

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 1, 2018

And you thought it was over on Friday? April Fools!

(* Indicates the people stand)

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation

* Welcome and Easter Call to Worship

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

Jesus is alive! **Life is more powerful than death.**

Hope is alive! **The sorrows of the world have been muted.**

Joy is alive! **We have not been fooled.**

Love is alive! **Even a tomb could not contain the love of God.**

We are alive! **New life is within us.**

God of life, we worship you.

God of creation, we praise you.

God of revelation, we learn from you.

God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

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

Processional Hymn – #365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

(7:30 a.m. Redressing of the Chancel)

Greeting and 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 – #869 We Have Seen the Lord**

Led by the Leader, please sing “We have seen the Lord” as indicated in the Assembly part.

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

Sermon

* **Hymn of the Day – #383 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

Sung to the tune of #836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Special Music – “The Resurrection Song”

* **Offertory Hymn – #384 (V. 1-2) That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

Offering Prayer

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Lord’s Prayer

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 – #481, #376, #389

* Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Closing Blessing

Sending Hymn – In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)

Dismissal

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

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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 ~

Acts 10:34-43 - Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 - The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Mark 10:1-8 - The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching Minister	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers	Diane Melbye	Maundy Thursday
	Dream O'Brien	7:30 AM Sunday
	Patrick Healy	10:30 AM Easter
	Cheryl Lantz	9:00 AM
	Kris Fehr	10:30 AM
Deacon.....	Margaret Marcusen	Maundy Thursday
Deacons.....	Margaret Marcusen	7:30 AM Easter
	Susan Moberg	9:00 AM
	Seth Poland	10:30 AM
Organist	Barb Arneson	Maundy Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson, Barb Arneson	Easter
Servers	Benett Carlson	Maundy Thursday
	Weston Klatt & Isaac Hoffer	7:30 AM Easter
	Kate Welk & Ezra Taray	9:00 AM
	Lucas Shilman & Kate Enney	10:30 AM



EASTER MEMORIAL FUND

An Easter Memorial Fund was established for your gifts *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones. Funds were used to purchase the lilies that adorn the chancel area, with most of the money going to ELCA World Hunger to help our neighbors in Malawi, Africa. You can find the Memorial list on the sanctuary entrance tables.

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

This weekly class is open to anyone interested in lifelong learning. Because of the positive response to the study on the book "What is the Bible?", we will study some of the difficult texts and themes in the Bible on April 8, 22, and 29. We encourage you to bring your own Bible from home to mark it up.

On April 15, representatives from St. Luke's Home and Badlands Ministries Bible Camp will each share a brief presentation and be available for questions. St. John is a corporate owner of both the camp and nursing home. When you share an offering at church, 3% of your gift is passed along to these two places (1.5% to each).

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Apr 2	9:00-4:00 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Closed-Easter Monday Scouts Scouts
Tuesday, Apr 3	8:30 AM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Theology on Tap at Players
Wednesday, Apr 4	9:30 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Fellowship Meal Church School Infant/Toddler Class Worship Confirmation
Thursday, Apr 5	Noon 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Trust Fund Executive Meeting Backpack Prep Worship
Friday, Apr 6	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery
Saturday, Apr 7	9:00 AM	<u>NO</u> Altar Guild
Sunday, Apr 8	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Adult Education- <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i> Senior Choir Worship Fellowship Potluck Handbells Welcome Dinner 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 111, Thursday 46, and Sunday 487.



WELCOME DINNER (a meal for curious people)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8th @ 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Anyone curious about joining St. John is encouraged to come for dinner in the church basement. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to staff member Amy Graves at agraves@stjohnelc.org or 225-6747 by April 4th. You are not obligated to join by attending the dinner.

The evening will be led by both pastors and include:

- What it means to be a Christian who is Lutheran.
- The mission and vision at St. John.
- What is going on at St. John and ways you might wonder about sharing your own passions.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

THEOLOGY ON TAP

April 3rd @ 7:00 pm (Players Sports Bar)

This is a monthly gathering of people who enjoy having meaningful conversations and discussions over a pint a beer. Each month, we meet at a local establishment to talk about topics related to faith and life. Everyone is welcome! If you would like some info on this upcoming class, email Pastor Joe (inatwick@stjohnelc.org). ***This month, we will have access to the reserved room at 6:00 pm! Come and enjoy a meal before class!*

EASTER PREACHING SERIES

The Day After the Resurrection

The eight weeks of Easter include a reading from the book of Acts. To invite you to deeply engage in this book, we encourage you to read it at home. In worship, you will only hear a Scripture reading and sermon from Acts, which picks up Jesus story after his resurrection.

The Christian Church in the first century asked the same questions we do today: Does the church matter? If it does, how do we tell people about it? How does our Christian faith bind us together through the death and resurrection of Christ? Come and wonder about ancient stories from Acts that we continue to embody today.

BUTTER BRAIDS

It's time to pick up your butter braid order!

If you sold Butter Braids, you can pick up your order during church office hours:

M – F 9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 4:00

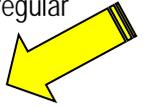
You can also pick up your braids before and after worship services. Braids will be stored in the basement kitchen freezer, and labeled with your name. If you need assistance, please have a staff member help you.

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

ALL PROGRAMS RESUME APRIL 4TH!

On Wed. April 4th, we go back to our regular schedule!

5:15 pm Fellowship supper
6:00 pm Church School
 Infant/Toddler class
6:30 pm Camp-style Worship
7:00 pm Confirmation



BADLANDS MINISTRIES CAMPERSHIPS

Available April 3rd!

If you would like to utilize a campership to help pay for Bible Camp this summer, contact Pam Weidner, Finance Admin. Assistant at 701.225.6747 or pweidner@stjohnelc.org to get signed up! *Only one campership per person is allotted.*

THANK YOU for participating in the walk to Malawi, Africa!

We didn't quite make it all the way, but every step is a step in the right direction for our own health & wellness! You can still contribute to the ELCA World Hunger for Malawi by utilizing the pew envelopes, or by listing ELCA World Hunger in the memo line on your check. Funds will go toward medical supplies and educational programs for our neighbors in Malawi.



SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY! (Commons area)

Shop for fair trade tea, chocolate, coffee, or gifts before and after worship service. Fair Trade sales support small scale farmers in remote places in the world through Lutheran World Relief.

CHURCH POTLUCK!

Bring any favorite dish to share (anything from a hot dish to a bag of chips) and have lunch following 10:30 am worship!

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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