

Rejoice and be  
glad Matthew 5:12



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

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**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Contemporary Service**

January 29, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Youth Group

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

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Wanda Hays

**Acolytes This Week:** Cason Jander

**Acolytes Next Week:** Mackenzie 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:** Obert Sagebiel

**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.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING SONGS

RINGING of the BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES & CONCERNS

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen**

**Psalm 95:1-7** Come let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our Salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. For the Lord is a great God, a king above all gods. He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to him, for he made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.

Stand **“Here I am to Worship”** Chris Tomlin (2002)

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,  
Open my eyes, Let me see.

Beauty that made, This heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down.

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh, so highly exalted, Glorious in Heaven above  
Humbly You came, To the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross  
I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me  
Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me  
Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me.  
You're wonderful to me. Here I am to worship.  
Oh God you're wonderful to me.

**Psalm 146:** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

**“Chain Breaker” Zach Williams (2016)**

If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles  
If you've been hearing the same old voice tell the same old lies  
If you're trying to feel the same old holes inside  
There's a better life, There's a better life.

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker. If you feel lost, He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior.  
If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.

We've all search for the light of day in the dead of night  
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight  
We've all run to things we know just ain't right.  
And there's a better life, There's a better life.

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker. If you feel lost, He's a way maker.  
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior.  
If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.

If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify.

If you believe it, If you receive it. If you can feel it, Somebody testify,  
testify.

If you believe it, If you receive it, If you can feel it, Somebody testify

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker, If you feel lost, He's a way maker.  
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P Let us Pray:

C **O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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.**

“Trust in You” Lauren Daigle (2015)

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wandering, Never changes what You see

I've tried to win this war I confess, My hands are weary I need Your rest  
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight,  
No matter what I face, You're by my side

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings,  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So, in all things be my life and breath  
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation; the rock on which I stand

Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go, You've not already stood

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers as I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You!

I will trust in You, I will trust in You, I will trust in You!

Gospel

**Matthew 5:1-12** Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sit

SERMON

Stand            **“All the People Said Amen”** Matt Maher (2014)

You are not alone if you are lonely,  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God it's all you need

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh, And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen

Blessed are  
The poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are  
The persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are  
The people hungry for another start  
For this is the Kingdom  
The Kingdom of God

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen (yeah)

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen  
And all the people said Amen

Sit Offering (Sing while offering is collected)

**“Grace Wins Every Time”** Matthew West (2015)

In my weakest moment I see you, Shaking your head in disgrace  
I can read the disappointment, Written all over your face

Here comes those whispers in my ear, Saying who do you think you are  
Looks like you're on your own from here,  
Cause grace could never reach that far.

But, in the shadow of that shame  
Beat down by all the blame  
I hear you call my name sayin it's not over  
And my heart starts to beat  
So loud now, drowning out the doubt  
I'm down but I'm not out

There's a war between guilt and grace,  
And they're fighting for a sacred space  
But I'm living proof, Grace wins every time

No more lying down in death's defeat, Now I'm rising up in victory  
Singing hallelujah, Grace wins every time

Words can't describe the way it feels, When mercy floods a thirsty soul  
A broken side begins to heal, And grace returns what guilt has stole

And, in the shadow of that shame, Beat down by all the blame  
I hear you call my name sayin it's not over  
And my heart starts to beat, So loud now, drowning out the doubt  
I'm down but I'm not out



There's a war between guilt and grace,  
And they're fighting for a sacred space  
But I'm living proof, Grace wins every time

No more lying down in death's defeat, Now I'm rising up in victory  
Singing hallelujah, Grace wins every time

For the prodigal son, grace wins  
For the woman at the well, grace wins  
For the blind man and the beggar, grace wins  
For always and forever, grace wins  
For the lost out on the street, grace wins  
For the worst part of you and me, grace wins  
For the thief on the cross, grace wins  
For a world that is lost

There's a war between guilt and grace,  
And they're fighting for a sacred space  
But I'm living proof, Grace wins every time

Yeah!  
No more lying down in death's defeat  
Now I'm rising up in victory  
Singing hallelujah  
Grace wins every time

