

They brought Him up to Jerusalem
to present Him to the Lord



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A North American Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2020

Greeter This Week: Cheryl Bramlette

Greeter Next Week: Doug & Wendy Bishop

Reader This Week: Tammy Blain

Reader Next Week: Trish Hood

Acolytes This Week: Ella Jander & Grace Redmond

Acolytes Next Week: Kendra Redmond & Mackenna Diebel

Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

Altar Guild Next Month: M'Liss Moore & Virginia Abrameit

Communion Assistant This Month: Pam Haun

Communion Assistant Next Month: Wanda Hays

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 – *Throughout the service you may remain seated or stand as you are able.*

Stand p. 56: BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

HYMN: WOV #764 “*Blest Are They*”

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

The Life of Discipleship

The prophet Micah reminded Israel what God had done for them by bringing them out of Egypt. They continued to be His holy people, chosen and beloved. Yet with this relationship came a call to do that which God commanded — such as giving love, working for justice, and showing deep humility and humbleness.

Micah 6:1-8

(Page 805-806, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” ⁶“With

what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of
rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of
my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love
kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

RESPONSIVE READING

God's People Shall Never Be Moved

The psalmist asserted that by following the ways of God in everyday life, Israel would abide in His holy tent on Mount Zion. It isn't always easy to do the right thing, but it is in righteousness that God makes us as immovable as his holy hill.

Psalm 15

(Page 470-471, RSV Pew Bible)

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

**⁶He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

The Word of the Cross

St. Paul told the saints in Corinth that those who would call them fools for believing in Christ are the ones who are perishing. Wisdom is an elusive and misunderstood concept that is hidden under the scandal of the cross. Through Jesus, God shows the world what true wisdom is: lowliness, weakness, and obscurity.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Stand p. 62 GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia"

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

(Page 837-838, RSV Pew Bible)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

¹Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are

you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit SERMON

HYMN: WOV #777 *“In the Morning When I Rise”*
Give Me Jesus

Stand p. 65: APOSTLES’ CREED
p. 65: 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!

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 2/2	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 8:45 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship <i>*Youth Group Stew to-go after church</i>
Mon 2/3	Office Closed
Tues 2/4	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Wed 2/5	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Quilters
Thurs 2/6	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Fri 2/7	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
Next Sun	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 a.m. Property Team Meeting 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship ~ <i>Installation of Council</i> <i>*2:00-4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class</i>

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 26, 2020

General \$1,679.00, MOM \$377.00, NALC \$50.00, Sunday School \$94.50,
Youth \$125.00, OSC \$240.00, Organ \$65.00, Building \$1,210.00, Church
Reno. \$1,468.00 **Total: \$5,308.50**

Attendance: Worship - 102 Sunday School - Children - 16 Adults - 12
Confirmation - 11

Mission of the Month of February



Warrior's Weekend Mission Statement

Warriors Weekend - Victoria, Texas

Founded in 2007, Warrior's Weekend is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation dedicated to the support of veterans of The United States of America with an emphasis on those wounded in The Global War on Terrorism. This is accomplished through holding an annual fishing event for wounded military personnel in May in Port O'Connor, Texas as well as donations to veterans and veteran based causes. 500 Veterans from around the United States are selected to participate. Military bases around the country select those who come for the weekend. There are about 300 wounded vets who are flown in from these military bases.

One need is for funds before the event is so they have enough monies to purchase airline tickets. The average cost of an airline ticket is \$400.00 each and is paid for in March.

The Warrior's Weekend will be held on May 17th through May 19th. The youth of St. John's will be selling flag sponsorship for the Field of Dreams display to honor veterans. For more ways you can get involved talked to Margie Swannack or Dawn Otto.

CHURCH PASTURE LEASE

St. John is offering for lease approximately 22 ac. to be used for agricultural purposes only. The lease term is 3 years. Anyone interested in bidding on this property may pick up a lease package in the church Narthex. Deadline for bids is Feb. 15, 2020.

Sharing of the Peace

There has been some concern about sharing the peace during the cold & flu season. Those persons not wanting to take part, feel free to stay sitting or share the peace as you feel comfortable. Those of you sharing the peace, please honor the wishes of those who are not taking part.





