

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness – Page 94

Gathering Hymn – #575 In Christ Called to Baptize

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 – #742 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Apostles' Creed – Page 105

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 – #744 Lord, Be Glorified

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.**
- 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.**

Offering Prayer

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 – #396, #546, #674

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

- Sending -

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

Benediction

Sending Hymn – #535 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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!

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 ~

Ezekiel 2: 1-5 - In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 - Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

Mark 6: 1-13 - At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Ministers	Rasia Mackey	Thursday
	LaRae Tschetter	8:00 AM Sunday
	Kris Brugamyer	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist	Barb Arneson	Thursday
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Servers	Courtney Roller	Thursday
	Kyle Anderson	8:00 AM
	Charley Rathgeber	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 9	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts UMC Worship Team
Tuesday, July 10	8:30 AM 2-5:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting St. John Day at Badlands Ministries
Wed, July 11	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thursday, July 12	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, July 13	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday, July 15	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Worship Worship



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 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 inf

~ 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](http://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.



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 ASAP!