

*The Holy Spirit descended  
on Him*



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

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### **Baptism of Our Lord**

January 13, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Marvin & Norrean Sager

**Greeter Next Week:** Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

**Reader This Week:** Trish Hood

**Reader Next Week:** Beverly Bodden

**Acolytes This Week:** Scott Motley

**Acolytes Next Week:** Grace Redmond

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

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

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Wanda Hays

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Johnny Jank

**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 #690 *"Shall We Gather at the River"*

p. 57-58: KYRIE

p. 59: HYMN OF PRAISE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

**All Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

#### *You Are Mine Says the Lord*

*The word of the Lord spoken through the prophet came to the people saying, "I am the one who created and formed you. You are mine." The One who knows each of us by name, cares for and protects us through calamity and trial.*

Isaiah 43:1-7

(Page 623, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *Hear the Lord's Voice*

*The voice of the Lord is over the waters with power and majesty. His is the name above all names. He commands attention and grants strength and mercy to his holy people. Those who fear and love him shout, "Glory!"*

Psalm 29

(Page 478-479, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.**

<sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## SECOND READING

### *Walk in Newness of Life*

*Paul made a powerful statement about sin in the lives of believers, asserting that since we have died to sin we are no longer to continue in sin. Through Christ we are free to walk in newness of life — no longer enslaved to sin's power over us, but free to live fully into the promises of Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

Romans 6:1-11

(Page 981, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-22

(Page 891, RSV Pew Bible)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the

people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: LBW #194 “*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*”

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

HYMN: WOV #775

*“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Lord, send Your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to Your children praying,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!

page 76: THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: WOV #741 “*Thy Holy Wings*”

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 1/13</b>	<b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>
8:00 a.m.	Property Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	Worship
<b>*2:00-4:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Confirmation Class</i></b>
<b>Mon 1/14</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue 1/15</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Wed 1/16</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
10:00 a.m.	Comm. Service Cuero Nursing & Rehab.
1:30 p.m.	Quilters
6:00 p.m.	Mission Evangelism Team
7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Thurs 1/17</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 1/18</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	Worship
	<b><i>*Annual reports due to the church office</i></b>

***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.***



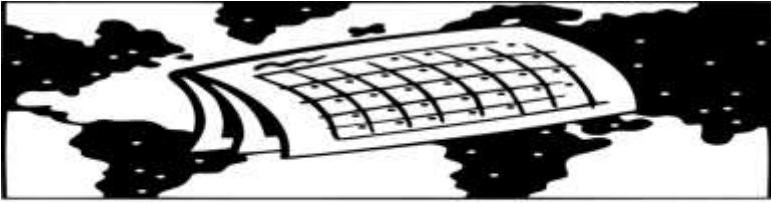
*Prayer request cards are available in the pews and can be filled out and handed to an usher during the first hymn for your request to be included in the day's prayer. If you have a private prayer request please fill out the appropriate side and give to the pastor.*

### **Sunday, January 6, 2019**

General \$2,059.00, MOM \$780.00, Sunday School \$17.00, Organ \$40.00, OSC \$20.00, Building \$25.00, Church Reno. \$761.00 **Total : \$3,702.00**

**Attendance:** Worship -81    Sunday School - 2- Children, 15- Adults

## Mission of the Month of January



### *Mission of the Month*

#### Campus Crusade for Christ

##### Mission Statement

Missionaries: Andy and Natalie Swanson



Andy and Natalie Swanson and their three children have been serving in East Asia for the last 14 years. They currently work with Campus Crusade leading campus staff and students to reach a scope of 25 million students and help mobilize and send them to the world. They train students and churches in evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, and cross-cultural and international

missions sending with a focus on college students in the 10/40 Window. Their mission is to start ministries on half the campuses in this country by the year 2020.

#### Youth Gathering



#### Youth Group News

The next Youth Group meeting will be a family game night & ice cream social. Friday, February 8, 2019 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the parish hall. Youth please bring a friend, we look forward to a fun filled night of fellowship!

