



You have heard . . . But I say to you

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany**

February 12, 2017

**Greeter This Week:** Daren & Dawn Otto

**Greeter Next Week:** Alfred & Marlene Rangnow

**Reader This Week:** Jeffery Bennett

**Reader Next Week:** Marlene Dreier-Rangnow

**Acolytes This Week:** Caroline Roeske

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Altar Guild This Month:** M'Liss Moore & Carly Waters

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Dawn Otto & Kaley Otto

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Obert Sagebiel

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Pam Haur

**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 #783 *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

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: O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

**<sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe his decrees  
and seek him with all their hearts!**

<sup>3</sup>Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in his ways.

**<sup>4</sup>You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

**<sup>6</sup>Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**<sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>{Jesus said,} “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #296 *“Just as I Am, without One Plea”*

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: *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

[*Refrain*] Just a closer walk with Thee,

Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. [*Refrain*]

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [*Refrain*]

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. [*Refrain*]

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 2/12</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</b>
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
10:15 a.m.	Worship
<b>Mon 2/13</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
7:00 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting
<b>Tue 2/14</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours ~Happy Valentine's Day!~
<b>Wed 2/15</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 2/16</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Committee Reports Due</b>
<b>Fri 2/17</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours <b>*Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</b>
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, February 5, 2017:**

### **Offering:**

General \$6,561.00, MOM \$940.00, Church Reno. \$2,036.00,  
Building \$25.00, Old Stone Church \$20.00, Organ \$20.00,  
Cemetery \$3,000.00, Sunday School \$53.00, Youth \$40.00,  
NALC \$20.00 Total: \$12,715.00

**Attendance:** Worship- 119 Sunday School- 18 Adults, 20 Children

## Mission of the Month of February:



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Warrior's Weekend - Victoria, Texas

[www.warriorweekend.org](http://www.warriorweekend.org)

### Mission Statement

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes. 500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate. Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend.

There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.

One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

This year's event will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. This marks the eleventh year it has been held.

The youth of St. John's is selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Dreams display to honor veterans.

For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.



M'Liss & Cobb Moore would like to welcome their beautiful Granddaughter, **Harper Blaire Light** to the world! She was born February 8, 2017. Proud parents are Melanie & Holden Light.



*Need a Ride?*



### Sunday School

Need a ride to Sunday school? Sometimes parents need that extra hour of sleep. Let us pick up your kids! Call or text Kathy Dunn at 361-275-4322 or Wanda Hays at 361-648-4033.

### 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.



### Save The Date!

The Boys and Girls Club of DeWitt County invite you to ***The Gospel Brunch*** on February 19, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., featuring the Texas A&M Voices Of Praise Choir.

This event will be held at The Venue in Cuero, 125 East Church Street. For ticket prices & any other questions, please call (361)524-0005.

Hope to see you there!



### Attention Acolytes

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





## Thank You

Thank you St. John Church members and Pastor John for all the thoughts and prayers during my time of illness and surgery. God has restored me to good health and I have been cleared by the doctors.

God Bless - Lacey Rains

## 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.



## 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.

## **St. John Wishes you a HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!**

Did you know.....Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.



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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)

*Pastor John's Sister-in-law, Carolyn Boor passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers. May God comfort them at their time of loss.*



### **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  
Mike Meyer



**Nursing Homes:** Arlen Mueller - Yorktown Nursing & Rehab

**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 6***

*February 12, 2017*

## **Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**



Jesus teaches that faithful obedience to God is far deeper than just adherence to the letter of the Law. It is reflected in our secret thoughts and motives. As followers of Christ, our lives are exemplified by the outpouring of the Spiritual fruit: lovingkindness, patience, peace, and mercy. This is not something we can bring about on our own — the Spirit living in us produces this sort of joyful response.