

# *All Saints Sunday*

*November 5, 2017*

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

## **- Gathering -**

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**Amen.** One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

O God, our merciful redeemer, **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

## **Processional Hymn – #728 Blest Are They**

Greeting and Hymn of Praise (*This is the Feast*) – Page 122-123

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 – Page 124

Proper Verse: **They are before the | throne of God,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them.**

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

Sermon

## **Hymn of the Day – #611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

Remembering the Saints

Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints.

**We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world.**

Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you.

**Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. Amen.**

*(The names of those who have died in the past year will be read aloud, followed by the ringing of the bell. As the paschal candle is then carried around the sanctuary, you are invited to say aloud the names of some of the saints in your life.)*

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

**- Meal -**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering (10:30 a.m.) Special Music by the Senior Choir: "Take My Life"

**Offertory Hymn – #426 (V. 1 and 3) Sing with All the Saints in Glory**

*(Sung to the tune of #807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")*

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 – #423, #427, #767**

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

**- Sending -**

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

Closing Blessing

**Sending Hymn – #536 God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

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](http://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](http://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 wiggler 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.

~ Introductions to the Readings ~

**Revelation 7:9-17** - The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading provides a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer responds to the faithful with the assurance of God's protection and a vision of eventual victory.

**1 John 3:1-3** - A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

**Matthew 5:1-12** - In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Presiding Minister .....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Minister.....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Abigail Moberg	8:00 AM
	Don Brugamy	10:30 AM
Deacons.....	Susan Moberg	8:00 AM
	Linda Splichal	
	Margaret Marcusen	10:30 AM
	Susan Moberg	
Organist.....	Carrie Mitzel	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers.....	Kate Enney	Thursday
	Liz Fadness & Cody Foss	8:00 AM
	Charley Rathgeber & Ella Healy	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 180, Thursday 76, and Sunday 504.

ALL SAINTS DAY



We recognize "All Saints Day" on Thurs., Nov. 2 and Sun., Nov. 5, when we remember those who have died in the past year. We speak of people who have been named and claimed by God in Holy Baptism as saints. In the church, we often rely on images and symbols to say what words cannot. In the chancel area, there is a banner with photos and the names of those who have died in the past year. We will name each of these saints in the prayers:

*Charles Finck, Vivian Gabbert, Edna Guenther, Jerry Johnson, Gladys Kolling, Frank Kubik, Florence Lang, Sherry Maus, Arvid Mittelstadt, Dean Nester, Edna Nester, Paul Paulson, Kaiser (Sonny) Schmalz, Beth Selle, Walter Shjeflo, Shirley Svihl & Linda Wagner.*

~ *This Week at St. John* ~

Monday, Nov 6	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Trust Fund Meeting Scouts
Tuesday, Nov 7	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Financial Peace University class
Wednesday, Nov 8	9:30 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Supper & "Thank you party" for Jodeen Myers Church School Worship Mentor Groups
Thursday, Nov 9	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lefse Making - Basement Backpack Prep Worship
Friday, Nov 10	6:30 AM 9:00 AM  5:00 PM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery Lefse Making – Basement Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, Nov 11	9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Lefse Making – Basement Selle – Mork Wedding
Sunday, Nov 12	8:00 AM 9:15 AM  10:30 AM 11:30 AM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Senior Choir practice Adult Education-Learning in Service to Christ Worship Fellowship Potluck Handbells Senior High Youth

*Looking ahead ...*

**LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP**

***Thurs., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at CHI - St. Alexius Hospital Chapel***

The name *Longest Night* comes from the season. In Dec. we will experience the shortest day and longest night of the year. This service gives permission to acknowledge the difficulty of the *longest night* of the Christmas season for those who may feel overwhelmed by grief. The service is ecumenical (all denominations welcome) and includes Scripture, candle-lighting, Holy Communion, and singing appropriate to the season, recognizing this is not always a season of joy for all. This service will take place at the hospital's chapel to be inviting to the community of Dickinson. Watch for more details in the December newsletter and bulletins.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

**SMARTMONEY LIVESTREAM**

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 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!*



**APPRECIATION RECEPTIONS**

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am – Commons Area**

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm – Basement**

There will be a reception for Jodeen Myers – thanking her for all of the faithful work as Program Administrative Assistant. Blessings to Jodeen as she spends more time with her family and enjoys her new role as Grandma!

**IT'S LEFSE-MAKING TIME!**

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am**

Sign-up sheets are located on the Commons area bulletin board for supplies needed to make lefse, and also for workers! Donated items need be at the church no later than Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. If you would like to help make lefse, or learn how to make lefse – sign up for a time to help Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>.

**LEFSE SALE – SUNDAY, NOV. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**Collection Week: November 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

Boxes to be filled are available in the Commons area. Information on suggested items to pack and where to take your filled box are located at the table, inside the shoeboxes and at

[www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org). *St. John will not be a drop-off location this year.*



**THANK YOU FOR PLEDGING!**

~ If you have made your pledge for 2018 – thank you!

- ~ If you are considering making a pledge, please be prayerful. Do not hesitate to ask one of your pastors or a council member about how gifts are stewarded at St. John, or how you might determine how much to give.
- ~ If you are a member of St. John and did not receive a pledge card in the mail, we apologize. Please let a pastor know.
- ~ If you prefer not to make a pledge, please contact Pam Weidner, Finance Administrative Assistant at 225-6747, or return your pledge card indicating no pledge.

*You can return your pledge by filling out a pledge card or go online at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org).*

**FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm**

Give thanks! The cross-generational event will include a meal, games, projects and great conversations about gratitude. The evening will close with a worship service – giving our thanks and praise to God. *There is no Church School on Nov. 15 & 22.*

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Worship followed by a pie social in the main floor Fellowship room.

*There is no camp-style worship on Wed., Nov. 22, and no worship Thurs, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY  
CHURCH POTLUCK**

**FAIR TRADE SALE &  
LEFSE SALE!**

