

YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!



YOU ARE THE KING OF ISRAEL!

JOHN 1:49

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Greeter This Week: Glenn & Linda Ruschhaupt

Greeter Next Week: Beverly Bodden

Reader This Week: Caden Jander

Reader Next Week: Volunteer Needed

Acolytes This Week: Hayden Leist & Peyton Diebel

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Altar Guild This Month: Carol Ann Sagebiel & Cathie Bettge

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

Communion Assistant This Month: Obert Sagebiel

Communion Assistant Next Month: Brian Wendel

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.

Worship Notes regarding Today's Service:

Thank you for attending. We thank God that we are once again able to gather inside the church. For those who are not comfortable entering the church we are also broadcasting as we have for the past several weeks and you are more than welcome to remain in your car. The service, the organ music, and Pastor John's message will be routed through the church's sound system and broadcast on your car radio on FM channel 101.5. Please follow the service in the bulletin.

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

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for Reflection and Meditation

L Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

L Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
 In living echoes of your tone;
 As you have sought, so let us seek
 Your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
 The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
 Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
 Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
 The precious truths which you impart;
 And wing our words, that they may reach
 The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
 Until our very hearts o'er flow
 In kindling thought and glowing word,
 Your love to tell, your praise to show.

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord have mercy

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen

L Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
 We worship you, we give you thanks,
 We praise you for your glory.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world'
 Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
 Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the
 Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray;

Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." [¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.]

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 139:1-9

¹Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

**²You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

³Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**⁴You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.**

⁵Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**⁶Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?**

⁷If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**⁸If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

⁹Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

GOSPEL VERSE

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN:

“Listen, God Is Calling”

WOV #712

Refrain:

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. Joy.**

**Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news
that he came to save us and set us free.**

Refrain:

**Let none be forgotten throughout the world.
In the triune name of God go and baptize.**

Refrain:

**Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
walking in your precets, led by your Word.**

Refrain:

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

And also with you

Offering – If you wish to give an offering it will be received as you leave.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
Right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your
Presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from' me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

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!

(after each petition "Lord in your mercy,"

RESPONSE "HEAR OUR PRAYER")

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen

HYMN:

“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

LBW #494

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, “Christian, follow me.”**

**As of old St. Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil
and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, “Christian, love me more.”**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”**

**Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.**

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN:

LBW #565

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

Today 1/17	Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. New Member Class
Mon 1/18	Office Closed ~ Martin Luther King, JR. Day 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting
Tues 1/19	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:30 p.m. Meyersville 4-H Meeting
Wed 1/20	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 6:00 p.m. Mission Evangelism Meeting 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Thurs 1/21	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours *Committee Reports Due
Fri 1/22	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Hours *Newsletter Deadline
Next Sun	Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. New Member Class *Annual Congregational Meeting Following 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 10, 2021

General \$1,408.00, MOM-Boys & Girls Club \$1,055.00, NALC \$100.00, Youth \$20.00, Sunday School \$64.00, Building \$125.00, Reno. \$285.00 **Total: \$3,057.00**

Attendance: Worship - 71 Sunday School - 10 - Children, 12 - Adults Confirmation - 4



*****Annual Report Notice*****

The Annual Report for 2021 will be available in the Narthex Tuesday afternoon, January 19, 2021 for anyone that would like a copy before the Annual Congregational Meeting following worship next Sunday, January 24, 2021.

New Member Class

Pastor John will be holding a New Member Class starting on January 10, 2021. The class will be on Sunday evenings from 6-7 PM for four weeks in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a new member please contact Pastor John. If you are already a member and would like to attend you are welcome to attend. Please advise Pastor John so he can order the workbook.

Thank you
Pastor John



Mission of the Month of January



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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.

UPDATE - Worship Team Notes - UPDATE

We will be having church in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. from now on, unless something changes. Communion will be by stations on the 1st Sunday until further notice. Please note there are certain guidelines that have to be followed. These specific guidelines are posted on our website & FaceBook page. The service will still be broadcasted on the radio station FM 101.5 for those who wish to stay in their vehicles. The service will also be videoed & posted to the church website on Sundays, after noon sometime. Please continue to check the church website & FaceBook page for updates.



Important Dates

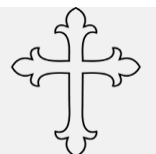
1/24/21 Annual Congregational Meeting following worship

1/31/21 Installation of Council Members



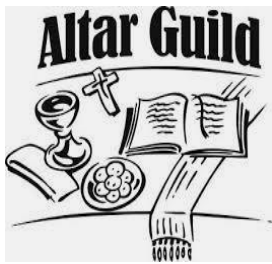
Youth Group News

St. John's is looking for someone who enjoys working with young people to be our new youth leaders. Please prayerfully consider this and let Pastor John or Laurie Pokluda know if this is your calling.



