

The Pentecost Season
October 15, 2017

In today's gospel reading, Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's abundance and generosity are always ready to receive from God and give to others.

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Talk: 8:00 a.m. Molly Schwartz, 10:30 a.m. Olivia Seaks

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits. **Lord, in your mercy, set us free.**

You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self. **Lord, in your mercy, set us free.**

You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts. **Lord, in your mercy, set us free.**

You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear of scarcity. **Lord, in your mercy, set us free.**

You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. **Lord, in your mercy, set us free.**

God hears our prayers and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who are abundant and free, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn – #583 Take My Life, That I May Be

Greeting and Hymn of Praise (*Glory to God*) – Page 121

Prayer of the Day – see insert

- Word -

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

Gospel Acclamation – Page 124

Proper Verse (*sung*): ***This is the LORD for whom | we have waited;* let us be glad and rejoice in | God's salvation.***

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #445 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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

(10:30 a.m.) Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Page 227 (*Quincee Ann Martin*)

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

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 – #691, V 1-2 Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 129-130

Lord's Prayer (***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name***)

Lamb of God – Page 135

Distribution of Bread and Wine

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

Hymns – #491, #453, #777

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Closing Blessing

Sending Hymn – #538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dickinson, North Dakota

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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 ~

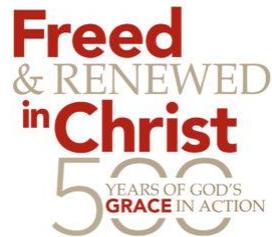
- *If you are considering becoming a member at St. John*, we ask that you begin by visiting with a pastor and attending a *new member coffee*, held four times each year. For details, click on the MEMBERSHIP link on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnelc.org.
- *Personal amplifiers for the hearing impaired 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 staffed during the 10:30 a.m. service. 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. ELCA and LCMS congregations in western and eastern North Dakota own Lutheran Social Services of N.D., a private, nonprofit social services agency.

~ *Worship Leaders* ~

Presiding Minister	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Thursday
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Preaching Minister.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Minister.....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Dream O'Brien	8:00 AM
	Kris Brugamyer	10:30 AM
Deacons.....	Tim Wegner	8:00 AM
	Linda Splichal	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Michael Stevenson	Thursday
	Michael Stevenson	Sunday
Servers.....	William Lindvig	Thursday
	Beau Krueger & Alexander Meier	8:00 AM
	Charley Rathgeber & Lane Richard	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 190, Thursday 67, and Sunday 275.



REFORMATION SYNOD-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 29TH @ 11:00 AM (CT) BISMARCK CIVIC CENTER
 Christians from across Western North Dakota are invited to gather for a Festival Worship to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Included in the day will be choirs and bells performing glorious music. Holy Communion will be celebrated this day.

4 & 5 YR OLD MILESTONE MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS

Thank you to the families who took part in the "Welcome to Worship" Milestone Ministry event. Students who learned about the area we worship in are ~ Emberly Berger, Kyra Berger, Camdyn Fisher, Evelyln Fridley, Avery Hanson, Hannah Jahner, Azlyn Kadrmas, Jackson Karsky, Jade Lael, Kimber Logan, Emmett McMacken, Jaxon Neuberger, Grady Schafer, Chloe Schlabsz, Hunter Snyder, Riley Tangen, Koryn Urlaub, Emma Wentz, Cambree Wilke, & Ryan Woehl. Preschool kids are pretty active - we apologize if we missed anyone!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE – October 29th @ 10:30 am

Stoles made by 9th grade confirmation students are on display in the Narthex and Commons Area. Each stole is an original creation representing the student's faith. Confirmation mentors will place stoles on students as part of the Affirmation of Baptism rite on Sunday, Oct. 29th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Families who do not have a student being confirmed are encouraged to worship on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to make space for extended family members.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Oct 16	5:00 PM	Scouts
	6:30 PM	Trust Fund Meeting
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Oct 17	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
	6:30 PM	Executive Council Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
		Financial Peace University meeting
Wednesday, Oct 18	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	Supper
	6:00 PM	Church School
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Faith Experience
Thursday, Oct 19	Noon	Circle 4 at the church
	6:00 PM	Backpack Prep
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Oct 20	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, Oct 21	4:00 PM	Cox – Hoffmann Wedding
Sunday, Oct 22	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Senior Choir practice
		Adult Education-Learning in Service to Christ
	10:30 AM	Worship
	3:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Senior High Youth



