

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

- 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, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – #532 Gather Us In

Greeting and Hymn of Praise (*Glory be to God...*) – Page 204

Prayer of the Day

- Word –

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

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

Gospel Acclamation – Page 205

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #723 Canticle of the Turning

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

(9:30 a.m.) Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Page 227

(Pippa Joy Focht)

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 – #185 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer and 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 – #195

Hymns – #490, #479, #815

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Benediction

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!

Maybe this is one of your first experiences worshipping in a church. Maybe you have been around churches, but have never been to this one. Maybe you are looking for a church to call *home*. Maybe you hope to discover an answer to some of life's big questions. Whatever has brought you to St. John today, *welcome*. As Christians who are Lutheran, we believe worship is a feast of God's Word and Holy Meal. The Word fills you with faith. The Meal fills you with Jesus Christ. St. John began in 1903 when a few people gathered for the Word and the Meal. Today, 115 years later, we gather for the same feast.

**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 or meal*, 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. The nursery is available for you, but not staffed during the summer. There is an audio feed of the service in the nursery. If a child needs a shorter break, there is wiggle room and a glider chair in the back of the church.
- *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 Reading ~

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 - Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 - When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

Mark 2: 23—3:6 - Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Kaitlyn Olson	
Presiding	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Dann Greenwood	8:00 AM Sunday
	Hailey Graves	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Barb Arneson	Sunday
Servers	Ella Healy	Thursday
	Charley Rathgeber	8:00 AM
	Kate Welk	9:30 AM



GARDEN OF GRACE

Do you enjoy the beauty of the Garden of Grace? Would you like to assist in taking care of this space we share with the neighborhood? Sign up to be a "Caretaker for the Week"! During the week, you and your family / group can water the raised beds daily, and weed out the garden one time to keep it beautiful and welcoming for everyone who visits.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Go to the St. John website (www.stjohnelc.org) and click on the link at the bottom of the homepage "When Am I Scheduled?". There is a sign up for Garden of Grace – you can choose the week that works best for you! Enjoy the outdoors and taking care of God's creation!

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, June 4	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts UMC Worship Team
Tuesday, June 5	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wednesday, June 6	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thursday, June 7	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, June 8	6:30 AM 5:00 PM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, June 9	3:00 PM	Pender – Pender Affirmation of Marriage
Sunday, June 10	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Worship Worship

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Thursday 45, and Sunday 237.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of Pippa Joy Focht. Pippa's parents are James and Rachel Focht. The sponsors are Steven Focht and Michelle Lozensky.

"I GIVE" PEW CARDS



Do you share an offering without using an offering envelope? Has giving electronically left you feeling awkward about passing the offering plate? Have you made eye contact with an usher only to feel embarrassed that your offering is invisible? Has your child ever asked why you don't give an offering like other people (because that is what they see)? We get it! There are a variety of ways to financially support the ministry at St. John. Because every gift matters, there are laminated "I Give" cards in the pew racks for electronic givers to put in the plate during the offering.

Interested in learning more about giving electronically? Visit www.stjohnelc.org / GIVE for more info!

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



SUMMER DAY CAMP August 5th-9th

It's hard to imagine that summer is near! You can now register your child(ren) for Summer Day Camp. Preschoolers (age 4 by 8/1) through 6th grade (completed) can participate. Older students can register as a "Staff in Training" (SIT) if they are interested in helping out! There is no charge for this camp, however donations are welcome to help with supply costs. Sign up on the website or pick up a registration form from the bulletin board.



YOU CAN BE INVOLVED WITH SUMMER DAY CAMP!

While the Badlands Ministries Counselors are leading the Day Camp, it is important for them to take care of themselves! You can help by

BRINGING A MEAL!

If you enjoy cooking, a homemade meal is always a great gift for the counselors! If you aren't a cook, dropping off a bucket of chicken or sub sandwiches will surely be a hit! Meals are needed for lunch and supper.

OFFERING A BED!

Getting plenty of restful sleep is important to greet over 100 children with a smile! If you have a spare room and are able to "host" counselors during camp (Aug. 5-9), it would be very much appreciated!

If you are interested in helping with camp in either of these ways, please contact Kaitlyn Olson at kolson@stjohnelc.org.

For updates on schedules and programs, visit www.stjohnelc.org!

For quick reference on mobile devices, download the St. John app! Search for stjohnelc.org and download it today!

QUILTS FOR SALE

You can support the ministry of the quilters by purchasing a quilt for \$65, or by donating clean sheets that are twin or king-sized.



WELCOME COFFEE July 8th @ 10:30 am

Are you interested in being a member of the St. John community? We would love to give you a warm welcome! Come to the next "Welcome Coffee" to learn more about St. John and tour all of the areas of the church we call home. New members will be welcomed on Sunday, August 12th during the 9:30 am worship service.

ST. JOHN DAY @ BADLANDS MINISTRIES Tuesday, July 10th @ 2:00 – 5:00 pm

All Church School children and families are invited to drive to Badlands Ministries Bible Camp and spend a fun afternoon centered in the beautiful badlands near Medora. Parents may accompany their preschoolers.

The Preschool-6th Grade children will be placed in small groups led by the Badlands Ministries Counselors. Please remember to pack a water bottle, sunscreen, and bug spray for your "camper".

Please RSVP to Denay Klein at 701-290-9925 or dklein@stjohnelc.org by July 1st if you would like to attend this day camp, have any questions, or would like more information.

BACKPACK & FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Don't forget these programs during the summer! Donations are needed all year long. You can drop off your donations for these programs in the baskets located in the Commons area (west wall). **Thank you for your generosity!**