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. We will be collecting combs & brushes for the month of January. Thank you.



ALTAR GUILD OPPORTUNITY/PLEA

One of our faithful Altar Guild teams is no longer able to serve. Therefore, the Altar Guild is urgently asking for each of you to prayerfully and seriously consider being a part of a team to serve on the Altar Guild. You and your teammate (as do the 5 other teams) serve approximately 2 months per year setting up communion before and cleaning up afterward and filling candles. Please contact Carol Ann Sagebiel (361)243-0122 or any Altar Guild member for more information, etc. Thank You.

Special Prayers for Cole

Cole is at home doing well surrounded by the love and support of all his family. He continues to have therapy on a daily basis at his home and will soon also be doing therapy in Victoria. God continues to be with Cole each and every day strengthening his faith, patience, and courage as he travels down this long and difficult journey. We thank each and every one again for all your prayers, concerns, and support for Cole and his family. We ask for you to continue praying for Cole's healing and for strength and patience for him and his family. Thank you and God Bless.

+Please pray at 12:00 PM daily for Cole+

At his request, these are the prayers he has on his list:

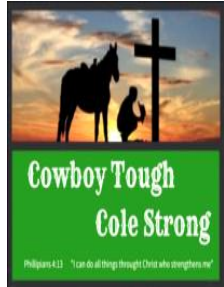
Healing- physical, emotional & spiritual

To help family stay strong

Patience

Stay positive

The drive to keep trying (perseverance)



Church Renovation Update

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 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 10, 2021: \$563,763.30



2021 Service Project Committees

Text Prayer Chain – Linda Ruschhaupt

Call Prayer Chain – Mary Wagner

Nursing Homes/Shut-In Visits – Virginia Abrameit

NALC Quilts – Norrean Sager

NALC Display in Church – (Quilt Litany Sunday) St. John Quilters

NALC Disaster Response Flood Buckets – Mission Evangelism

NALC Disaster Response Health Kits – Mission Evangelism

NALC Health Kits – Mission Evangelism

Quilt Packing & Labeling – St. John Quilters

NALC Quilts, Buckets, Health Kits Delivery – Mission Evangelism

Cornucopia – Cathie Bettge

Baptismal Banners – Cathie Bettge

Book for Bereaved – Bev Bodden/Parish Life

Confirmation Card & Cross in Pocket – Cathie Bettge

Christmas Card to Shut-Ins – Bev Bodden/Parish Life

Christmas Church Decorations –

Graduation Devotional – Bev Bodden/Parish Life

Bible Study Coordinator – Carol Ann Sagebiel

Women's Biennial Service (2022) -

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request or wish to be on the prayer chain please contact Mary Wagner (361)275-9500 or Pastor John (361)243-0373. We ask that you would update the prayer request regularly. If we do not have an update, in an effort to keep our list current and up to date, we will presume the situation has improved and remove the request after 30 days. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our Military and their families:

Jeff Zengerle - U.S. Army NG, Kuwait
Russell Copeland - U.S. Army Reserves
Jonathon Albrecht - U.S. Army, Kentucky
Chase Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Austin Schroeder - U.S. Navy
Lee Magruder - U.S. Army, 2-4 CaB, Charlie Company, Black Hawk Medevac Pilot, Fort Carson, Colorado
Katrina Moritz - U.S. Air Force
Michael Petrash II - 1st LT, United States Army
Andrew Washington, L CPL - USMC, Pensacola, FL
Jacob Redmond - USMC, San Diego, CA
Koltyn Mayhall - USMC, North Carolina



Please Pray for: Adam Womble
Nate Boehl
Hunter Jacob
Glynn Yurick
Kenny Jacob
Cole Ohrt
Carly Waters
Joy Hoy
Marie Liner
Bill Roeske
Janice Turner
Jimmy Caskey
Britany Jank Tomas
Dugan Chandler
Bea Fagg

Nursing Home:

Stevens Healthcare of Yoakum ~ Marjorie Ideus
Cuero Nursing & Rehab. ~ Alfred Rangnow
Twin Pines Nursing Facility-Victoria ~ Bette Jo Haun, Meta Bennett



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Epiphany 2
January 17, 2021
Epiphany 2 (Year B)

The author of Samuel pointed out a sad reality: “The Word of the Lord was rare in those days.” Perhaps we feel the same today, that God is quiet and uncommunicative. But are we really listening? Are we seeking his voice in our lives? Sometimes it is necessary for us to settle down and just listen, and sometimes we need the help of a trusted friend or mentor to help us hear. Either way, God calls us to follow Jesus.