"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 **Quincee Ann Martin**. Her parents are Brandon and Jenni Martin. The sponsors are JJ Dukart and Terista Guthmiller.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

 **Thank You JODEEN MYERS!**

We give thanks for the 10 years of faithful work by Program Administrative Assistant, Jodeen Myers. During her time at St. John, Jodeen has cared for Church School, Confirmation, and Milestones Ministries programs. Blessings to Jodeen as she spends more time with her husband, kids and grandson! Jodeen will finish her work at St. John in early November.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a ministry at St. John that equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation experiencing difficulties in their life. A Stephen Minister supports your pastors by continuing spiritual care after the loss of a loved one, hospitalization, divorce or separation, loneliness, spiritual crisis, a terminal illness, aging, a chronic illness, or a birth, adoption, miscarriage or infertility. Please visit with a pastor to learn more.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

October 24th @ 7:00 pm – Player’s

Love it or not, Lutheranism and beer have a long history together. Renew this history at Theology on Tap and have casual conversations about life & faith. Email Pastor Joe (inatwick@stjohnelc.org) if you plan to attend. See the newsletter for more details!

GIFTS EVENT –

“EMBRACING STEWARDSHIP”

Oct. 15th @ 1:00 – 5:30 pm

(Also during Adult Ed class in the main floor Fellowship room @ 9:15 am)

What does it mean to be a good steward? Pastor and author, Chick Lane will provide pathways that people of each generation can follow to deepen their understanding of being a steward. *This event will be held at St. John. Register at www.wndsynod.org. Cost: \$15*

SMARTMONEY LIVESTREAM

Nov. 7th @ 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Dave Ramsey & Rachel Cruze will take the stage in Phoenix, and we will stream the event live. Come and learn the steps you and your family can take to live like no one else. Sign up today to be a part of this event on St. John’s website (homepage). *There is no cost to attend this event!*



CELEBRATING THE REFORMATION @ ST. JOHN

Oct. 26th @ 7:00 pm (Thurs Worship)

Music will be led by the “Beer & Hymns” band.

Oct. 27th @ 7:00 pm – Movie Night!

Watch “Luther” – a story of Martin Luther’s life. Bring a friend – snacks are provided!

Oct. 22nd & 29th @ 9:15 am (Adult Ed)

Hear about Pastor Joe’s “Lutherland” trip to Germany in September!

Oct. 29th @ 8:00 & 10:30 am (Sun Worship)

Special music will fill the sanctuary with the Senior Choir, Handbell Choir & additional instrumentation! *Affirmation of Baptism for our Confirmation students will also be celebrated at the 10:30 am service.*

Oct. 30 @ 7:00 pm – Fluffy Fields (2708 21st St E)

Luther did some of his best thinking with other theologians in local pubs..... we are excited to host this event on the 500th Anniversary of Luther’s famous moment when he nailed the 95 Theses to the doors of Wittenberg Church. The “Beer & Hymns” band will lead a hymnsing. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

For additional information on programs and schedules, visit www.stjohnelc.org



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You are...

Abundant and Free...

with Money

At St. John, we believe you are made abundant and free in your baptism! You are free to live abundantly, including with money. What you do with money is a faith practice. This month, we want to encourage you in your faith practices with money by turning to Luke 12:22-34 when Jesus preached, "**For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also.**" Each week, you will hear sermons on this gospel text.

- Oct. 4, 5, and 8:** Hear how money helps create a culture of generosity at St. John. We have a new pledge card to introduce before it hits your mailbox the first week of October!
- Oct. 11, 12 and 15:** We really mean it when we say you are abundant and free with money, no matter how much there is! There really is *enough*. And it really is freeing to give some of it away. Listen to stories from people who know something about giving freely.
- Oct. 18, 19 and 22:** *Thank you.* Please return your pledge card at one of these services. Your council will take time to *thank you* for your generosity with money at St. John. Such generosity leads to ministry in our community that reveals God's abundant mercy!

