

He taught them as one who had authority

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

January 28, 2018

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

**Greeter Next Week:** Cheryl Bramlette

**Reader This Week:** Cathie Bettge

**Reader Next Week:** Johnna Kethan

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

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**Altar Guild This Month:** Pam Haun & Nikki Carver

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Betty Diebel & Virginia Jank

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**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.

## 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 #771 “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

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 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.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>{Moses said,} “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — <sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup>And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the deeds of the Lord!  
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and splendor,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>He gives food to those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all his commandments are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise  
endures forever.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>For although there may

be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

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

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

<sup>21</sup>{Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John} went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath {Jesus} entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #776 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Stand page 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: LBW #235 *“Break Now the Bread of Life”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## **THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN**

<b>Today 1/28</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:15 a.m.                     Worship
	<i>*Annual Congregational Meeting Following Worship</i>
<b>Mon 1/29</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues 1/30</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m.                      Council Meeting
<b>Wed 1/31</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m.                      Quilters
<b>Thurs 2/1</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 2/2</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	<i>*Groundhog Day*</i>
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	9:00 a.m.                      Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	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.*



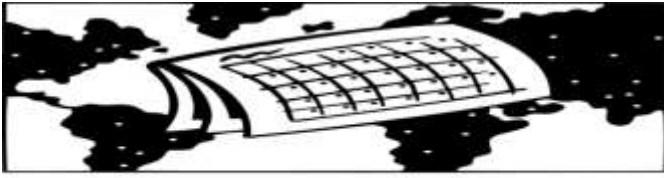
*Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.*

### **Sunday, January 21, 2018**

General \$2,932.00, MOM \$55.00, Organ \$2.00, Sunday School \$8.25,  
Youth \$20.00, Church Reno. \$227.00                      **Total : \$3,244.25**

**Attendance:** Worship - 74    Sunday School - 5    Children, 10 Adults

## Mission of the Month of January



*Mission  
of the Month*

### The Gideons International

#### Mission Statement

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are known worldwide for their work with hotels, they predominantly share Scriptures in schools and colleges, prisons and jails, hospitals and medical facilities. To date they have distributed 1.9 billion Scriptures and are on their way to 2 billion with support from fellow Christians.

#### Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to our Guest Speaker today, Andy Swanson, his wife Natalie & their children Jenda, Blaise & Titus. They are with Campus Crusade for Christ Ministries. Thank you very much for being here!

  
**Welcome!**

#### Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today **Sunday, January 28, 2018** immediately following worship.



**Annual  
MEETING**

#### Church Treasurer

If you feel called to serve and would like to run for St. John Council Treasurer, please call the church office at 277-8653 and leave your name & contact number. A member of the Nominating Committee will be able to discuss any questions. Thank you for your consideration.



From The  
CHURCH OFFICE

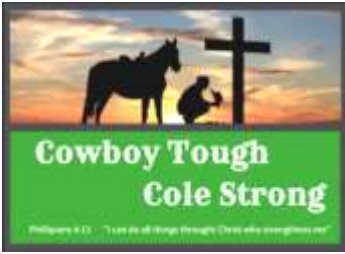
#### Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet for 2018 in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the New Year.



Acolytes





## Pray for Cole Ohrt

### Cowboy Tough Cole Strong

**UPDATE:** Cole has been moved to Houston to start his rehabilitation process. Praise God & everyone praying for him! As most of you know, Cole was in an ATV accident and has suffered many injuries. Cole is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Meyersville School. He needs a lot of prayers, love and support. Cole is the Son of Garrett & Julie Ohrt, Grandson of Kenneth & Betty Diebel and Janice Ohrt & the Nephew of Brian & Feather Diebel. Many prayers are being said from all over and being answered by the Good Lord! This cowboy has a long journey ahead and he is Cole Strong! There are other ways we can help this sweet young man & his family out by donating to the many benefits/fundraisers for Cole. Below is a list of ways to help. Please join the **"Cowboy Tough Cole Strong"** Facebook page to see photos of the items mentioned below, see new fundraisers as they come up and keep up with Cole's progress. If you have questions on ways to help, you can call our church office during business hours. Thank you and God Bless. + + +

- **"Cowboy Tough-Cole Strong" t-shirts, caps, koozies - will be available January 3. Please contact Sarah Odem Rowlands or Donna M. Odem Nichols for more details.**
- **"Cowboy Tough-Cole Strong" bracelets - photo in comments - contact Jamye Carroll Muegge for more details.**
- **Cole's Benefit Account - New First National Bank - make checks payable to Garrett or Julie Ohrt. Can make deposits at the branch or pm me for an address to mail a check to and we will take care of depositing for you.**
- **PayPal account - [coleohrtfund@gmail.com](mailto:coleohrtfund@gmail.com) - Please send funds as friend or family and put a note on what money is for - donation, payment for raffle, football pots, or shirts (please do not send funds for shirts without ordering from Sarah Rowlands first).**
- **Gun/Louis Vuitton Raffle - photo in comments - contact Leslie Crews for more details. (Drawing March 11<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Benefit with live auction, entertainment, meal - more details to come - May 5th - contact Leslie Hoff Crews for more details.**



## Save Our Sunday School

**Save Our Sunday School – What is the Future of Sunday School at St. John?** We held a Sunday School Meeting after church on January 21, 2018. The purpose of the meeting to address the very low attendance at Sunday School. Laurie Pokluda led the meeting and began with a handout of possible options:

- 1) Children attend Sunday School at the regular time 9:00 am and their parents stay for an informal Bible Study and discussion of topics for raising kids in today's world.
- 2) Change the time of Sunday School (after church, during church, week night)
- 3) Have Sunday School only once a month
- 4) Disband Sunday School and have parents teach at home (Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, Books of the Bible, etc and as needed for Confirmation)
- 5) Part-time Youth Minister or INTERN
- 6) Other ideas? Provide transportation, Have Sunday School twice a month

Another meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> to make some decisions.

## Council Meeting Change

PLEASE NOTE:

The Council Meeting for January will now be held on  
**Tuesday, January 30, 2018.**



## Bunco

The Women of First English Lutheran Church invite you to Bunco! Monday February 5, 2018. Registration is at 5:30, eat at 6:00 and play Bunco at 7:00. This will be held at their Activity Center, 500 block North Main in Victoria. Men are invited to play dominoes. Please RSVP to Joyce Thormahlen 575-5941 or the church office at 575-3623 by Wednesday, January 31, 2018.



## 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, Cuba  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force  
Lee Magrauder - U.S. Army, Afghanistan  
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force



**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
Nate Boehl  
Hunter Jacob  
Glynn Yurick  
Kenny Jacob  
Sandy Gohmert  
Jimmy Caskey  
Cole Oht

**Nursing Home:** Marjorie Ideus, Yorktown Nursing & Rehabilitation

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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**Or visit our website at: [stjohnmeyersville.org](http://stjohnmeyersville.org)**

# Epiphany 4

January 28, 2018

## Epiphany 4 (Year B)

The Old Testament historian proclaimed that there would be another prophet raised up from among Moses' brothers. This one would speak the words of God with truth and authenticity. As Jesus taught in the synagogue, the people were amazed at his ability to instruct them in the Word and also at his ability to cast out evil from a man who was held captive by a demonic spirit.



*Is it not a plague that the wretch, the devil,  
wants to accuse and judge us and is himself  
worse than all human beings? What business  
of his is it that I have sinned? I have not  
sinned against him but against God.*

*- Martin Luther -*