

7th Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

- 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 – #392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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.

Scripture Readings – see insert (*Response: Thanks be to God.*)

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #482 I Come With Joy

Nicene Creed – Page 104

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 – #465 As the Grains of Wheat

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 – #462, #393, #838

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Closing Blessing

Sending Hymn – #855 (V. 1 and 3) Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.stjohnele.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.stjohnele.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 Sunday's Readings ~

Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joe Natwick	Thursday
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Preaching Minister.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Minister.....	Tanna Reopelle	Thursday
	Jan Wilkie	8:00 AM
	Renee Boomgaarden	9:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Michael Stevenson	Sunday
Servers.....	Kaden Selle	Thursday
	Jackson Steiner	8:00 AM
	Annabella Semerad	9:30 AM

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Wednesday **83**, Thursday **66**, and Sunday **328**.

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 29	9-4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Closed – Observance of Memorial Day Scouts
Tuesday, May 30	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wednesday, May 31	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thursday, June 1	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, June 2	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday, June 4	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 Thursday, May 25 at the 7:00 p.m. service, we celebrate the baptism of **Bellami Jean Cabrera**. Her parents are Brandon Cabrera and Ashley Praus. The sponsors are Zachery Praus, Kali Heiser, and Toni Duran.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



WND SYNOD ASSEMBLY
June 2 & 3 in Minot, ND

The Synod Assembly is the annual gathering of all 172 congregations of the Western North Dakota Synod Assembly. Pastors and Lay Leaders gather together for worship, education, celebration, and to do “business” as it relates to this synod.

MISSION TRIP RETREAT

June 23 & 24

Mission trip students and advisors will depart at 12:00 pm on Friday, June 23rd and return around 5:00 pm on Saturday, June 24th. This retreat will help the group prepare for their adventure to unknown places as they put their “hands and feet to work” for Christ!

MISSION TRIP PARENT MEETING

July 9

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Sunday, July 9 at 7:00 pm in preparation for sending your children on this great adventure.

ST. JOHN SUMMER DAY CAMP

August 6 – 10 (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 CAMPERSHIPS 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).

BADLANDS MINISTRIES WORK DAY

June 4th

Join hands with fellow camp supporters and the 2017 Summer staff as Badlands Ministries prepares their facilities for the summer camp season. Lunch will be served at noon with work projects following. There are many projects at every skill level, so your help is greatly appreciated!



DONATE YOUR EYEGLASSES

St. John is collecting eyeglasses on the west wall in the Commons Area through June 18th. The eyeglasses will be used in eye clinics in Brazil. If you’d like to donate towards the cost of shipping the glasses, please forward your donation to the church office. We will be shipping the glasses to Robbyn and Brad Hanstad in TX. Robbyn is the daughter of church members Bruce and Lucille Pier. Her husband, Brad, is the optometrist helping with the eye clinic in July.

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.***

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