

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for life given in baptism. *(Pause for reflection.)*

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for Lake Sakakawea and the Heart River.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn – #454 Remember and Rejoice

Greeting and Hymn of Praise *(Come, let us join our cheerful songs...)* – Page 204

Prayer of the Day

- Word -

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

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #453 Baptized and Set Free

(8:00 a.m.) Nicene Creed – Page 104

(10:30 a.m.) Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Page 227 (*Taysli Mae Steier*)

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

(10:30 a.m.) New Member Welcome

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of the People

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

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering (8:00 a.m.) *Special Music by the Senior Choir - “Blest Be the Tie”*

Offertory Hymn – #674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Offering Prayer, Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 206-207

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.

Lamb of God – Page 208

Hymns – #445, #742, #666

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn – #547 Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

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”

Don’t forget the potluck after the 10:30 a.m. service to welcome new members to the congregation!

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 ~

Acts 10:44-48 - While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching and Presiding Minister	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Ministers	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Hillary Moberg	8:00 AM Sunday
	Cheryl Lantz	10:30 AM Sunday
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	Linda Spichal	
	Seth Poland	10:30 AM
	Susan Moberg	
Organist	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	Kate Enney	Thursday
	Gavin Steckler	8:00 AM
	Liz Fadness	
	Weston Klatt	10:30 AM
	Gavin Weiler	

LEARNING IN SERVICE TO CHRIST: Adult class on Sundays @ 9:15 am



This weekly class is open to anyone interested in lifelong learning. Each week, led by the pastors, the class will engage the reading from Acts you hear at worship. We encourage you to bring your own Bible from home to mark it up. We *really* encourage you to read the whole book of Acts in April!

May 6 – Among the most basic human needs are food and shelter. While most of us do not think twice about the food in our cupboards and our warm beds, many of our neighbors in Dickinson do not have these luxuries. Each and every day, organizations in our community help to provide basic needs. Come and hear from people who work for the AMEN Food Pantry, Community Action Partnership, House of Manna, and Stark County Social Services. Each organization will share a 10-15 minute presentation with the class.

May 13th – The Easter season comes to an end next week, along with our focus in worship on the book of Acts. Come to hear just a little more about this book of history and adventure before we put it back on the shelf.

May 20th – St. Luke's Home is one of our partners in the community. Since its inception, St. John has been a corporate member of St. Luke's. Come and hear a presentation from Amy Kreidt, CEO of St. Luke's Home.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, May 7	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts
Tuesday, May 8	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Teacher & Mentor Appreciation Dinner
Wednesday, May 9	9:30 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Fellowship Meal Church School Worship (New Members) Mentor Groups
Thursday, May 10	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Backpack Prep Worship (New Members)
Friday, May 11	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, May 12	3:30 PM	Brezden – Binstock Wedding
Sunday, May 13	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship (New Members) Adult Education - <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i> Senior Choir Worship (New Members) Handbell Rehearsal Senior High Youth

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Wednesday 145, Thursday 45, and Sunday 334.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of **Taysli Mae Steier**. Her parents are Michael and Sara Steier. The sponsors are Trevor Thomas, Rachel Hanson, Cole Hewson and Amy Sleath.

IT'S NEW MEMBER WEEK!

We welcome new members into the St. John community during all worship services this week! Those joining to shape the ministry God does at St. John include ~

Daniel & Kellie Bergman & Kinzlie; Vincent & Patience Biesiot & Ava Byrd; Brett Binstock; Troy & Jodi Bosch, James, Jerzy & Jeter; Dylan & Tayler Chock; Chris & Ashley Lael, Jade & Maddox; Dallas & Sara Lawrey, Brayden Urlacher & Ethan; Jim & Susie Lee; Monica Mack; Chuck Meduna; Matthew Nicklos, Amanda & Parker Heidt; David & Brittney Piper; Derek & Jordan Ridl & Carter; Heather & Beth Spaulding, Isabella & Saylor; Marlyne Tvetter; and Marvin White.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Sunday, May 6th @ 12:30 pm

All ages are invited to care for the earth by picking up garbage around Dickinson after lunch (come to the church potluck at 11:30 am!). We will have garbage bags and gloves, as well areas that need clean-up.

NEW MEMBER WEEK!

May 6th – 10th during worship services

Yes a whole week! There are several folks joining this spring that attend all of the different worship services. Sowhy not a "New Member Week"!

APPRECIATION NIGHT!

May 8th @ 6:00 pm

For all of the Church School teacher and Mentor leaders ... and their "+1"! An evening and special meal to THANK YOU for leading our children and youth throughout the year! Childcare will be available.



GRADUATING SENIORS

REMINDER! Your senior photos need to be dropped off at the church office before May 2nd for the Senior recognition slideshow in May! Your photographer can also email a photo to tormaschyc@stjohnelc.org.

Upcoming dates for your calendar:

May 17 & 20: Senior recognition during worship

May 20: Senior Dinner for graduating seniors and their parents.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

Wed., May 16th @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm

Bring the family and celebrate another terrific Church School year! Activities and worship will be on the front lawn (weather permitting) – bring a blanket or chair to sit on if you wish!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wed., May 16th @ 7:00 pm

Current 6th & 7th graders and parents! It's a new program year for Confirmation! Come and register and learn about what is coming this year.

6th grade – meet in Fellowship room (main floor)

7th grade – meet in the Sanctuary

WELCOME TO YOUTH GROUP!

Wed., May 16th @ 7:00 pm

Current 8th graders... come and find out about what SHYG (Senior High Youth Group) is all about! We will meet in the Youth room (basement) and talk about this coming fall, and also fun things happening over the summer!

ST. LUKE'S HOME ANNUAL MEETING

May 22nd @ 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual meeting at the St. Luke's Home Chapel (242 10th St West).

CALL FOR DELEGATES: St. Luke's Home, Inc. conducts an annual gathering of delegates of the sponsoring churches to affirm leadership and governance of its subsidiaries – St. Luke's Home and St. Luke's Home Foundation. Sponsoring church members are strongly encouraged to attend. RSVP: email gorettim@stlukeshome.com or call 701.483.5000.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

May 22nd @ 7:00 pm (Players Bar & Grill)

Each month, people gather together in a public place to talk about faith, life, politics, ethics, and so much more! Come and share your insights and learn from the insights of others. This will be the last Theology on Tap session until August!

Visit www.stjohnelc.org for updates on programs and schedules!