

# 8th Sunday after Pentecost

## July 15, 2018

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

### - 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 forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of grace, let us pray. Almighty God, **we thank you for this world and its reminders of resilience, grace, hope and life: when grass shoots break through concrete, when the sun emerges after storms, when people offer laughter in deep sadness. In these moments we see glimpses of who you are, and we are grateful.**

Yet if we reduce you to the cycle of nature, or the best of humankind, we diminish your power to make the impossible real: to break apart the impenetrable evils of oppression, to cast out the very real fears that prevent us from banishing demons of judgement and worthlessness.

**Forgive us, God, when we do not trust you to deal with the unspeakable awfulness in our lives and world.** *Silence for reflection*

Cast out our demons, Lord. **Make us new again.**

**Forgive us when we contribute to the brokenness of the world and the lives of people around us.** *Silence for reflection*

Cast out our demons, Lord. **Make us new again. Amen.**

Scripture promises that those who are in Christ are a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, the new has come! Hear then Christ's word of grace: 'Your sins are forgiven.' **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn – #786 O Holy Spirit, Enter 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 – #717 Let Justice Flow like Streams**

Apostles' Creed – Page 105

Prayers of the People and Sharing the Peace (*Response: And also with you.*)

## - Meal -

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

Offering

### **Offertory Hymn – #744 Lord, Be Glorified**

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 – #479, #556, #807**

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

## - Sending -

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

Benediction

### **Sending Hymn – #207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

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

*(The Confession and Forgiveness is based on liturgy by Cheryl Lawrie at [www.holdingspace.org](http://www.holdingspace.org))*

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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](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 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](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. 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 ~

Amos 7: 7-15 - Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

Ephesians 1: 3-14 - In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Mark 6: 14-29 - As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

## ~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching .....	Kaitlyn Olson	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Lisa (Thursday)	Pastor Joe (Sunday)
Assisting Ministers .....	Gayle Homiston	Thursday
	Dream O'Brien	8:00 AM Sunday
	Renee Boomgaarden	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist .....	Michael Stevenson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers .....	Liz Fadness	Thursday
	Lane Richard	8:00 AM
	Ezra Taray	9:30 AM

### "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? 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.



### FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR AT ST. JOHN

The position of Finance Administrator will be open in late September. This office is responsible for the financial ministry of the congregation and recordkeeping of membership. This part-time position is budgeted at 27 hours per week during office hours and offers flexibility and a meaningful work experience. (*Office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm*)

A bachelor's degree is required. At least three years of experience working in a financial office is preferred.

Interested? A full job description is available in the church office and online. Contact Pastor Lisa for more information on this position at 225-6747 or [lewton@stjohnelc.org](mailto:lewton@stjohnelc.org).

## ~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, July 16	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts UMC Worship Team
Tuesday, July 17	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wed, July 18	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thursday, July 19	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, July 20	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday, July 22	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 40, and Sunday 221.

### PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

#### *July 27 – August 4*

They have prepared all year, and now the time has come! These missionaries will be doing physical labor to help rebuild communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, and also walking beside those living there – learning about them and their stories. Pray for them as they travel and share God's love with others.

Aiden Jung	Alexus Meduna	Allison Dukart	Amy Wegner
Austin Raatz	Ayanna Fossum	Brady Thompson	Brayden Groll
Brianna Ashworth	Caylee Wilke	Cora Knipp	Emma Meduna
Erica Enderud	Hailey Graves	Hailey Rathgeber	Hannah Rathgeber
Hillary Moberg	Jacob Shilman	Kamryn Kuntz	Kennedy Kuntz
Korie Riely	Kylee Showalter	Lauren Jorda	Macy Leiss
Maddie Gefre	Maddy Hanel	Madi Arndt	Madi Eckelberg
Madi Lindley	Madison Semerad	Mariah Mortensen	Mckenna Weiler
Meghan Ackerman	Morgan Kainz	Mya Elkin	Peyton Selle
Raghyn Murphy	Rasia Mackey	Sophia Mettler	Taylor Nelson

*ADVISORS - Pastor Joe Natwick, Becca Natwick, Kaitlyn Olson, Laney Herauf & Trevor Conrad*

Follow the trip on St. John's Facebook page. Then don't miss the "We're Back!" presentation on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.! They will share their experiences and pictures from the trip. Come and be inspired by their stories!

## ~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

July 26 & 29

Last year, we celebrated Christmas in July with candlelight and snow cones .....THIS YEAR, as we send youth and adults to serve in Puerto Rico, we will celebrate *Christmas in July – PUERTO-RICAN STYLE!*

Come for unique music and a unique worship, as we celebrate the unique gift of God's love in the birth of Jesus!

### SUMMER DAY CAMP

August 5th-9th

You can still sign up for Summer Day Camp! Go to [www.stjohnc.org](http://www.stjohnc.org) to register online and get detailed information about this great event for kids! Registration deadline is July 29th!

### YOU CAN BE INVOLVED...

*Fill the Counselors bellies with a wonderful lunch or dinner!* Bring a home-cooked meal or pick up something (chicken, pizza, etc.) and drop it off at the church for them to enjoy!

*Offer a place of comfort to "re-fuel"!* If you have a spare bed where a counselor can rest, let us know!

Contact Kaitlyn Olson at [kolson@stjohnc.org](mailto:kolson@stjohnc.org) if you can help in any of these ways!

**BADLANDS  
MINISTRIES**  
**CELEBRATES 90 YEARS!**

Enjoy the day at Badlands Ministries and celebrate 90 years of bringing faith to life! There will be tours, high ropes, stories, worship, supper and a campfire! For information and to RSVP, go to

<https://www.badlandsministries.org/90th-celebration>

**JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 9:00 am – 9:00 pm!**

**RSVP ASAP!**



### GARDEN OF GRACE

Interested in helping with the garden?

Go to [www.stjohnc.org](http://www.stjohnc.org) / When Am I

Scheduled? to sign up! During the week, you and your family or group can water and weed out the raised beds to keep it beautiful and welcoming for everyone who visits. If there are items to "harvest", tell a staff member or pick the items while you are there. All produce will be delivered to the AMEN Food Pantry.

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

September 11 – Nov 6

This fantastic class is for everyone who has questions or concerns about finances! Maybe it's learning how to budget, or how to start saving for the future. Or perhaps you want to learn how to pay off debt, or start a retirement plan!

**Register now** for this class by going to [www.stjohnc.org](http://www.stjohnc.org) and click on the Financial Peace banner. Cost for the materials is \$129 per person/couple.

Not sure if this class is right for you? Register to let us know you are coming the first night for more information, then decide if you want to continue with the remaining sessions and purchase materials at that time.

### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

September 30th

If you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this great event, contact Amy Graves at [agraves@stjohnc.org](mailto:agraves@stjohnc.org).



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