

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change. *Silence for reflection*

God of healing, when we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter: **Have mercy on us, O God.**

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation. **Have mercy on us, O Christ.**

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice: **Have mercy on us, O Holy Spirit. Amen.**

God's mercies are new every morning. In Jesus Christ, God gives you forgiving grace † and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – #608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Healing Christ, **speak with authority in our lives. Speak to us and to what is in us, so we might be whole. Speak to us with love, hope, and strength, so we might hear you and know that we are your people, and that you are our God. We pray in the name of the one who gives healing, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- 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 “Just Give Up”

Hymn of the Day – #611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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...

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 – #483, #613, #614

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Benediction

Sending Hymn – #545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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

Confession and Forgiveness based on liturgy by Rev. Susan A. Blain, posted on www.ucc.org

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 ~

Lamentations 3: 22-33 - The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 - Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Mark 5: 21-43 - Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Ministers	Marci Murphy	Thursday
	Marcy Decker	8:00 AM Sunday
	Chip Poland	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist	Cheryl Hewson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	Beau Krueger	Thursday
	Benett Carlson	8:00 AM
	Gavin Steckler	9:30 AM



FINANCE ADMINSTRATOR 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.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, July 2	5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts PAC #112 Leaders Meeting Scouts UMC Worship Team
Tuesday, July 3	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wed, July 4	9:00-4:00 PM	Office Closed – Observance of July 4
Thursday, July 5	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, July 6	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Saturday, July 7	9:00 AM	<u>No</u> Altar Guild
Sunday, July 8	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Worship Welcome Coffee

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Thursday 58, and Sunday 223.



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 and weed out the raised beds to keep it beautiful and welcoming for everyone who visits. Are there items ready to "harvest"? Let a staff member know, and items will be picked and delivered! If you are willing, you are welcome to harvest the items and deliver them to the AMEN Food Pantry.

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!



"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.

**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 21ST 9:00 am – 9:00 pm!

RSVP TODAY