

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism – Page 97

Processional Hymn – #655 Son of God, Eternal Savior

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 – #397 Loving Spirit

Nicene Creed – Page 104

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 – #674 (V.1) Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Verse

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and
heard.**

Refrain

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

Offering Prayer

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

Words of Institution

The 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.

Lamb of God – Page 208

Hymns – #464, #482, #732

Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn – #456 Baptized in Water

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 wiggler 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 1:15-17, 21-26 - In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers	Gayle Homiston	Thursday
	Marcy Decker	8:00 AM Sunday
	Kris Brugamyer	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Jennifer Jung	8:00 AM Sunday
	Jesse Kilwein	10:30 AM
Organist	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Barb Arneson	Sunday
Servers	Kate Welk	Thursday
	Alexander Meier	8:00 AM
	Courtney Roller	
	McKenna Skaare	10:30 AM
	Davin Seibel	

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 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 14	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts UMC Worship Team
Tuesday, May 15	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Executive Council Meeting Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 16	9:30 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Fellowship Meal (on front lawn) Church School (last night until September) Worship (last night until September) 6 th -8 th Grade Orientation
Thursday, May 17	Noon 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Circle 4 – at church Backpack Prep Worship (Senior Recognition)
Friday, May 18	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery
Saturday, May 19	All Day!	Lisa Lewton's Birthday ☺
Sunday, May 20	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship (Senior Recognition) Adult Education - <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i> Senior Choir Worship (Senior Recognition) Handbell Rehearsal Senior 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 143, Thursday 51, and Sunday 299.



"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 to 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 ~



PIZZA & PLANTING PARTY!

May 13th @ 5:00 pm

It's time to plant in the Garden of Grace! Join senior high youth at 5:00 pm on Sun., May 13 to plant perennials. The church will provide pizza. Bring gloves or tools if you have them. Contact the church office if you have questions. 225-6747.

~ MILESTONE MINISTRY ~

SENIOR DINNER & RECOGNITION

May 17 & 20: Senior recognition during worship
May 20: A program and dinner for the graduating seniors & their parents will take place on Sunday, May 20th. This is a special event as we ask God's blessings as the senior prepare to step into new ventures.



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!*** You are welcome to come at 6:00 pm and have supper, and stay for the great conversation at 7:00 pm! Bring a friend!



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.

Volunteers are needed: If you are able to help out by bringing a meal for the counselors (lunch or supper), or by hosting a counselor please contact Kaitlyn Olson at kolson@stjohnelc.org.