Youth Group Stew Fundraiser

St. John's youth group will be selling quarts of stew "to go" after church **TODAY**. Price is \$10/quart and proceeds raised will go towards youth group activities held in 2020. Thank you in advance for supporting St. John's youth group and bon appetit!

Boys & Girls Club of DeWitt County

You are invited to the BGCDC Gospel Brunch on Sunday, February 16th at the Venue in Cuero. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Entertainment by the Cuero Community Choir and Mary Poppins Ensemble. See Laurie Pokluda for tickets.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF DEWITT COUNTY

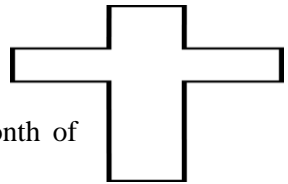


Come and join St. John's Sunday school February 17 at 6:00 pm. All family members are invited Monday evening for a night of fun activities, good food, and great company as we explore the word of God. The students will be making Glow In The Dark Mason Jars while learning the 2 Corinthians 4:6 passage. While the students are supervised and working, the parents

are invited to join us in a bible study of the same passage and how we can bring God's light into our families and lives. Chick-Fil-A will be provided by St. John's, so bring the family to an evening of Gospel based fun. This event is an inclusive event for all surrounding churches as well, so invite your friends as well!

NALC Warehouse and Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

We will be collecting for these charities all year. Each month we will feature items to be donated. For the month of **February** we will collect **tooth brushes** and **tooth paste**.



Church Renovation Update

Remaining items for the construction progress are to complete the canopy and final grade the site. After completion, a final walk through will be held to address any items that need to be touched-up. The estimated costs for construction, change orders, materials testing, architect, and incidentals are \$599,553.00. 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 26, 2020: \$525,999**



Sunday School Supplies

The Sunday School department is reaching out to the congregation for supply donations for the 2020 school year. We have several events and projects planned throughout the year and would appreciate any help from our congregation members.

The following timeline is the supply lists for the year:

For Now – February:

- Mason jars with lids, clear, any size

For Now – May:

- Medium to large clear glass jars, vases, bowls, decorative in nature, with or without lids
- Succulent plants

For the Whole Year:

- Medium to large appliance boxes, preferably not cut
- Paint, finger paint, house paint, any leftover useable paint, all colors

Please contact Johnna Kethan 361-649-4234 or leave donations in the parish hall. We thank you for all your help and donations and look forward to a great Sunday School year!

Special Prayers for Cole

~NEW UPDATE~

Cole has returned from China after a six month treatment program for his injury. This included surgery, stem cell injections, and extensive therapy. He has

also recently recovered from a surgery done in New Jersey on his diaphragm to help him eventually get off the ventilator. Cole has now returned to TIRR Rehabilitation Hospital in Houston for continued therapy.

God has been with Cole every step of the way through this very long and difficult journey and by faith we know He will continue to carry him through. We want to thank each and everyone for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for your continued prayers for Cole's healing and for strength and patience as he continues forward. Thanks again and God bless you.

+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

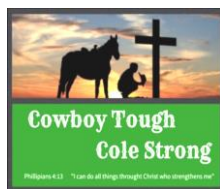
To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)

GOD
is Listening



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:

Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves

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 - 1st LT, United States Army

Andrew Washington, PFC - USMC, San Angelo, TX

Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA



Please Pray for: Adam Womble

Nate Boehl

Hunter Jacob

Glynn Yurick

Kenny Jacob

Cole Ohrt

Carlton Migura

Carly Waters

Joy Hoy

Marie Liner

Bill Roeske

Slade Doehrman

(Slade likes to receive cards, his address is:

11049 FM 236, Cuero 77954)

Nursing Home: Elmcroft-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun

Yorktown Nursing & Rehab. ~ Barbara Mueller

Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus



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Epiphany 4

February 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year A)



The Scriptures for today remind us of what God requires of his people. Both Micah and the psalmist communicate God's Word to "walk" humbly and blamelessly. This kind of devoted walking may seem like foolishness to those who do not believe in Christ, but for us who walk in the way of the Lord, it is life-giving, joyfully accompanied walking with the One who loves us most.