

6th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

- Gathering -

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude and Musical Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness – Page 94

Processional Hymn – #532 (V. 1-3) Gather Us In

Greeting and Hymn of Praise – **#167 Now the Feast and Celebrations**

Prayer of the Day – see insert

- Word -

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia. **Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23)**

Gospel *(before reading: **Glory to you, O Lord.** after: **Praise to you, O Christ!**)*

Sermon *“Look! It’s the Holy Spirit!”*

Hymn of the Day – #595 Jesus Loves Me

(10:30 a.m.) Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Page 227 *(Gracie Lauren Traub)*

Hymn – #677 (V.1) This Little Light of Mine

(8:00 a.m.) Nicene Creed – Page 104

Milestone Ministry: High School Senior Recognition

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace *(Response: **And also with you.**)*

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory Hymn – #839 (V. 1) Now Thank We All Our God

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 180-181

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution of Bread and Wine

All who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Hymns – #397, #744, #781

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Closing Blessing

Class of 2017 St. John Graduates

Dismissal (Response: ***Thanks be to God!***)

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dickinson, North Dakota

www.stjohnelc.org (701)225-6747

Mission Statement: "Living in Service to Christ"

Welcome to Worship at St. John!

If you are worshipping for the first time, we hope you feel joyfully welcomed! Worship is the most important thing we do together: Gathering in God's Name, Hearing God's Word, Sharing in the Holy Meal, and then Sending You to Shine Christ's Light in the World.

We believe worship brings abundant life and freedom to you and to your neighbor. There are four worship services offered each week at St. John, providing a variety of ways to worship. We encourage you to try them all to find the right fit for you.

To learn more about worship and St. John's story,
click on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnelc.org.

~ To Assist You at Worship ~

- *If you are considering becoming a member at St. John*, we ask that you begin by visiting with a pastor and attending a *new member coffee*, held four times each year. For details, click on the MEMBERSHIP link on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnelc.org.
- *Personal amplifiers for the hearing impaired are available*. Please ask an usher.
- *Children's worship bags* are in the narthex and the Commons Area.
- *Childcare*: Children are always welcome in worship, but if a parent feels that little hands, feet and voices are making it difficult for others to worship, the nursery is supervised during the 10:30 a.m. service. If a child needs a shorter break, there is a wiggle room and a glider chair in the narthex.
- *Holy Communion* is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. You may stand or kneel and receive the bread and wine. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, simply ask the person serving.
- *The decision about when a child should commune is made by the parent*. We encourage families to visit with a pastor to learn about the sacrament before communing for the first time. Children communing should extend their hands. Children not communing are invited to fold their hands.
- *Coffee is served* in the Commons Area before Sunday worship services.
- St. John is a member congregation of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** and part of the **Western North Dakota Synod**. St. John is a corporate member of Badlands Ministries Bible Camp and St. Luke's Nursing Home. Congregations in the WND and Eastern North Dakota Synods, including St. John, own Lutheran Social Services of N.D., a private, nonprofit social services agency.

~ Introductions to the Readings ~

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God’s eyes no matter what the circumstances because in *baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Presiding Minister	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Thursday
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Preaching Minister.....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Sunday
Assisting Minister.....	Gayle Homiston	Thursday
	Jerry Myers	8:00 AM
	Cheryl Lantz	10:30 AM
Deacons.....	Linda Splichal	8:00 AM
	Cora Tormaschy	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers.....	Houston Crimmins	Thursday
	Mataya Mortensen & Ashley Richey	8:00 AM
	Jordan Reger & Dawson Heiser	10:30 AM

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Wednesday 78, Thursday 58, and Sunday 297.

RIDE-SHARING AND PARKING AT CHURCH

We are grateful for a vibrant congregation of worshippers! To help all of us access the building as easily as possible, here are some tips:

- ✓ If you have *no* trouble walking, would you be willing to park a little farther away to leave the closer spaces for people with young children, and for those who may have a little more trouble walking from their cars to the church?
- ✓ We encourage you to carpool. If you would like a ride to make it easier for you to get to church, the church office may be able to find someone to drive you. Please ask.

