

*13th Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 19, 2018*

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

**- Gathering -**

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness – Page 94

**Gathering Hymn – #720 We Are Called**

Greeting and Hymn of Praise (*Glory 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 – #576 We All Are One in Mission**

(8:00 am) Apostles Creed – Page 105

(9:30 am) Baptism – (*Michael Bryan Jahner*)

**Hymn #677 – 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 – #481, #808, #838**

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!*)

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 ~

Proverbs 9:1-6 - Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

Ephesians 5: 15-20 - True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6: 51-58 - In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

## ~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching .....	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers .....	Tanna Reopelle	Thursday
	Marcy Decker	8:00 AM Sunday
	Patrick Healy	9:30 AM Sunday
Organist .....	Cheryl Hewson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers .....	Amy Fridley	Thursday
	Kate Enney	8:00 AM
	Ella Healy	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 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 20	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Scouts Scouts
Tuesday, Aug 21	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Executive Council Meeting Council Meeting
Wed, Aug 22	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Thurs, Aug 23	7:00 PM	Worship – Blessing of Backpacks
Friday, Aug 24	6:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Saturday, Aug 25	9:00 AM	Altar Guild
Sunday, Aug 26	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Worship – Blessing of Backpacks Worship – Blessing of Backpacks

### WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Thursday 135 (Daycamp Service), and Sunday 301.

### BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of Michael Bryan Jahner. Michael's parents are Jarvis and Alexandra Jahner. Sponsors are Wayne & Amy Jahner and Bryan & Ann Kreidt.



### GARDEN OF GRACE

Interested in helping with the garden?

Go to [www.stjohelc.org / When Am I Scheduled?](http://www.stjohelc.org/WhenAmIScheduled?) 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. *(This is a great learning opportunity for parents and children to be involved in a stewardship activity together!)*

*Thank you Laurel Hanson for delivering 50 lbs of product to the pantry last week!*

## ~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



### NATWICK OPEN HOUSE

August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
St. John - basement

Come and celebrate with Pastor Joe & Becca Natwick as they begin their journey together. Everyone is welcome!

### 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.)



### RALLY DAY!

September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm

This marks the beginning of Church School for the 2018-19 school year! Supper will begin at 5:15 pm followed by fun activities for the family! At 6:30 pm a fun and active worship will take place! Come and register for Church School (all students must register!) and enjoy a fun evening as the program year resumes!

### CONFIRMATION

September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 – 8:00 pm

A brief orientation for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents, followed by “Meet your Mentor Night!” 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet in their mentor groups to work on their Faith Statements.

### 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.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm (@ Players Bar & Grill)

Are you settling in to the “fall routine”? Add this “class” to your schedule. Adults join together to talk about some interesting topics, learn from one another, and question our thoughts and beliefs. It’s a great evening of conversation and making new friendships. This group consists of all faith backgrounds. Everyone is welcome!

**Come early and enjoy a meal · stay for the conversation!**

For updates on schedules and programs,  
visit our website at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org)