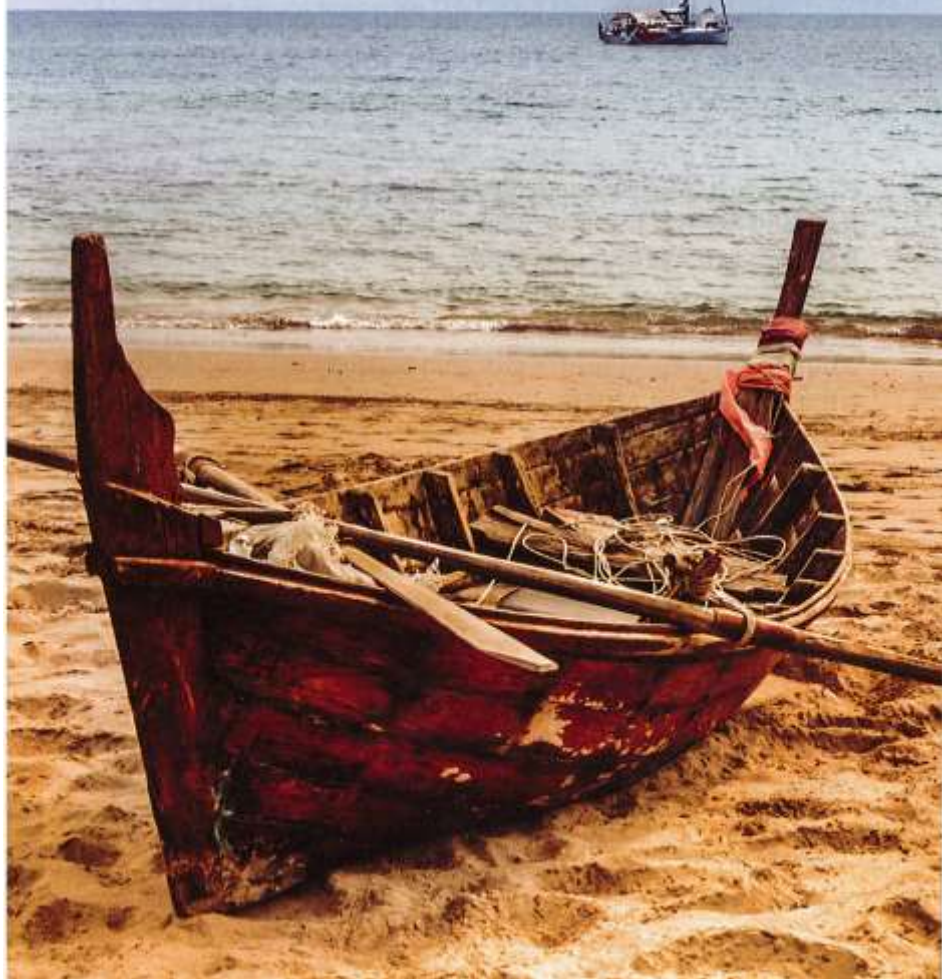


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ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Service of the Word

January 22, 2017

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Youth Group

Reader This Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader Next Week: Cathie Bettge

Acolytes This Week: Caroline Roeske

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: 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.

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 as you are able.

OPENING HYMN: WOV #731 “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

GREETING

P In the beginning was the Word,

C And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P In the Word was life,

C And the life was the light of all people.

P The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

SCRIPTURE SONG

WOV p. 47

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds,

O God of the universe;

Just and true are your ways,

O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you Lord,

And sing the glory of your name?

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

For you alone are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near, and worship before you,

For your just and holy works have been revealed.

Salvation belongs to our God

and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

All Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with His glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

RESPONISVE READING

Psalms 27:1-9 [10-14]

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

³Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high
upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of
great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

[10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV p. 48

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!
Our hearts burn with-in us
while you open to us the Scriptures.
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-25

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

¹²Now when {Jesus} heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people dwelling

in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN: WOV #649 “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*”

Stand as you are able.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P In Christ, you have heard the Word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith.

C **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God.

C **Look forward in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

C **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything
has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one
another.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share that peace.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

WOV p. 50-51

**Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
Yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
Ours the thanksgiving to your Holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
Yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

C in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P As God's people called to love one another let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

After each prayer or petition, we respond:

P God of mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now
and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN: WOV #651 “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN

LBW #565

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/22	Third Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship-SOTW <i>*Annual Meeting after Church</i>
Mon 1/23	Office Closed
Tues 1/24	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 1/25	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 9:00 a.m. Old Stone Church 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 1/26	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 1/27	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship-Contemporary <i>*Youth Group are Greeters</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 15, 2017

Offering:

General \$1,862.00, MOM \$275.00,
Sunday School \$57.00, NALC \$141.00
Cemetery \$20.00, Church Reno. \$1,704.00
Total: \$4,059.00



Attendance: Worship-96 Sunday School- 18 Adults 22 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 **today, January 22, 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.



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!





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

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 3

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Jesus calls his disciples to follow him on his way. They have no idea what they are in for, but they drop their nets, leave everything behind, and follow. Discipleship is not merely a statement of belief, as in “I am a Christian.” It is a radical turning to Jesus in passionate obedience to his holy will in our lives. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that this includes putting aside all divisions and strife.