

The Epiphany Season

February 11, 2018

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Legacy of Faith Campaign Update and *Thank You* from Bishop Mark Narum

Transfiguration Sunday Call to Worship

God touches the world, **and the world changes.**

God touches us, **and we are transformed.**

In the brightest of day, **in the deepest of night,**

on mountain, in valley, **everywhere.**

In this time, together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.

And through the change – we worship God. Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness – Page 94

Processional Hymn – #314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Greeting

Hymn of Praise – **#519 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**

Prayer of the Day

- Word –

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

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

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #696 Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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

(10:30 a.m.) New Member Welcome
Prayers of the People
Sharing the Peace (*Response: **And also with you.***)

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering *Special Music by the Senior Choir: "This Little Light of Mine"*

Offertory Hymn – #801 Change My Heart, O God

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 190

**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 – #315, #742, #838

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn – #866 (V. 1) We Are Marching in the Light

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 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.

~ Introductions to the Readings ~

2 Kings 2:1-12 - Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 - The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

Mark 9:2-9 - Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching Minister	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding Minister	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Thursday
	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Minister	Tanna Reopelle	Thursday
	Dann Greenwood	8 AM Sunday
	Hillary Moberg	10:30AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Dan Pender, Susan Moberg	
Organist	Cheryl Hewson	Thursday
	Barb Arneson	Sunday
Servers	Benett Carlson	Thursday
	Ezra Taray, Kate Welk	8 AM Sunday
	Courtney Roller, Gavin Steckler	10:30 AM Sunday



During Lent, you are encouraged to slow down and reflect. As Lutherans, we set aside 40 days to let go of our unhealthy attachments and renew a right relationship with God. The season of Lent reminds us to say no to things that do not nurture our relationship with Christ, and to say yes to things that do.

Midweek Lent on Wednesdays – Telling Stories of Faith

Feb. 21 through March 21, we will engage in stories. We will study stories told in Scripture in the weekly class at 5:45 p.m., and we will hear stories of faith from some of our members at worship. The service is about 40 minutes and includes Holy Communion and Holden Evening Prayer. Thank you to the speakers who will share their stories, hoping to draw you deeper into your own story of faith in Jesus Christ.

- February 21 – Cory Bittner
- February 28 – Sharon Kadrmas
- March 7 – Abigail Moberg
- March 14 – Alexis Meduna
- March 21 – Taylor Krieg and Mort Krieg

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Feb 12	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts
Tuesday, Feb 13	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Stephen Ministries (New members) FPU (Financial Peace University)
Wednesday, Feb 14	9:30 AM 12:10 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Ash Wednesday Worship First Lenten Supper Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday, Feb 15	Noon 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Circle 4 at church Backpack Prep <u>NO Worship</u>
Friday, Feb 16	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, Feb 17	2:00-7:00 PM	United Methodist Pictures & Wedding
Sunday, Feb 18	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM 3:00-5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Senior Choir practice Adult Education- <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i> Worship – Installation of Council and Trust Fund Handbells United Methodist Lent Worship (Fellowship Room) Sr. High Youth Group

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*:
Wednesday **143**, Thursday **41**, and Sunday **261**.



LENTEN SCHEDULE:

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 12:10 pm & 7:00 pm

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

Thursday Worship 7:00 pm

(No service on Feb. 15. Regular Thursday worship resumes Feb. 22)

Wednesdays 5:30 pm Lenten Supper (Puerto Rico FUNdraiser)
5:45 pm "What is the Bible?" Adult Lenten study
Milestone Ministry classes as scheduled
7:00 pm Lenten Worship

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



ST. JOHN ANNUAL MEETING

February 11th @ 9:00 am (basement)

Come to the Annual meeting to have a voice in the business matters of St. John and approve the budget for 2018 This year you will see a "Narrative Budget" that tells our story. All confirmed members are encouraged to attend and vote. *At this time, these St. John members have been nominated to serve on Council:*

Deacons: Jen Jung and Seth Poland

Trustees: Richard Benz and Jared Bookhardt

AMEN FOOD PANTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Time commitment: An occasional Tuesday or Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and arriving about 15 minutes prior to work time.

On the job training. No lifting required. Come with a desire and willingness to help people. If this speaks to you, please contact Peggy Fadness, St. John Volunteer Coordinator, at 701-483-0809 with any questions or to volunteer.

WALK TO MALAWI!

Feb 14th – March 31st

To encourage *you* to be well, St. John will walk 9,038 miles to Malawi, Africa as a community. You are encouraged to track the miles you walk, run, and bike during Lent, and if none of those are your things, track each 15 minutes of physical activity to equal one mile. Submit your miles by emailing them to Amy Graves at agraves@stjohnelc.org, or write them on the bulletin board in the Commons Area.

NEED TO PICK UP YOUR DIRECTORY?

Family directories have been moved to the copier room – please pick up your directory today! If you did not have your photo taken, you can purchase a directory for \$15.00.

MILESTONE MINISTRIES

Feb. 21st @ 5:45 pm – 1st grade

"10 Commandments"

Feb. 28th @ 5:45 pm – 2nd grade

"Kids & Money"

Milestone classes are designed for the student and parent(s) or guardian(s) to participate together. Classes will be held in the 2nd floor Fellowship room. Come at 5:30 pm and bring your Lenten supper with you to class!

INTERESTED IN STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Feb. 13th @ 6:30 pm

Learn more about Stephen Ministries this Tuesday in the church basement. Come join us if you are:

- interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, or
- you would like to learn more about the program as well as the opportunities and benefits it offers for care givers and care receivers.

Contact Amy Graves (agraves@stjohnelc.org) in the church office if you have questions.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Feb. 27th @ 7:00 pm (Fluffy Fields)

Let's talk about everyday topics that Christians wrestle with - in a casual and fun atmosphere! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend (*this is not a "Lutheran-based" group*).



**TODAY WE WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS:**

Take a moment to introduce yourself and get to know these wonderful people!

Barbara Arthaud; Michael, Brandi, Haiden, Lauryn & Kainen Ollerman; Vincent Helfrich; Shelby Pender & Aayden Kessel; and Olivia Krebs.

Visit us at www.stjohnelc.org for updates on activities & schedules!