Every time  
Yeah, I'm living proof grace wins every time

Stand            PRAYER OF THE CHURCH  
                     LORD'S PRAYER

**“Thy Will Be Done”** Hillary Scott (2016)

I'm so confused, I know I heard you loud and clear  
So, I followed through, Somehow I ended up here  
I don't wanna think, I may never understand  
That my broken heart is a part of your plan  
When I try to pray, All I've got is hurt and these four words

Thy will be done. . . Thy will be done . . . Thy will be done

I know you're good, But this don't feel good right now  
And I know you think, Of things I could never think about  
It's hard to count it all joy, Distracted by the noise  
Just trying to make sense, Of all your promises  
Sometimes I gotta stop, Remember that you're God  
And I am not . . . .So

Thy will be done . . . Thy will be done . . . Thy will be done  
Like a child on my knees all that comes to me is  
Thy will be done . . . Thy will be done . . . Thy will be done,

I know you see me, I know you hear me, Lord  
Your plans are for me, Goodness you have in store  
I know you hear me, I know you see me, Lord  
Your plans are for me, Good news you have in store. So . . .  
Thy will be done . . . . Thy will be done . . . Thy will be done  
Like a child on my knees all that comes to me is  
Thy will be done . . . . Thy will be done . . . . Thy will be done

I know you see me, I know you hear me, Lord

BENEDICTION

**“Call it Grace”** Unspoken (2013)

It's the light that pierces through you, To the darkest hidden place.  
It knows your deepest secrets, But it never looks away  
It's the gentle hand that pulls you, From the judgment of the crowd  
When you stand before them guilty, And you've got no way out

Some may call it foolish and impossible,  
But for every heart it rescues it's a miracle  
It's nothing less than scandalous, This love that took our place.  
Just call it what it is, Call it grace, Call it grace.

It's the breath that's breathing new life, Into what we thought was dead  
It's the favor that takes orphans, Placing crowns upon their heads  
It's the hope for our tomorrows, The rock on which we stand  
It's a strong and mighty fortress, Even hell can't stand against

Some may call it foolish and impossible,  
But for every heart it rescues it's a miracle  
It's nothing less than scandalous, This love that took our place  
Just call it what it is, Call it grace, Call it grace, Call it grace.

Amazing, Unshaking, This is grace, this is grace  
Unchanging, Unfailing, This is grace, this is grace  
Some may call it foolish and impossible  
But for every heart it rescues it's a miracle  
It's nothing less than scandalous, This love that took our place  
Just call it what it is, Call it grace.

P                      Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
C                      **Thanks be to God!**



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### **Today 1/29 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation  
10:15 a.m. Worship-Contemporary  
*\*Youth Group are Greeters*

### **Mon 1/30 Office Closed**

**Tues 1/31** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

**Wed 2/1** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours  
1:30 p.m. Quilters

**Thurs 2/2** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours  
*Groundhog Day*

**Fri 2/3** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Next Sun Fifth Sunday after the 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 22, 2017:**

### **Offering:**

General \$1,300.00, MOM \$220.00, Sunday School \$54.00,  
Old Stone Church \$5.00, Youth \$20.00, Church Reno. \$1,190.00  
Total: \$2,789.00

**Attendance:** Worship- 106 Sunday School- 18 Adults, 21 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.

### **Attention Acolytes**

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





## Church Picture Directory

There was discussion at the church council meeting about the possibility of a picture directory of our congregation. Please share your thoughts and opinions with any council member. If you are interested in serving on a committee to put the directory together, please contact Terri Jank at (361)550-9827.

## Bunco Party

The Women of First English Lutheran Church invite you to Bunco! Monday, February 6, 2017.

First English Lutheran Activity Center  
500 Block North Main, Victoria, TX

Registration is at 5:30pm

Eat at 6:00pm, Play Bunco at 7:00pm

Men are invited to play dominoes

**~RSVP by Wednesday, February 1st~**

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## 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.

## 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, Kentucky  
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  
Mike Meyer  
Arlen Mueller

**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.

# ***Epiphany 4***

*January 29, 2017*

## **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**



The Scriptures for today remind us of what God requires of his people. Both Micah and the psalmist communicate God's Word to "walk" humbly and blamelessly. This kind of devoted walking may seem like foolishness to those who do not believe in Christ, but for us who walk in the way of the Lord, it is life-giving, joyfully accompanied walking with the One who loves us most.