



JESUS

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday of Christmas

New Year's Day

January 1, 2017



Greeter This Week: Candy Cowley

Greeter Next Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Reader This Week: Dwight Jander

Reader Next Week: Jeffery Bennett

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes Next Week: Marlee Blain

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

Communion Assistant This Month: Brian Wendel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Dickie Bettge

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 #44 *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

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 have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:7-14

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. ⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. ¹⁰But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ¹¹Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of

them his Holy Spirit, ¹²who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, ¹³who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. ¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**²Great are the deeds of the Lord!
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

³His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**⁴He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**⁶He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.

**⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;
holy and awesome is his Name.

**¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise
endures forever.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

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

¹³Now when {the wise men} had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” ¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” ¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #70 *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ 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 1/1 **First Sunday of Christmas ~ New Year's Day**
10:15 a.m. Worship
~Happy New Year!~

Mon 1/2 **Office Closed**

Tue 1/3 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Wed 1/4 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
1:30 p.m. Quilters

Thurs 1/5 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours

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

Next Sun **Baptism of Our Lord**

8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation

10:15 a.m. Worship

**Sunday School teacher's meeting after church*

*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.*

Saturday, December 24, 2016 3:00 pm

Offering: General \$134.00, Church Reno. \$200.00,

Youth \$20.00 **Total: \$354.00** Attendance: 30

6:30 pm Offering: General \$250.00, Sunday School \$20.00, Youth \$235.00,
Church Reno. \$100.00 **Total: \$605.00** Attendance: 171

10:30 pm Offering: General \$382.00, MOM \$150.00, Pastor \$50.00,
Bruce \$50.00, Cemetery \$50.00, Church Reno. \$2,505.00 **Total: \$3,187.00**
Attendance: 58

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Offering: General \$1,071.00, MOM \$145.00, Cemetery \$15.00,

NALC \$287.00, Church Reno. \$1,415.00 **Total: \$2,933.00** Attendance: 41



Mission of the Month of January:



Mission of the Month

Oromo Evangelical Church **Mission Statement**

Our mission for St. John's in January of this new year 2017 is the Oromo Ev. Church in Houston, Texas. They were born in 2017 out of a Bible study and prayer group. As they grew in numbers it was decided they needed a church home. In 2008 an organized service began at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church in Houston but after the 2009 statement on sexuality by the ELCA they left and have joined the NALC. Oromos are an ethnic group found in Ethiopia and Northern Kenya and parts of Somalia. They represent the largest cultural group in Africa. Their native language is Oromo. Most of these worshipers have fled their country of origin because of persecution for their beliefs by former communist rulers and now by their present government. They conduct their church services in their native tongue. They are seeking funds to relocate their place of worship to a neighborhood where more of their members reside.



Annual Congregation Meeting

Council has voted to hold the annual congregation meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, January 22nd, 2017. In addition to the usual agenda items, will be consideration of two proposed amendments to our constitution. One is per the recommendation by the NALC's legal staff regarding inclusion of a statement of doctrine on marriage and sexuality in the congregation's governing documents. The second is related to the council seat provision for the leader of The Women of the Church Team. Copies of the proposed amendments, together with additional related detail, are available in the narthex.

Church Renovation Fund

On August 28, 2016, our congregation voted to establish a fund for installation of the elevator and other church renovations. Anyone wishing to give to the renovation project may do so by designating "Church Renovation" or "Elevator Fund" on their check or on the pew giving envelope.



Quilters

Quilting will resume this Wednesday, January 4th.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will resume next Sunday, January 8, 2017.



Sunday School

Sunday school classes will resume next Sunday, January 8, 2017. There will also be a Sunday School teacher's meeting after church on the 8th to discuss curriculum & other planning.

Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming months!



A Special
THANK YOU

Thank You

Thank you to every child, youth & adult who participated & helped with our Christmas Program this year! It was a wonderful program & we are so grateful for an amazing group of people!

***St. John Wishes Everyone A
Very Happy & Prosperous
New Year in 2017!!!***





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 - U.S. Air Force,
Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
John Otto - USMC, Bahrain
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Germany
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick

Homebound: Cleo Wendel, Helen Mae Egg, 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.



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Christmas 1

January 1, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas (Year A)



The capacity of the human race for darkness and evil is a reality we constantly face in this life. At times we are tempted to think that evil and darkness win. The message of Christmas still reminds us that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished. The birth of Christ does not change the reality of our human propensity for sin, but it offers us the hope and promise that God is present with us always.