



The Holy One of God

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019

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Reader Next Week: Wanda Hays

Acolytes This Week: Volunteer Needed

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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.

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: LBW #248 *“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”*

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, 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

I Have Put My Words in Your Mouth

The Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah who thought he was too young to speak for God. The Lord assured him that he would not be alone, in fact he had never been alone. “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,” declared the Creator. Jeremiah was given a vision of the disobedience of Israel and a charge to go and speak.

Jeremiah 1:4-10[17-19]

(Page 647, RSV Pew Bible)

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.” ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

[¹⁷“But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the Lord, to deliver you.”]

RESPONSIVE READING

The Rock of Refuge

The psalmist cried out to the Lord to be his rock and fortress, the one who saves him from the hands of the wicked. In the Lord is his only hope. He is the one who took him from his mother’s womb; all glory and honor belong to God alone.

Psalm 71:1-6 [7-11]

(Page 503, RSV Pew Bible)

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

⁷I have become a portent to many;
but you are my refuge and my strength.

⁸**Let my mouth be full of your praise
and your glory all the day long.**

⁹Do not cast me off in my old age;
forsake me not when my strength fails.

¹⁰**For my enemies are talking against me,
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.**

¹¹They say, "God has forsaken him; go after him and seize him;
because there is none who will save."

SECOND READING

The Greatest Gift is Love

Paul addressed the Corinthian church over their quarreling about which gift was the greatest amongst them. Some had cited that speaking in tongues was the superior gift but their insistence caused conflict, pain, and division in the Body of Christ. Without love, Paul asserted, we have nothing. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 12:31b - 13:13 (Page 1000, RSV Pew Bible)

^{31b}I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE “Alleluia”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:31-44 (Page 893, RSV Pew Bible)

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

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

³¹{Jesus} went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! 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.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be

silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. ³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. ⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: LBW #406 “*Take My Life, that I May Be*”

Installation of Council

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!

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 2/3	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Installation of Council</i>
Mon 2/4	Office Closed
Tues 2/5	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 2/6	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 2/7	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 2/8	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Hours 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth Group Ice Cream Social
Next Sun	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 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, January 27, 2019

General \$2,965.25, MOM \$300.00, Sunday School \$30.55,
Building \$270.00, Church Reno. \$2,190.00 **Total: \$5,755.80**

Attendance: -98 **Sunday School:** 11 -Adults, 23 -Children

Mission of the Month of February



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 Pohluda sits on the board of this club. If you have questions Laurie will be glad to answer them.

Boys & Girls Club Gospel Brunch

The BG CDC 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.





Installation of Council Members

St. John would like to say *Thank You* to everyone who volunteers their time to be a part of our Church Council. As we install our new Council Members today, we would like to Thank those members going out or starting new positions for their dedication & service to our church. We are blessed to have a wonderful group serve on our Church Council!

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



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will start back up on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Bible Study will be Psalms and The Books of Wisdom. Great for your daily lives, join us!

CAMAL House Community Breakfast

The Cuero CAMAL House Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 8:00-10:00 AM at the Presbyterian Church. Freewill donations for the breakfast are welcomed to help support CAMAL House.



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)

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 January 20, 2019: \$353,220

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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Romans 11:13-19

The Olive Tree Part one

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Psalm 57

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Epiphany 4

February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)



God's love for his people is evidenced in his "knowing" us before we were born. We are only able to love because God has first loved us. His love is the epitome of un-conditional *agape* love which is shown most clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Without self-giving, self-sacrificing, self-less love, we have nothing. Love is the force that binds us together — a force that has its origin in the Creator.

