Month for 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.

#### **December collection items**

are for the Christmas Families.

All donations to the St. John Christmas Family are due no later than **Sunday – December 10<sup>th</sup>**.

#### Readers & Greeters

Volunteers are needed for both readers & greeters! A sign-up sheet for each is hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have already signed up. We still need to fill many slots. Thank you!

We are still taking donations to **Fill the Warehouse!** Flood Buckets and Health Kits are still needed. We are also still taking donations of new or gently used Bibles & prayer books. Thank You!!!

### Called Congregational Meeting

A called congregational meeting will be held immediately following the service on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. There is one agenda item, consideration of the proposed St. John Budget for 2024.

### Christmas Eve Services

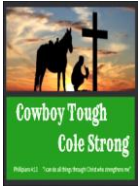
**On Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there will be a communion service at the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service and at the 10 p.m. Candlelight Service. There will be no 3:00 p.m. service this year. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ!**



We need you to say YES! The Worship Team is "blowing the dust off" the reenactment of the "Living Last Supper." Please see the article in October's newsletter for more information and contact Johnny Jank and simply say, "How can I help?"

### Meyersville Country Club Christmas Party

The Meyersville Country Club Christmas Party will be held **TODAY**, Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 from 6 to 8 PM. Pizza, salad, & breadsticks will be provided. Santa will arrive at 7. Desserts would be appreciated. Thank you!

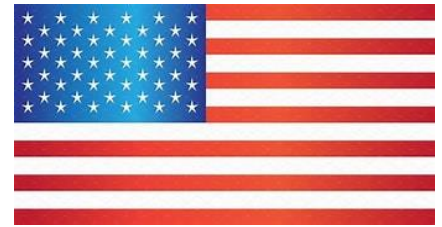


**+ UPDATE + Special Prayers for Cole** 

**Taken from Facebook Cowboy Tough Cole Strong:** Hi everyone!! It's been a long time! I hope you are all doing well! We are all doing good. Cole is healthy as a horse and doing well. He continues to amaze me with his drive to continue his therapy diligently. He is still waling on the Lokomat and uses the Armeo robotic arm machine twice weekly as well as working hard at home with me and his nurses. God definitely blessed him with a hardheadedness that he may or may not have gotten from his mother. For those of you who didn't know last weekend was the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cowboy Tough Cole Strong Team roping benefit. It was an awesome weekend with a very well run 3day team roping thanks to Justin Shelton as well as two days of silent auction items including some delicious homemade goods and fall décor. We also had a gun raffle board that is still going on until we fill all the squares on the board for a nice rifle and as always shirts for sale with Cole's logo. For those of you who know Cole this is one of his favorite events of the whole year. He so looks forward to it each year. So a special thank you to Justin and all those who helped him as well as all the donors and sponsors. You all make this a wonderful event each year. Also want to send out a special thank you to Amy Burnet for announcing and keeping the books all weekend and to Shelly Marbach and Penny Pence for all their help with the shirts and silent auction. Special thank you to Britney Lesikar and KC Hats for donating her services throughout the weekend also. She does an amazing job. Special thank you to all who donated and or purchased the silent auction items and t-shirts as well. We sincerely appreciate all of you. This year was really special with one of Cole's brothers winning one of the trophy saddles! All in all it was an amazing and blessed weekend. Asking for continued prayers for Cole's health and healing as well as his and our faith. Also asking for prayers that Cole will be granted a meeting with the Governor soon to fight for changes in state funded care for the handicapped. I'll post later with more details. Thank you all and God Bless. And as always thank you all for your continued prayers for Cole - keep praying! **+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)***

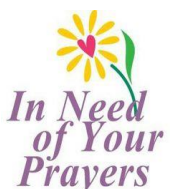
**Our Military and their families:**

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Fort Hood  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, Florida  
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



**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.

**Please Pray for:** Hunter Jacob, Cole Ohrt, Mrs. Stiles, Ryon Preslar, Joy Meadows, Rylan Caskey, Evelyn Diebel, Dorothy Fay Diebel, Glenn Ruschhaupt, Marlene Fromme, Debbie Glawson, Debbie Webb, Steve Cusack, Laura Whitson, Family of Kay Ohrt, Family of Wyatt Hassel, Pat Hays, Rachel Nessel, Beverly Bodden, Family of Kathy Rangnow



**Nursing Home:**

Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Marjorie Ideus



## **SOME WORDS FROM LUTHER**

Not only have such great strides been made in the world of commerce, but also in the spiritual field have there been great changes. Error, sin, and falsehood have never held sway in the world as in these last centuries... such sins cry to heaven, and so provoke and defy the last day that it must soon break in upon them.

~Martin Luther~

Sermon, Second Sunday in Advent



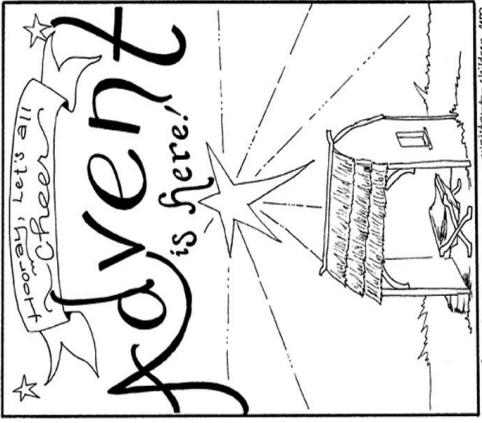
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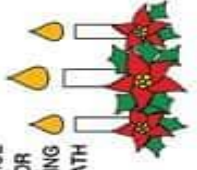
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### Advent word search



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| ANGEL        | JOSEPH | PREPARATION |
| ANTICIPATION | JOY    | PURPLE      |
| CANDLES      | LIGHT  | REJOICE     |
| EMMANUEL     | LOVE   | SAVIOR      |
| FOUR         | MARY   | WAITING     |
| HOPE         | PEACE  | WREATH      |
| JESUS        | PINK   |             |



## THE ADVENT WREATH

An Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches, with four candles that represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us to pray and offer up little sacrifices to help prepare the way for Jesus. The candle for the third week of Advent is rose, reminding us to be joyful since the birth of Jesus is drawing near. Some Advent wreaths include a white Christ candle which is lit at Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day, symbolizing Jesus, the Son of God and son of Mary, born to be our Savior and Lord.



**ADVENTUS** (Latin) = COMING (English)  
**ADVENT** = Coming of Christ

1st Sunday (Nearest 21st of Nov)	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	Christmas Eve or Christmas Day
Prophecy Candle	Bethlehem Candle	Shepherd's Candle	Angel's Candle	Christ Candle
Hope	Love	Joy	Peace	Life of Christ that came into the World

### The Meaning of the ADVENT WREATH



Symbol	Meaning
Circle	Eternity of God
Evergreen Wreath	Life, Immortality
Candle	Jesus is the light of the world.
4x Candles	Four weeks of Advent
3x Purple	Purple = prayer, penance, & preparation
1x Rose (Pink)	Rose = Rejoicing