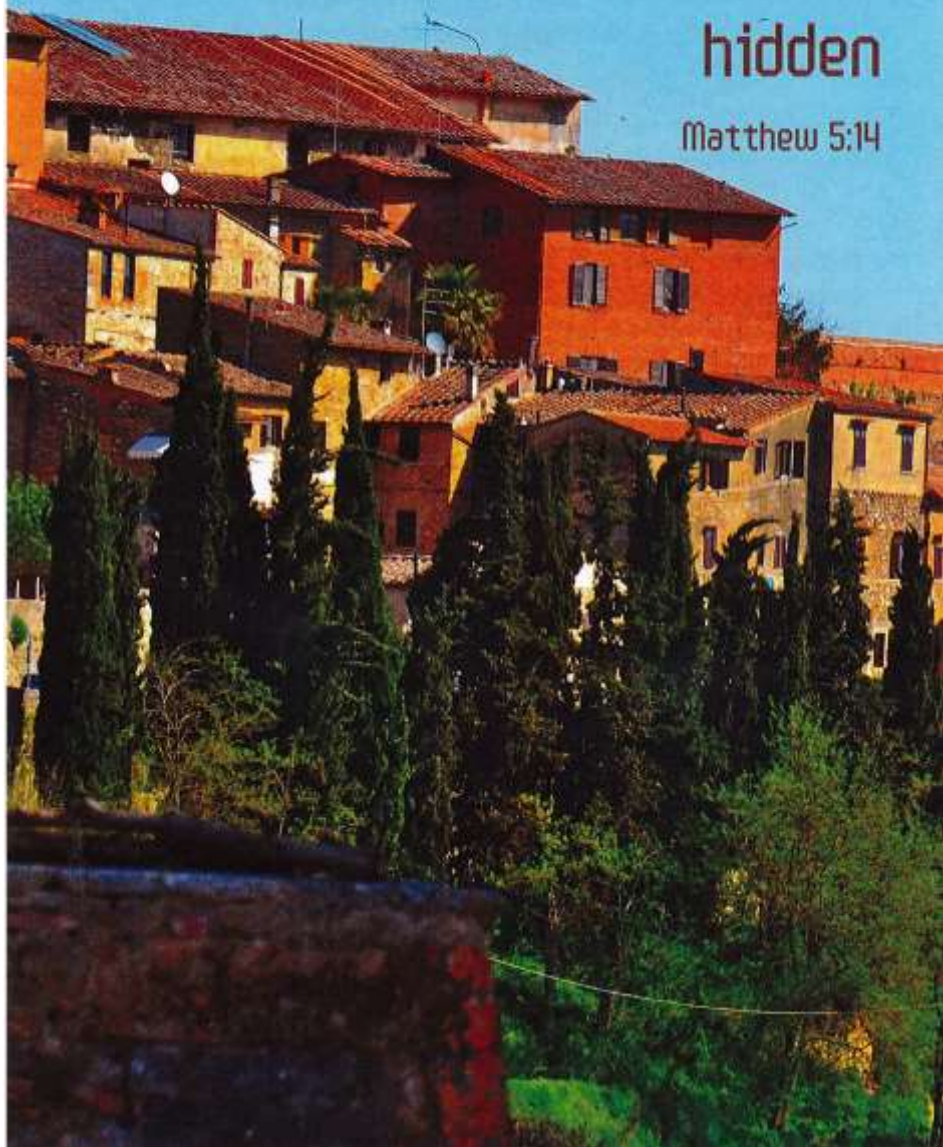


A city set  
on a hill  
cannot be  
hidden

Matthew 5:14



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

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

### **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

February 5, 2017

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

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

**Reader This Week:** Wanda Hays

**Reader Next Week:** Jeffery Bennett

**Acolytes This Week:** Mackenzie Blain

**Acolytes Next Week:** Caroline Roeske

**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 Haun

**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: LBW #559 *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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: Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; 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 58:3-9a

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?” Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into

your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

## RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 112:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their  
head with honor.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my

speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. [<sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.]

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

<sup>13</sup>{Jesus said,} “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will

pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #406 *“Take My Life, that I May Be”*

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 2/5</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15 a.m. Worship
<b>Mon 2/6</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue 2/7</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Worship Team
<b>Wed 2/8</b>	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
<b>Thurs 2/9</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 2/10</b>	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 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 29, 2017:**

### **Offering:**

General \$1,792.00, MOM \$253.00, Church Reno. \$410.00,  
Youth \$150.00 Building \$20.00, Sunday School \$66.00, NALC \$100.00,  
Total: \$2,791.00

**Attendance:** Worship- 96 Sunday School- 20 Adults , 22 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.



*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.

## **Youth Group**

Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.



*Youth Group*



## **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 featuring the Texas A&M Voices Of Praise Choir. This event will be held at The Venue in Cuero, 125 East Church Street. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ticket prices for this event & more details to follow! Hope to see you there!

*\*For questions, please call (361)524-0005.*





## 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.



## Bible Study

Don't forget! Women's Bible Study is every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month & Men's Bible Study is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Both are held in the parish hall at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

## 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, 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.



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# ***Epiphany***

*February 5, 2017*

## **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**



The themes of salt and light pervade this week's lessons. Even though God's wisdom is often hidden from the world, it is shown to those who believe Christ to be God. In the waters of Baptism, we are called to be light to the world as the light of Christ shines through us so the world can see. We are called to be salt, to infiltrate a hurting world with the good news of God's love and mercy.