

To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

Luke 4:19

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

1764 Meyersville Road

Meyersville, TX 77974-4143

CHURCH OFFICE: 361-277-8653

stjohnvlutheran@juno.com

PARSONAGE: 361-275-9895

(Pr. John's Cell: 361-243-0373)

jboor1@juno.com

Ministers - The People of St. John

Pastor - The Rev. John Boor

Organist - Mr. Bruce A. Weise

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 27, 2019

Greeter This Week: Kernell & Elaine Moritz

Greeter Next Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Reader This Week: Wendy Bishop

Reader Next Week: Dwight Jander

Acolytes This Week: Kyle & Caleb Nagel

Acolytes Next Week: Volunteer Needed

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: LBW #403 *“Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”*

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 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.

FIRST READING

Attentive Ears

After the exile, the Jews returned to Jerusalem and completed the rebuilding of the walls around the city. On the “Feast of the Trumpets” day Ezra, the scribe and priest, taught from the Book of the Law of Moses and the people of Jerusalem responded with tears of joy and shouts of praise. The people were touched by God’s Word and they renewed their devotion to the Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

(Page 420, RSV Pew Bible)

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the

Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

RESPONSIVE READING

The Law of the Lord is Perfect

The psalmist proclaimed the wonders of the Lord who gave the law to the people to instruct them and order their lives. This law is perfect; blessed are those who listen to the Word of God and obey. God’s Word is more desirable than gold.

Psalm 19:[1-6] 7-14

(Page 473-474, RSV Pew Bible)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²Who can tell how often he offends?
cleans me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great
offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable
in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

One Body, Many Members

Paul used the analogy of the human body to describe the Church of Christ. It is composed of many parts and each part has its particular place and function, as each part/person is vital to the whole. Even the seemingly weakest parts of the body are indispensable to the whole body. In Christ we serve and together we suffer.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(Page 999-1000, RSV Pew Bible)

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more

presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:16-30

(Page 892-893, RSV Pew Bible)

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

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

¹⁶{Jesus} came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”²³ And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.”²⁴ And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

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

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 #752 *“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”*

Here I Am, Lord

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/27	Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Annual Congregational Meeting Immediately Following Worship</i> <i>*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</i>
Mon 1/28	Office Closed
Tue 1/29	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Wed 1/30	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 1/31	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 2/1	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 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 20, 2019

General \$1,980.00, MOM \$270.00, Cemetery \$20.00, Sunday School \$29.00, Building \$10.00, Church Reno. \$790.00 **Total : \$3,099.00**

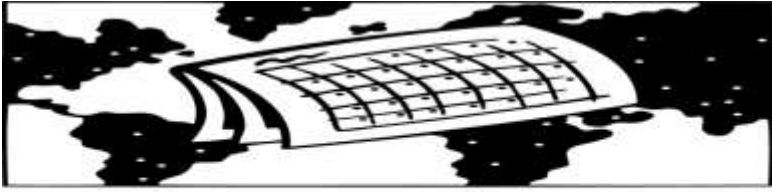
Attendance: Worship - 72 Sunday School - 5- Children, 18- Adults



Attention Acolytes

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

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.



Annual MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today, **January 27, 2019** immediately following worship. The regular Council Meeting for the month will be held this **Tuesday, January 29, 2019** at 7:00 pm.

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!

Youth Gathering



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.



Boys & Girls Club Gospel Brunch

The BGCDC Gospel Brunch will be Sunday, February 10th at 11:30 at the Venue. Join us for fabulous food and entertainment for a good cause. See Laurie for tickets or go by the Club.



Enchilada Lunch

There will be an enchilada benefit lunch on Sunday, February 17, 2019 to help Will Green with travel expenses to Australia in the Summer of 2019. Will has been invited for cross country to participate in the Down Under Sports Tournaments hosted on the Gold Coast of Australia. Tickets are \$8.00 per plate & can be purchased at Meyersville School weekdays from 6:00am - 3:00pm. Thank you for your support!



Worship Team

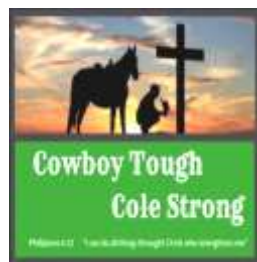
Worship Team is listening for a few leading voices! We are looking for interested voices that would be interested in leading the congregation in song on Sunday morning's services. We have a couple of possible volunteers but really want a few more to spread the joy of assisting with the service through 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)

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



Keep up with St. John online

St. John Meyersville

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnmeyersville>

Or visit our website at: stjohnmeyersville.org

Epiphany 3

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)



Our human response to God and his Word can range from joy and praise to anger and lashing out at those who proclaim God's message. At times we also struggle with our place in the church compared to others. Jesus was very clear; he came for those who were repentant and hungry for mercy — not those who think they have it all figured out already. May we have attentive ears to hear and obey God's Word.

