



*Behold,  
the Lamb of God!*

*John 1:36*

## **ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 15, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Greeter Next Week:** Kernell & Elaine Moritz

**Reader This Week:** Marlene Rangnow

**Reader Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**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:** Obert Sagebiel

**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: WOV #752 *“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” Here I Am, Lord*

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 and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people’s prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” <sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” <sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — <sup>6</sup>he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my

servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the Lord;  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

<sup>5</sup>Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
How great your wonders and your plans for us!  
there is none who can be compared with you.

<sup>6</sup>**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
but they are more than I can count.**

<sup>7</sup>In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;  
you have given me ears to hear you;

<sup>8</sup>**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,  
and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

<sup>9</sup>In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”

**<sup>10</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

<sup>11</sup>Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great  
congregation.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <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 spiritual 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 p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-42a

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day {John} saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that

this is the Son of God.”<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).<sup>42a</sup> He brought him to Jesus.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #36 “*On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry*”

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

<b>Today 1/15</b>	<b>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 1/16</b>	<b>Office Closed ~ Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>
<b>Tue 1/17</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 1/18</b>	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 Meeting 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 1/19</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Committee reports due</i>
<b>Fri 1/20</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours <i>*Newsletter deadline</i>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship-SOTW <i>*Annual Congregation Meeting after church</i>

*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 8, 2017:**

### **Offering:**

General \$1,211.00, MOM \$120.00, Church Reno. \$400.00,  
Youth \$75.00 Building \$20.00, Sunday School \$56.00, Cemetery \$10.00,  
Benevolence \$100.00 Total: \$1,992.00

**Attendance:** Worship- 65 Sunday School- 13 Adults , 16 Children

## Mission of the Month of January:



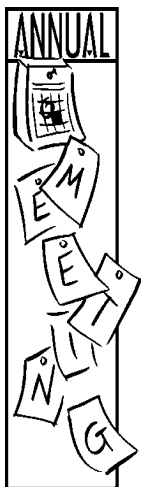
## *Mission of the Month*

### 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 next Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

## Leasing Pasture Land

It's time to take bids for leasing our pasture land for grazing. There are copies of the bid package & lease agreement in the Narthex for anyone interested. Prospective bidders should complete the bid package portion. Please call Dickie Bettge @ (361)935-3815 if you have any questions.



*Thank You!*

## Thank You

A special Thank You to the family who put up & the family who removed our beautiful Christmas tree.



## 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.

### Attention Acolytes

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

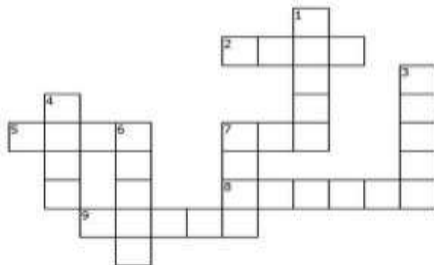


## The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

2. You shall not make for yourself an \_\_\_\_\_. (a false god)
5. You shall have no other \_\_\_\_\_ before me.
7. You shall \_\_\_\_\_ commit adultery.
8. You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (kill)
9. You shall not give \_\_\_\_\_ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

#### DOWN

1. You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (to want something that belongs to another)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ your father and your mother.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (to take what does not belong to you)
7. You shall not misuse the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD your God.

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**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  
Helen Meyer  
Veronica Turley

**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 2***

*January 15, 2017*

## **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**



John the Baptist clearly identifies Jesus as the holy “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” His testimony to those who will listen is the truth of what God is doing — offering mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation through the One in whom he is “well pleased.” In bread and wine, water and word, the Lamb offers us forgiveness and mercy and promises to be with us always.