#### Attention Acolytes

Please see the acolyte sign-up sheet in the Narthex.  
Volunteers are needed



Acolytes





## **Annual MEETING**

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2019** immediately following worship. The regular Council Meeting for the month will be held, **Tuesday, January 29, 2019** at 7:00 pm.  
*\*Annual Reports Due by Sunday, January 20, 2019.*

### **Worship Team**

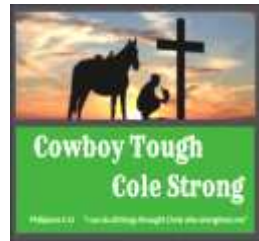
Worship Team is listening for a few leading voices! We are looking for interested voices that would be interested in leading the congregation in song on Sunday morning's services. We have a couple of possible volunteers but really want a few more to spread the joy of assisting with the service through sharing your voice in song. If you might consider God calling you to that ministry please contact Pastor John, Johnny or Virginia Jank, Marv or Noreen Sager, Beverly Bodden, Dawn Otto, Carol Ann Sagebiel or Bruce Weise for more details.



### **Special Prayers for Cole**

Cole is home now and able to be with his family & friends. Though he has a long road ahead of him, God has been with him every step of the way.

We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's recovery and for spiritual strength, strong faith and unlimited patience for him and his family. Thank you and may God bless you all.



+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+  
At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

*Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual*

*To help family stay strong*

*Patience*

*Stay positive*

*The drive to keep trying (perseverance)*



## Cross Country News

Will Green has been invited to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournaments hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. He will be representing Texas on the Cross Country Team during the Summer of 2019! Your donations are greatly appreciated & will help tremendously! Ways to donate are below. Flyers with more information are located in the Narthex. Please fill out the Thank you ticket on the flyer to have a chance to win 1 of 2 prizes. Thank you very much for your support! What an amazing opportunity for such a talented young man, congratulations Will!

### Ways to donate

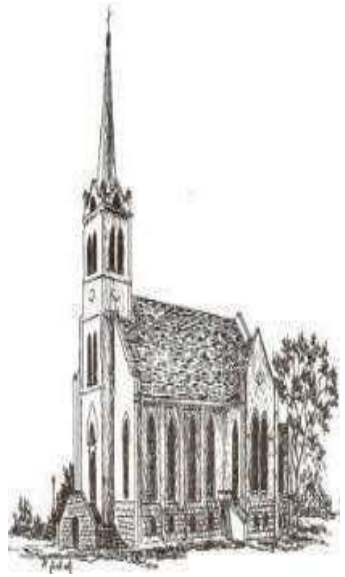
\*Donate online at: [https://DownUnderSports.com/NTQ-JNO\(Case Sensitive\)](https://DownUnderSports.com/NTQ-JNO(Case Sensitive))

\*Make Check out to: "Down Under Sports" and mail it along with this letter to: Down Under Sports, PO Box 6010, North Logan, UT 84341

\*Call Down Under Sports at: 435-753-4732

### Church Renovation Update

Our new bathroom is not quite complete, but the contractor is letting us use it until final finish work is completed. The contractor is in the process of pouring necessary concrete for the elevator shaft. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals is \$599,553. We are required to pay as construction progresses so the bills are coming in on a regular basis. This project received almost unanimous support so we ask that you prayerfully consider giving generously to this project.



GOAL: \$599,553

RECEIVED AS OF December 30, 2018: \$350,089.

**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 at (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, Japan  
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky  
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy  
Jennifer Cornett - U.S. Air Force  
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant, Fort Rucker, AL,  
going to Warrant Officer Candidate School then to Army  
Aviation Flight School  
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force  
Michael Petrash II - Iraq



**Please Pray for:** Adam Womble  
Nate Boehl  
Hunter Jacob  
Glynn Yurick  
Kenny Jacob  
Cole Ohrt  
Carlton Migura  
Robby Bitterly  
Carly Waters  
Seth Wendel  
Slade Doehrman

*(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:  
11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)*

**Nursing Home:** Yorktown Manor ~ Marjorie Ideus, Barbara Mueller

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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# Baptism of Our Lord

*January 13, 2019*

## Baptism of Our Lord (Year C)



The voice of the Lord is heard amongst God's people, signaling his desire for those whom he loves. No matter the situation we find ourselves in, the Lord goes before us and walks with us through darkness, fire, storms, and trouble. At Jesus' Baptism his identity was confirmed through the sound of God's voice ringing in the heavens, "This is my Son!" When we hear the voice of God it calls us to attention.

