

*9th Sunday after Pentecost*  
*July 22, 2018*

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

**- Gathering -**

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of grace, let us pray. Almighty God, **we thank you for this world and its reminders of resilience, grace, hope and life: when grass shoots break through concrete, when the sun emerges after storms, when people offer laughter in deep sadness. In these moments we see glimpses of who you are, and we are grateful.**

Yet if we reduce you to the cycle of nature, or the best of humankind, we diminish your power to make the impossible real: to break apart the impenetrable evils of oppression, to cast out the very real fears that prevent us from banishing demons of judgement and worthlessness.

**Forgive us, God, when we do not trust you to deal with the unspeakable awfulness in our lives and world.** *Silence for reflection*

Cast out our demons, Lord. **Make us new again.**

**Forgive us when we contribute to the brokenness of the world and the lives of people around us.** *Silence for reflection*

Cast out our demons, Lord. **Make us new again. Amen.**

Scripture promises that those who are in Christ are a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, the new has come! Hear then Christ's word of grace: 'Your sins are forgiven.' **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn – #502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

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 – #789 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

8:00 a.m.) Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Page 227

*(Marina Mae Kraft)*

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

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 – #484, #764, #778**

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

## - Sending -

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

Benediction

### **Sending Hymn – #207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**

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

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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](http://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](http://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 ~

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 - Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

Ephesians 2: 11-22 - The author of this letter is reminding his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 - When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

## ~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching .....	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers .....	Jean Herauf	Thursday
	Dream O'Brien	8:00 AM Sunday
	Don Brugamyer	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist .....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Barb Arneson	Sunday
Servers .....	Gavin Weiler	Thursday
	Tyler Warwick	8:00 AM
	Beau Krueger	9:30 AM

### "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? 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.



### 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 [lewtan@stjohnelc.org](mailto:lewtan@stjohnelc.org).

## ~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, July 23	5:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, July 24	8:30 AM	UMC Worship Team
Wed, July 25	9:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Thursday, July 26	5:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	“Gods Work Our Hands” Meeting
Friday, July 27	6:30 AM	Worship
Sunday, July 28	8:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	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*: Thursday 62, and Sunday 233.

### BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of Marina Mae Kraft. Marina’s parents are Katie and Eddy Kraft. The sponsors are William Kraft and Tara Bjornson.

### PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

*July 27 – August 4*

They have prepared all year, and now the time has come! These missionaries will be doing physical labor to help rebuild communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, and also walking beside those living there – learning about them and their stories. Pray for them as they travel and share God’s love with others.

Aiden Jung	Alexus Meduna	Allison Dukart	Amy Wegner
Austin Raatz	Ayanna Fossum	Brady Thompson	Brayden Groll
Brianna Ashworth	Caylee Wilke	Cora Knipp	Emma Meduna
Erica Enderud	Hailey Graves	Hailey Rathgeber	Hannah Rathgeber
Hillary Moberg	Jacob Shilman	Kamryn Kuntz	Kennedy Kuntz
Korie Riely	Kylee Showalter	Lauren Jorda	Macy Leiss
Maddie Gefre	Maddy Hanel	Madi Arndt	Madi Eckelberg
Madi Lindley	Madison Semerad	Mariah Mortensen	Mckenna Weiler
Meghan Ackerman	Morgan Kainz	Mya Elkin	Peyton Selle
Raghyn Murphy	Rasia Mackey	Sophia Mettler	Taylor Nelson

*ADVISORS ~ Pastor Joe Natwick, Becca Natwick, Kaitlyn Olson, Laney Herauf & Trevor Conrad*

Don’t miss the *DESTINATION: PUERTO RICO* presentation on **August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm!** They will share their experiences and pictures from their trip. Come and be inspired by their stories and enjoy a dessert!

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

**July 26 & 29**

Last year, we celebrated Christmas in July with candlelight and snow cones .....THIS YEAR, as we send youth and adults to serve in Puerto Rico, we will celebrate **Christmas in July – PUERTO-RICAN STYLE!**

Come for unique music and a unique worship, as we celebrate the unique gift of God’s love in the birth of Jesus!

**SUMMER DAY CAMP**

**August 5th-9th**

You can still sign up for Summer Day Camp! Go to [www.stjohelc.org](http://www.stjohelc.org) to register online and get detailed information about this great event for kids! Registration deadline is July 29th!

**YOU CAN BE INVOLVED...**

**Fill the Counselors bellies with a wonderful lunch or dinner!** Bring a home-cooked meal or pick up something (chicken, pizza, etc.) and drop it off at the church for them to enjoy!

**Offer a place of comfort to “re-fuel”!** If you have a spare bed where a counselor can rest, let us know!

Contact Kaitlyn Olson at [kolson@stjohelc.org](mailto:kolson@stjohelc.org) if you can help in any of these ways!

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

**September 11 – Nov 6**

This fantastic class is for everyone who has questions or concerns about finances! Maybe it’s learning how to budget, or how to start saving for the future. Or perhaps you want to learn how to pay off debt, or start a retirement plan!

**Register now** for this class by going to [www.stjohelc.org](http://www.stjohelc.org) and click on the Financial Peace banner. Cost for the materials is \$129 per person/couple.

Not sure if this class is right for you? Register to let us know you are coming the first night for more information, then decide if you want to continue with the remaining sessions and purchase materials at that time.

**GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.**

**September 30th**



If you are interested in being a part of the planning team for this great event, join us on **Thurs, July 26th at 5:00 pm.**

**NATWICK RECEPTION**

**August 19th**



Come and celebrate with Pastor Joe & Becca Natwick!

Mark your calendar to attend this special reception to congratulate and bless this couple on their future together.

**YOUR GENEROSITY (as of 6.30.18)**

*Giving in June: \$ 33,880*



Giving Year to Date

\$291,837



Giving Year to Date same time last year:

\$273,473



Expenditures and Outreach Year to Date:

\$259,322



*(Expenditures - \$222,432 Outreach - \$36,899)*