

"But I say to you who hear,  
**Love** your enemies, **do good** to those who hate you,  
**bless** those who curse you, **pray** for those who abuse you.

To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.

**Give** to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.  
And as you wish that others would do to you, **do so to them.**

If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same

amount. But **love** your enemies, and **do good**, and **lend**,  
expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

**Be merciful**, even as your Father is merciful.  
**condemn not**, and you will not be condemned;  
**judge not**, and you will not be judged;  
**forgive**, and you will be forgiven; **give**,  
and it will be given to you.

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

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### **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

February 24, 2019

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

**Greeter Next Week:** Dickie & Cathie Bettge

**Reader This Week:** Kathy Dunn

**Reader Next Week:** Johnna Kethan

**Acolytes This Week:** Volunteer Needed

**Acolytes Next Week:** Volunteer Needed

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

**Altar Guild Next Month:** Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

**Communion Assistant This Month:** Johnny Jank

**Communion Assistant Next Month:** Glenn Ruschhaupt

**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 #783 *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”*

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 O God, you know our fears and lack of confidence. Forgive our willful ways, and defend our faith through the teaching of your Christ, through whom you gather saints to give you glory without end. Grant this, we pray, 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

### ***Joseph and His Brothers are Reunited***

*As Joseph’s brothers come face to face with him in Egypt, they were startled to find out he was still alive. Joseph assured them that God sent him to Pharaoh’s household in order to preserve Jacob’s line on earth. Through their younger brother, God provided for them. The brothers embraced and wept together.*

Genesis 45:3-15

(Page 40, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God

sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

#### RESPONSIVE READING

##### *The Lord Does Not Deal with Us According to Our Sins*

*The psalmist gratefully proclaimed the goodness of the Lord who treats us with compassion and care, healing our infirmities and providing us with good things. He does not regard us according to our sin, but instead out of his great love for us.*

Psalm 103:1-13

(Page 521-522, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup>He forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup>**He redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup>He satisfies you with good things,  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse us,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father cares for his children,  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

## SECOND READING

### ***What is Raised is Imperishable***

*Paul explained that through Adam came death, but through Jesus comes life. For those who belong to Christ through faith, when the end comes, we will be delivered into the heavenly kingdom of God. Christ will first destroy every evil, then the last enemy to be destroyed will be death. What is raised to new life is imperishable.*

1 Corinthians 15:21-42

(Page 1001-1002, RSV Pew Bible)

<sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup>When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything

under him, so that God may be all in all. <sup>29</sup> Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them? <sup>30</sup> And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? <sup>31</sup> I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>32</sup> If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” <sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” <sup>36</sup> How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. <sup>39</sup> Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. <sup>40</sup> There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. <sup>41</sup> The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. <sup>42</sup> So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

Stand page 62: GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-38

(Page 895, RSV Pew Bible)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>{Jesus said,} “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners

lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit MESSAGE

HYMN: WOV #734 *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”*

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: LBW #370 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn #565)

POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

<b>Today 2/24</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	9:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Worship
	<b>*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Mon 2/25</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tue 2/26</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
<b>Wed 2/27</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
	1:30 p.m. Quilters
<b>Thurs 2/28</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Fri 3/1</b>	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
<b>Next Sun</b>	<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
	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, February 17, 2019**

General \$1,409.00, MOM \$100.00, NALC \$130.00, Youth \$20.00,

Sunday School \$9.40, Building \$70.00, Church Reno. \$340.00

**Total : \$2,078.40**

**Attendance:** Worship - 68 Sunday School - 5- Children, 10 - Adults



## Mission of the Month of February



This month's  
Mission  
Project

### The Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

#### Mission Statement

In our community there are hundreds of boys and girls left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, or who, in increasing numbers, spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision.

These youngsters often form groups or gangs and risk getting involved with the wrong leaders, eventually finding themselves in serious trouble.

The Boys and Girls club mission is to work with youth of all backgrounds, with a special concern for those from disadvantaged circumstances, to help them develop the skills to become productive citizens and leaders.

The DeWitt county community has needed something like this for a number of years. It has been well accepted by the school districts, the City of Cuero and area church leaders. St. John's own Laurie Pokluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.

#### Forty Days – Forty Items

Wednesday, March 6th is the first day of Lent. We have a challenge for you! Each day of lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into this trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them! Thank You, Brooke Wendel, JR Bishop, and Luke Moritz.



## Bible Study



What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ? The dictionary describes a disciple as a follower, student or apprentice of a teacher or leader.

Our Sunday Morning Bible study begins a new Two Part series titled "Disciples of the Cross". Part one is "Who We Are" and will be followed by Part Two, "What We Do". Our group invites you to join us for

this interesting look at "what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how that plays itself out in many areas of life and ministry." Just get up a little earlier and come in for a cup of coffee, a couple of donut holes or a cookie or two, some fun fellowship and a discussion of our lesson and current events each Sunday morning. We would love to have your input.

## 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)*

## 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 February 10, 2019: \$358,460

**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

Marv Sager

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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## Epiphany 7

February 24, 2019

### Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)



The psalmist reminded Israel that the Lord does not deal with us according to the sin we commit, rather He deals with us through lovingkindness. Joseph met his jealous brothers with forgiveness and their family was restored to its former wholeness. Likewise, Jesus taught his followers to act with mercy and love toward all those who persecuted them; on Calvary he put those words into action for all to see.



*The article of the forgiveness of sins is the most important, and it is of all the most comforting. To Satan it is truly the worst, and it is the most hateful. This is the reason why Paul always has on his tongue: grace, grace, grace! He does this to spite the devil.*

*- Martin Luther-  
Table Talk*