

Day of Pentecost
May 20, 2018

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Pentecost Call to Worship

The winds of the Holy Spirit have filled this place and the people in it.

We are filled with hope and faith.

Come, sing a new song of worship. **Come, sing a new song of praise.**

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled. **With joy we celebrate Pentecost.**

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of wonder and inspiration.

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit changes and renews St. John and the church of every age.

Sing praises! **Sing praises! Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.**

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of

your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on

us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,

and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing

your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People of God, you are forgiven and made free by the power of the Holy Spirit to listen, speak, and live your faith in the name of the Father, Son (+), and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Processional Hymn – #400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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 – #807 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(8:00 a.m.) Nicene Creed – Page 104

(10:30 a.m.) Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Page 227

(Maisie Annalice Keck and Carter Clarence Ridl)

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

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 – #465 As the Grains of Wheat

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ...

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 – #482, #396, #399

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Milestone Ministry – High School Senior Blessing

Together, we send you forth with our love and blessing... **May God bless you and keep you safe. Remember you are always welcome home, in this place, where you are loved by this community of faith, just as you are. Amen.**

Senior Slideshow

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"

Reminder: Summer worship schedule begins next week. 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day weekend.

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.stjohnehc.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.stjohnehc.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 Reading ~

Acts 2:1-21 - Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching and Presiding.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Patrick Healy	8:00 AM Sunday
	Trey Wilson	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Darlene Pelton	8:00 AM Sunday
	Linda Splichal	10:30 AM
Organist	Cheryl Hewson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	Cody Foss	Thursday
	Amy Fridley	8:00 AM
	Isaac Hoffer	
	Beau Krueger	10:30 AM
	Ezra Taray	

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

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.

MILESTONE MINISTRY ~ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

We will recognize and pray for the high school seniors as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. A quilt to "wrap them in God's love, and the love of St. John" will be given to each student from the St. John Quilting group. Those graduating include: Julie Anderson, Dawson Bechtold, Erica Enerud, Tyra Heiser, Justin Hillman, Kody Johnson, Morgan Kainz, Logan Karsky, Cora Knipp, Alexis Meduna, Michael Moore, Mariah Mortensen, Christopher Pajak, Samuel Poland, Kylee Showalter, Isabella Spaulding, Ryann Steiner, Amy Wegner, McKenna Weiler and Christopher Zubke.

Thank you to McKenna Weiler and Amy Wegner for sharing your artistic gifts in the sanctuary! McKenna and Amy are both graduating seniors. They painted the Pentecost images on the back windows to help you experience Pentecost in a new way.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, May 21	5:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Backpack Loading (Last day until September) Scouts UMC Worship Team
Tuesday, May 22	8:30 AM 11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting St. Lukes Annual Meeting Theology on Tap – at Players
Wednesday, May 23	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thursday, May 24	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, May 25	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday, May 27	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*: Wednesday **115**, Thursday **83**, and Sunday **342**.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday, we celebrate two baptisms, **Maisie Annalice Keck** and **Carter Clarence Ridl**. Maisie's parents are Levi and Brae Keck. The sponsors are Michaela Stoltz and Cole Olheiser. Carter's parents are Derek and Jordan Ridl. The sponsors are Rhonda Lee and Jared Schoch.

"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!

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 of king sized.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



~ MILESTONE MINISTRY ~

SENIOR DINNER

May 20th @ 5:00 pm

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.

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!

MISSION TRIP YOUTH FUND

There is a special offering envelope in your booklets for the Mission Trip fund. Offerings go directly to the cost of the Puerto Rico trip this summer for the youth and advisors who are making this trip.

Don't have offering envelopes? You can make a donation by leaving a check in the offering plate to St. John with "mission trip" noted in the memo line OR you can go online at www.stjohnelc.org/GIVE and select "youth mission trip" in the fund description. Thank you for support!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sundays @ 7:00 pm

May 20th is the last night (during the school year) for Senior High Youth Group. *HOWEVER* There are always fun things to do throughout the summer too! If you have an incoming freshman or if you are a senior high student that would like info over the summer about activities, email Kaitlyn Olson at kolson@stjohnelc.org. You will receive information on all that's happening this summer!



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.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

begins May 27th!

Sundays @ 8:00 am & 9:30 am*

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

*9:30 am worship will be broadcast on KDIX radio throughout the summer – EXCEPT on May 27th when you can hear worship at 8:00 am)

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

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