

MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE

JOHN 10:27



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

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Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Marlene Rangnow

Reader Next Week: Rylan Dreier

Acolytes This Week: Marlee Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Mackenzie Blain

Altar Guild This Month: Pam Haun & Nikki Nagel

Altar Guild Next Month: Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

Communion Assistant This Month: John Swannack

Communion Assistant Next Month: Margie Swannack

Large Print Bulletins are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for a copy.

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

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: LBW #481 *“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 60: HYMN OF PRAISE *“This is the Feast”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you. (*sung*)**

P Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus {Paul} sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and

from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

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

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

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #456 *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

Stand p. 65: APOSTLE’S CREED

p. 65: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

p. 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand p. 66: OFFERTORY: “Let the vineyards...”

p. 67: OFFERTORY PRAYER

p. 68: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 70: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #33 (right column)

p. 71: LORD’S PRAYER

p. 72: LAMB OF GOD

Sit DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

SOFT HYMNS FOR MEDITATION

Stand p. 72: POST COMMUNION: “Thank the Lord . . .”

p. 74: PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 4/17	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
Mon 4/18	Office Closed
Tue 4/19	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 4/20	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	10:00 a.m. Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
	6:00 p.m. Mission/Evangelism Team
	7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 4/21	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
	*Committee Reports Due
Fri 4/22	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
	*Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	*Water Sunday

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.



Sunday, April 10, 2016:

Offering:

General-	\$274.00	MOM-	\$675.00	Building-	\$1,000.00
OSC-	\$1,330.26	Cemetery-	\$107.00	Total-	\$3,386.26

Attendance: Worship-86 Sunday School- 11 Children, 11 Adults

St. John's Mission of the Month:



Mission of the Month of April:

Water Missions International

Mission Statement

Water Missions International is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization providing sustainable safe water and sanitation solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Safe water is the source of life. It is the foundation for health, education and viable economies. Through the generous support of individuals, churches, our corporate partners and many others, Water Missions International has brought relief and hope to more than 2.5 million people across the globe.

Our faith and belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so God will be honored and glorified through our work.

Mission

Our mission is to be a best in class Christian engineering ministry that transforms lives through sustainable safe water solutions.

Vision

Water Missions International will be a Christian engineering ministry that is recognized as a global leader in transformational safe water solutions by 2017.

****We will celebrate Water Sunday April 24, 2016 at St. John's.**

Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba in South Texas
Saturday, April 23, St. Paul Lutheran, Yorktown
6 PM Presentation at Worship

The Reverend Doctor Gemechis Desta Buba is a world-renown fantastic inspiring preacher and teacher. He currently serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Mission for the North American Lutheran Church. He is originally from Ethiopia and now lives in Atlanta, GA, with his wife and three children. Dr. Buba received a Bachelor of Theology with high distinction from Mekane Yesus Theological Seminary, where he served as a professor for two years. After working on a Masters of Theology in Church History in the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, he moved to the United States for further studies. In 2003 he received his Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Christian Education from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. In May, 2006, Dr. Buba earned a Doctorate Degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, specializing in missional leadership.

Dr. Buba was ordained in 2001. Prior to the formation of the NALC in 2009, he served as a seminary professor, mission developer, senior pastor, vice president of the Southeastern Black Lutheran Pastors' Conference, assistant to the bishop of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (ELCA), director of African National Ministries (ELCA), and president of the worldwide Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches. He was pastor of St. Stephen Evangelical Lutheran Church and the African/Oromo Lutheran Church in Atlanta, GA.

In addition to academic study and ordained ministry, Dr. Buba participates in multiple international ministries through speaking, leadership development conventions, and evangelical mission events.



Worship Team

Worship Team meeting has been rescheduled for
Thursday April 21st @ 7:00 pm.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study is this Wednesday, April
20th @ 7:00 pm. Don't miss out!



Acolytes

Please sign up for the 2016 year. A sign-up sheet is hanging on
the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have
signed up.



PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, contact Evelyn Diebel. And please update your request at least once a month so the list can be kept current and up to date. If you wish to receive the Prayer Chain requests, please contact Evelyn Diebel (361-275-5979)

Our Military and their families:

Nicholas Jacobs - Deployed to Afghanistan

Russell Copeland - Reserves, preparing to deploy

John Otto - USMC, Norfolk, VA

Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, preparing to deploy

Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy, USS Philippines

Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy, preparing for Boot Camp



Please Pray for: Lisa Kincart

Adam Womble

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg and Bette Jo Haun

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.

St. John Meyersville

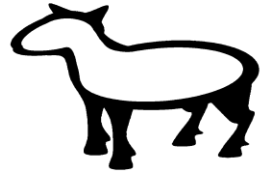
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Easter 4

April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)



The Good Shepherd, Jesus, knows his own, and they know him. This God-in-the-flesh is the fulfillment of the shepherd spoken about by King David. Jesus calls his followers to faith and gives them a mission to share the good news near and far, in peace and unrest, to family and stranger alike. The true Shepherd King is identified by his works that exactly mirror the goodness of the Father who sent him.