~ *This Week at St. John* ~

Monday, May 22	7:00 PM	Backpack Appreciation Supper Scouts
Tuesday, May 23	8:30 AM 2-9:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Lifetouch Photo sessions
Wednesday, May 24	8:30 AM 9-3:00 PM	Monthly Staff Meeting Lifetouch Photo sessions
Thursday, May 25	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Backpack Prep Worship
Friday, May 26	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, May 27	4:00 PM	Pelton-Hintz Wedding
Sunday, May 28	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Worship Worship



"For freedom Christ has set you free."

Galatians 5:1

*(If you are young or old, busy or bored,
God has a better something for you.)*

BAPTISM

On Sunday at the 10:30 service, we celebrate the baptism of Gracie Lauren Traub. Her parents are Dallas and Taina Traub. The sponsors are Mariah and Derek Thompson.

MILESTONE MINISTRY ~ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

We will recognize and pray for the high school seniors as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. A quilt to "wrap them in God's love, and the love of St. John" will be given to each student from the St. John Quilting group. Those graduating include: Chelsea Anderson, Chase Ballard, Haley Bentz, Skylar Berthold, Alyssa Carmichael, Shellby Collins, Davis Donnan, Skyler Foss, Aspen Galster, Kaina Gartner, Ethan Guzman, Keegan Jacobson, Emberlin Johnson, Taylor Kadmas, Chandler Koppinger, Tyler Kostecky, Hannah Kovash, Jaxson Kukowski, Jade Lawlar, Jaycee Ludwick, Macy Mack, Abigail Moberg, Aanen Moody, Tanner Ouellette, Rachel Peterson, Andrea Praus, Ryan Schaefer, Paige Schweitzer, Kaiden Steckler, Callie Wahl, Elizabeth Yoder.

THANK YOU ~ Kristal Fields for the great "2017 St. John Graduate" slideshow to celebrate our students!

~ CONNECT & SERVE ~



MILESTONE MINISTRY
SENIOR DINNER- May 21st

A program and dinner for the graduating seniors & their parents will take place on **Sunday, May 21 at 5:30 pm**. This is a special event as we ask God's blessings as the senior prepare to step into new ventures.

BUDGET REPORT THROUGH APRIL 2017:

	<u>2016 YTD</u>	<u>2017 YTD</u>
General	\$161,324	\$174,082
Outreach	\$ 29,642	\$ 29,222

Thank you for your financial support. Your contributions compensate lay staff and your two pastors to provide ministry that encourages you to ***Live in Service to Christ.***

ST. JOHN SUMMER DAY CAMP

August 6 – 10th (ages 4 – 6th grade)
Information and registration is available on the St. John website – click on the Day Camp homepage slide and choose “Summer Events” OR you can pick up a paper copy from the Commons Area bulletin board to fill out and return. This is a free Day Camp to all who participate – you do not need to be a member of St. John to join the fun!

SUMMER CAMPSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Campership information for attending Badlands Ministries Bible Camp is available on the Commons area bulletin board. To request a campership, call the church office or fill out the campership form from our website (homepage).

Visit our website, facebook page and newsletter for more information on programs and schedules!



ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL MEETING
Tues., MAY 23rd @ 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sponsoring church members are welcome and encouraged to attend St. Luke's Annual meeting. Lunch will be served during the meeting. *Please RSVP by email to:* goretim@stlukeshome.com or call 701-483-5000.



WND WELCA CONVENTION

The 16th Biennial Convention of the Western ND Women's Organization will be held in Minot, ND on June 16-17. Information & registration is available on the Commons area bulletin board. Deadline for registration is June 1st.

THANK YOU!

The Basket Auction was a success thanks to your generosity. The Mission Trip group received over \$2,200 in donations from this fundraiser. If you were a “basket winner” and have not picked it up, contact Kaitlyn Olson to make arrangements for a convenient time. Enjoy your “goodies”!

ST. JOHN PHOTO DIRECTORY

The last dates for family photos are May 23 & 24! There are some open appointments available if you still want to be included in the St. John Directory. A schedule is on the photography table in the Commons area, or call the church office.



We begin our **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Sundays 8:00 & 9:30 am
Thursdays 7:00 pm

(KDIX will broadcast the 8:00 am worship on May 28th. Beginning in June, the 9:30 am will be broadcast throughout the summer.)