

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2017

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

- Gathering -

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

Prelude and Musical Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace, draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since you are justified by faith, you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into your hearts through the Holy Spirit. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – #468 Around You, O Lord 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. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:4)**

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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Prayers of the People

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

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn – #692 We Are an Offering

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 – #471, #487, #773

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Closing Blessing

Sending Hymn – #542 (V. 1-2) O Living Bread from Heaven

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 open (but *not* staffed for the summer). If a child needs a shorter break, there is 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 ~

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul’s letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God’s saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel’s heritage and legacy include being God’s children, having God’s covenants, being given God’s law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Presiding Minister	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Thursday
Preaching Minister.....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Sunday
Assisting Minister.....	Jenny Rea	Thursday
	Dream O'Brien	8:00 AM
	Don Brugamyer	9:30 AM
Organist.....	Jean Franklin	Thursday
	Michael Stevenson	Sunday
Servers.....	Mataya Mortensen	Thursday
	Jayne Krank	8:00 AM
	Austin Barnhart	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*: Thursday 58, and Sunday 191.

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, Aug 7	9AM-3PM 7:00 PM	Day Camp Scouts Den 5
Tuesday, Aug 8	8:30 AM 9AM-3PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Day Camp Stephen Ministries Meeting Scouts Roundtable
Wednesday, Aug 9	9:30 AM 9AM-3PM	Staff Meeting Day Camp
Thursday, Aug 10	9AM-3PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Day Camp Potluck Supper Worship – Day Camp
Friday, Aug 11	6:30 AM 5:00 PM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, Aug 12	3:30 PM	Urlacher – Heth Wedding
Sunday, Aug 13	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Worship Worship – New Member Sunday

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS @ ST JOHN ~

August 10 Day Camp Worship

We are excited to worship with day campers & staff of Badlands Ministries. Bring a friend to this very fun and wiggly service where campers share their songs and stories. There will be a potluck supper prior to worship – bring a favorite item to share and enjoy fun conversation!

August 13 New Member Sunday

This day St. John celebrates its newest members during the 9:30 am worship service!

August 17 & 20 Mission Trip Recap

Mission Trip participants give an overview of their trip! This promises to be an interesting and informative presentation as we experience the trip through the hearts & minds of the youth.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

The first "service task" is underway! In preparation for this great day of serving Dickinson, people are needed to assist with the "Project Sign-Up table" that will be located in the Commons area around times of worship. If this is something you would like to do, you can sign-up for time slot through the website by clicking on "When Am I Scheduled?" at the bottom of the homepage, OR you can contact Amy Graves at 225.6747 or agraves@stjohnelc.org.



BE A PART OF THE HEART of St. John!

Volunteers are the heart of St. John – it's how we share Christ's love for us! Fall programs are coming soon ... and there are a lot of areas that you can share your gifts and passions! Maybe it's a one-time event, a one night a month event, or a weekly school year event that you can schedule to assist with. Read about the opportunities in the August newsletter and on the Commons area bulletin board. Contact the church office if you have questions or would like to volunteer!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY begins September 12th!

Financial Peace University is a 9-week class where you will learn practical ways to pay off debt, overcome your fear of budgeting and create a savings plan to replace retirement worries. Give yourself "financial peace" and attend this class! You can register online at stjohnc.org and click on the homepage banner, OR pick up a form from the Commons area bulletin board.

SUMMER DAY CAMP SERVANT PROJECT



Campers are collecting school supplies this year to donate to local organizations who will distribute them to families and schools in need. Items needed – pencils, box of crayons, pink erasers, packages of paper, child-safe scissors, washable markers, pencil cases, colored pencils, pocket folders, rulers, glue sticks and notebooks. Please leave your donations in the tub at the west end of the Commons area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

CONFIRMATION MENTOR LEADERS

Aug. 16th @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm

All mentor leaders (returning & new) are to attend this orientation & supper to get to know one another, grow deeper in our faith and prepare to lead mentor groups this year!

INTERESTED IN HANDBELL CHOIR?

The opportunity of a lifetime awaits a brave soul like you. The Bell Choir is looking for a few good ringers. Well, you don't have to be good yet, but your interest in trying something new and your ability to read music will put you at the head of the pack. Feel free to contact Cheryl Hewson, director, at 483-5302 for more information.



There will be some beginning ringing sessions in August so you can see what it's all about without facing a lot of pressure or having to make a commitment right away. While the mission of the bell choir is to "Ring to the glory of God", we do manage to have fun, travel, and become our own special family. Your curiosity about all this could lead to great things.



SUMMER DAY CAMP begins TODAY with a Family Ice Cream Social from 3:00 – 5:00 pm!

Mon – Wed 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Preschool Camp
Mon – Thurs 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Day Camp (K thru 6th grade)

THURSDAY POTLUCK & WORSHIP for everyone begins at 6:00 pm (Worship @ 7:00 pm)!

