

Where is He



who has been born  
king of the Jews?

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

A North American Lutheran Church

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### **Epiphany**

January 6, 2019

**Greeter This Week:** Candy Cowley

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

**Reader This Week:** Tammy Blain

**Reader Next Week:** Trish Hood

**Acolytes This Week:** Caleb Nagel & Scott Motley

**Acolytes Next Week:** Scott Motley

**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 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: WOV #646 *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

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: O God, on this day, by the leading of a star, you revealed your only-begotten Son to the nations. Mercifully grant that we, who know you by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of your majesty; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### FIRST READING

#### *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

*Just as the sun rises in the morning, so the Son of Righteousness rises over God’s people. The Light of the world has come to us, dispelling all darkness and shadow. His glory shall illuminate the land and the lives of all who believe. Men will come from far off bringing expensive gifts of gold and frankincense to honor him.*

Isaiah 60:1-6

(Page 639-640, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

## RESPONSIVE READING

### *Prayer for Righteous Judgment*

*Solomon prayed for the gift of being able to judge justly for Israel. A righteous king looks after the poor and cares for the weak and vulnerable. This is the Lord to whom the kings of the earth will bow down and worship. Under his rule, peace will reign.*

Psalm 72:1-11 [12-15]

(Page 504, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

<sup>2</sup>**That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>8</sup>**He shall rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>His foes shall bow down before him,  
and his enemies lick the dust.

<sup>10</sup>**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

[<sup>12</sup>**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**<sup>14</sup>He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

<sup>15</sup>Long may he live! and may there be given to him gold from Arabia;  
may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all the day  
long.

## SECOND READING

### *Mystery of Christ Revealed*

*Paul wrote to the Ephesians explaining that the mystery of Christ is that the Gen-tiles have become fellow heirs of the promises of God. The apostle explained that it was the Holy Spirit who gave him this knowledge so that all might be saved by God's grace. Those who were once outside of God's family are now full members.*

Ephesians 3:1-12

(Page 1018, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles —  
<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was  
given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as  
I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into  
the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other  
generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the  
Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same  
body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this  
gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was  
given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all  
the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable  
riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the  
mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the  
church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers  
and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal  
purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have  
boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

(Page 835-836, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,  
behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who  
has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have  
come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and  
all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the

people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #651 “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*”

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

### **Today 1/6 Epiphany**

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Worship

*\*Youth Group Luncheon & taking down church  
Christmas decorations*

### **Mon 1/7 Office Closed**

### **Tues 1/8**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Wed 1/9**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

10:00 a.m.

Comm. Service Yorktown Manor

1:30 p.m.

Quilters

### **Thurs 1/10**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Fri 1/11**

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours

### **Next Sun Baptism of Our Lord**

8:00 a.m.

Property Team Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Worship

*\*2:00-4:00 pm Confirmation Class*

*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, December 30, 2018**

General \$997.30, MOM \$50.00, Organ \$60.00, NALC \$10.00,

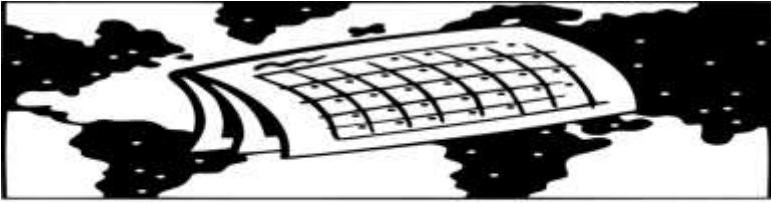
Sunday School \$32.78, Youth \$35.00, Building \$5.00, Church Reno. \$751.00

**Total: \$1,941.08**

**Attendance: 58**

**Sunday School: 10-Adults, 14-Children**

## 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 Group News



St. John would like to Welcome Doug & Wendy Bishop as the new Youth Group Leaders! Thank you for giving your time & faith to our Youth! Youth Group will meet today, January 6, 2019 right after Worship. They will have lunch & take down the church Christmas decorations.

#### Quilting

Quilting will resume this Wednesday,  
January 9, 2019 at 1:30.



#### Attention Acolytes

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







## 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

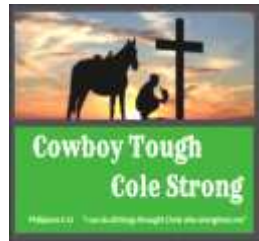
Worship Team is listening for a few leading voices! We are looking for interested voices that would be interested in leading the congregation in song on Sunday morning's services. We have a couple of possible volunteers but really want a few more to spread the joy of assisting with the service through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

**Homebound:** Bette Jo Haun



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# Epiphany

*January 6, 2019*

## Feast of the Epiphany (Year C)



The Light of the World has come as promised, casting out darkness and sin. God has revealed his salvation through the birth of his one and only son, Jesus. The prophets spoke of him long ago, assuring God's people that the glory of the Lord would shine upon them. For those who have waited in despair, the thrill of His radiance will fill their hearts. This message is for all to hear — wise and foolish alike.

