

# *11th Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 5, 2018*

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

## **- Gathering -**

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness – Page 94

**Gathering Hymn – #638 Blessed Assurance**

Greeting and Hymn of Praise (*Glory be to God...*) – Page 213

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 – #485 I Am the Bread of Life**

(8:00 A.M.) Apostles' Creed – Page 105

(9:30 am) Baptism – (*Tenley Jade Watson*)

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

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 – #692 We Are an Offering**

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 – #464, #480, #487**

Blessing and Post-Communion Prayer

## **- Sending -**

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

Benediction

**Sending Hymn – #679 (V. 1 & 3) For the Fruit of All Creation**

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
  
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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 ~

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 - A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

Ephesians 4:1-16 - Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

John 6: 24-35 - Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching .....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Ministers .....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Dann Greenwood	8:00 AM Sunday
	Hailey Graves	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist .....	Michael Stevenson	Thursday
	Michael Stevenson	Sunday
Servers .....	Courtney Roller	Thursday
	Liz Fadness	8:00 AM
	Lucas Shilman	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 ADMINISTRATOR 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 or equivalent work experience is desired. 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, Aug 6	5:00 PM	Scouts
	6:30 PM	PAC #112 Leaders meeting
	7:00 PM	Scouts
		UMC Worship Team
Tuesday, Aug 7	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wed, Aug 8	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thurs, Aug 9	6:00 PM	Day Camp Potluck Supper
	7:00 PM	Worship – Day Camp students & counselors
Friday, Aug 10	6:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday, Aug 12	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:30 AM	Worship – New Member Sunday
	7:00 PM	Mission Trip Event

### WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Thursday 59, and Sunday 219.

### BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of Tenley Jade Watson. Tenley’s parents are Jason and Brittney Watson. The sponsors are Amber Muth and Joe Ritchie.



### SUMMER DAY CAMP August 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

This week will be a busy and active one at the church! If your children are signed up for Day Camp, you can still view the activities for the week by clicking on the Day Camp homepage banner.

Sun, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream social @ 3:00 – 5:00 pm (*families meet the counselors & enjoy a treat!*)

Mon, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – Thurs, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> - Day Camp @ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (preschool)  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm (K – 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

Thurs, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> – Church Potluck 6:00 pm  
Camp Worship 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to participate in the potluck and Camp Worship service! Come and experience God’s love through the eyes of the children! *The campers are also gathering items for the AMEN Food Pantry for their community project – bring your non-perishable items this week!*

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

We will welcome new families into St. John's community of faith! Stay after worship and introduce yourself!

*If you would like to join St. John, or if you know someone who is interested, make note of these upcoming dates:*

Welcome Dinner – October 14 @ 5:30 pm

New Member Welcome – Nov 7, 8 & 11

### DESTINATION PUERTO RICO!

August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

The missionaries returned on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, and ready to share their experience with you! Come and hear the stories and see pictures from Puerto Rico! We will begin in the sanctuary, and conclude in the basement with ice cream! You will be able to ask questions and really hear about all of the “best parts” of their trip!



### NATWICK OPEN HOUSE

August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 – 4:00 pm

St. John – basement

Come and celebrate with

Pastor Joe & Becca Natwick!

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

### GARDEN OF GRACE

Interested in helping with the garden?

Go to [www.stjohelc.org](http://www.stjohelc.org) / When Am I

Scheduled? to sign up! During the week,

you and your family or group can water and weed out the raised beds to keep it beautiful and welcoming for everyone who visits. If there are items to “harvest”, tell a staff member or pick the items while you are there. All produce will be delivered to the AMEN Food Pantry.



### MILESTONE MINISTRY – 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 – 6:30 pm

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders and parents are invited to come learn about worship in a deeper way. We will also walk through the various parts of serving on Sundays to help students understand what an acolyte does. There will even be pizza!

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>



Fall is approaching when students and teachers return to the classroom. Every parent wants their child(ren) to have all the advantages possible for a good education – that includes a blessing! Students, teachers and administrators are encouraged to bring their backpacks, bags, briefcases, etc. to worship on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to receive a special blessing to begin the school year.

### “GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

September 30<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers are needed to run the “Project Sign-Up Table” during the worship services in September leading up to “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday on September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you’d like to help, please contact Amy in the church office ([agraves@stjohnelc.org](mailto:agraves@stjohnelc.org)) or sign up directly at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org). (Select **When Am I Scheduled** at the bottom of the home page.)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RETURN!

September brings back Wednesday Nights and all of the programs at St. John! Many volunteers are needed for these programs to be a success. *If you can help with hosting a meal, leading Church School, being a Confirmation Mentor, or helping with worship by providing music or running the projector*, contact Pastor Joe at [jnatwick@stjohnelc.org](mailto:jnatwick@stjohnelc.org) or call the church office.