

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2017

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

- Gathering -

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

Prelude and Musical Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness – Page 94

Gathering Hymn – #632 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs 1-4, 6)

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

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 wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.**

Alleluia. (Ps. 130:5)

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

(8:00 a.m.) Apostles' Creed – Page 105

(9:30 a.m.) Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Page 227 (*Rylan Vawn Heiser, Reese Levan Heiser, and Mandy Renee Heiser*)

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

Milestone Ministry: New Member Affirmation of Baptism

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 – #814 Take, Oh, Take Me As I AM

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

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 – #817, #785, #793

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Closing Blessing

Sending Hymn – #774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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 ~

1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God’s presence— earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God’s saving actions.

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew’s gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as people of “little faith” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Presiding MinisterDaycamp Worship	Thursday
Preaching Minister.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Minister.....	Jean Herauf	Thursday
	Abigail Moberg	8:00 AM
	Kris Fehr	9:30 AM
Organist.....	Daycamp Counselors	Thursday
	Kayla Kilwein	Sunday
Servers.....	Dawson Moore	Thursday
	Justin Moore	8:00 AM
	Ashley Richey	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 47, and Sunday 239.

RIDE-SHARING & PARKING

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 14	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Aug 15	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wednesday, Aug 16	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thursday, Aug 17	7:00 PM	Worship – Mission Trip Recap
Friday, Aug 18	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday, Aug 20	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Worship – Mission Trip Recap Worship – Mission Trip Recap

BAPTISMS

On Sunday at the 9:30 service, we celebrate the baptism of Rylan and Reese Heiser and their mother Mandy Heiser. Rylan and Reese's parents are Mandy and Ryan Heiser. The sponsor for all three is Molly Schwartz.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

New members will be presented during the 9:30 am service today. Please take time to meet them!
Ryan Callahan; Ryan, Mandy, Rylan & Reese Heiser; Brenda & Ashlyn Messer; Amy Aasen; Amanda Egan;
Becca Simonds; Rachael & Matthew Sisson.

UPCOMING WORSHIP EVENTS @ ST JOHN ~

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.

August 24 & 27 Blessing of the Backpacks

"Blessing of the backpacks" is "an occasion to take a deep breath, exhale slowly, and claim values and faith that establish and direct our lives beyond the fears, anxieties, and pressures of life, especially as another school year begins. It is a time to recall and celebrate that lives are being transformed by the renewing power of God in Christ Jesus." ~*Vibrant Faith Ministries*

As fall schedules resume for students, teachers, administrators, etc. we ask them to come with a backpack, briefcase or any other kind of bag to receive a blessing during worship. ***This is a community event, and we welcome our neighbors of all ages to receive a small gift and be a part of the blessing.***

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

October 1st @ 10:30 am

This is a day about serving our community and that includes you! ***If you or someone you know are in need of help to complete projects such as yardwork, painting, gutter cleaning, etc, please let us know!*** Contact Amy Graves at 225.6747 or agraves@stjohnelc.org.

PROJECT SIGN-UP TABLE

In September, there will be a "Project Sign-Up" table in the Commons area for everyone to choose a way to "serve Dickinson with your hands and feet"! If your interest lies in helping participants during the sign-up process (or you are unable to be present for "God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday), go to the website and click on "When Am I Scheduled" on the homepage and sign-up for a time to help at the "Project Sign-Up" table!



**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!

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.

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 stjohnelc.org and click on the homepage banner, OR pick up a form from the Commons area bulletin board.

CENTRAL LOCATION FOR DONATIONS

If you have a donation to drop off (currently AMEN Food Pantry & Backpack program), the baskets are located on the west wall in the Commons area (by the elevator). Your generosity is appreciated!

LIFETOUCH PHOTOS

If you had your photo taken, *but did not order additional prints*, your complimentary 8x10" photo can be picked up at the SW sanctuary entry table. Photos that are not picked up will be inserted into your free directory this fall.