

This is My beloved Son



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Baptism of Our Lord

First Sunday After the Epiphany

January 8, 2017

Greeter This Week: Marvin & Norrean Sager

Greeter Next Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Reader This Week: Jeffery Bennett

Reader Next Week: Marlene Dreier

Acolytes This Week: Marlee Blain

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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 on the narthex table. Please ask an usher for a copy if you would like one.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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: WOV #690 *"Shall We Gather at the River"*

page 57-58: KYRIE

page 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the

people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

⁹And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, “Glory!”

**¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C **Glorify you, O Lord.** (*sung*)

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the

heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #693 “*Baptized in Water*”

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Stand page 66: SHARING OF THE PEACE

Sit OFFERING

Stand page 75: OFFERTORY “Create in Me”

page 76: PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: LBW #194 “*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/8	Baptism of Our Lord	
	8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Mon 1/9	Office Closed	
Tue 1/10	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Wed 1/11	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service Yorktown Manor
	1:30 p.m.	Quilters
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Thurs 1/12	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Fri 1/13	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Office Hours
Next Sun	Second Sunday after Epiphany	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
	10:15 a.m.	Worship

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, January 1, 2017:

Offering:

General \$4,172.00, MOM \$238.00, Church Reno. \$1,240.00,
Building \$30.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Organ \$20.00,
Total: \$5,720.00

Attendance: Worship- 65

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.



Baptism of the Lord



Sunday School

There will be a Sunday School teacher's meeting after church today to discuss curriculum & other planning.

Attention Acolytes

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



The Singing Cadets

The DeWitt-Lavaca Aggie Moms' Club Presents

The Singing Cadets

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Cuero ISD Performing Arts Center

Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.00 each & can be purchased at:

Ful-O-Pep, Farm Bureau, Trust Texas Bank,

The Cooking Depot & Cuero ISD Admin. Bldg.

Tickets will be at these locations until

Monday, January 9th. Tickets will also be sold at the event ticket counter on the 10th until they are sold out!

If you have any questions, please call

M'Liss Moore at (361)275-8069.



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.





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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Epiphany 1



The voice of the Father from heaven brings fear and trembling, but also the assurance that Jesus is the chosen and beloved Son of God. The Son speaks and acts in the world, pointing the way to a new life lived in the fullness of the presence of God. Through the waters of Baptism each of us are called God's "beloved" and sent out into the world God loves to proclaim the holy reign of God.