

# *17th Sunday after Pentecost*

## *September 16, 2018*

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

### **Gathering -**

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

*(Liturgy is found in the "Now the Feast and Celebration Booklet" unless otherwise noted.)*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness – Page 2

**Processional Hymn – #652 (V. 1-4) Built on a Rock**

Greeting – Page 2

**Hymn of Praise "Now the Feast" – Page 4**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day – Page 7

### **- Word –**

*God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.*

Scripture Readings – see insert (*Response: Thanks be to God.*)

Gospel Verse – Page 8

Gospel (*before reading: Glory to you, O Lord. after: Praise to you, O Christ!*)

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day – #798 Will You Come and Follow Me**

Apostles' Creed – Page 9

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 “As the Grains of Wheat” – Page 10**

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 11

**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 – Page 14**

**Hymns – #808, #651, #770**

Blessing

**Hymn “Thanks Be To You” – Page 15**

Post-Communion Prayer

## **- Sending -**

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

Blessing and Dismissal – Page 16

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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 ~

Isaiah 50:4-9a-The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

James 3:1-12-This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

Mark 8:27-38-This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

## ~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching .....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Ministers.....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Abigail Moberg	8:00 AM Sunday
	Cheryl Lantz	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Jennifer Jung	8:00 AM Sunday
	Seth Poland	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Cheryl Hewson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers .....	Weston Klatt	Thursday
	Charley Rathgeber & Davin Seibel	8:00 AM
	Alexander Meier & Courtney Roller	10:30 AM

## WHERE DO I GO TO "STAY CONNECTED" WITH THE ST. JOHN COMMUNITY?



Are you receiving the **weekly e-news** about upcoming events or resources? This will give you a breakdown of everything coming up in the week – see it in your mailbox on Mondays!



**Quarterly Newsletters** will give you stories about the great ministries happening at St. John. These will be mailed out and available online in October, January, April & July.



Follow us on **Facebook!** You will see reminders of events & deadlines, short videos & updates, and connect you with other great events happening in the community.



Download the St. John app to be able to access the **website** at a click! The website contains contact info and everything going on at St. John. Search for stjohnelc when downloading the app. Prefer to type it out? Visit the website at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org)

## ~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Sept 17	3:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran Social Services Scouts Scouts Community Panel
Tuesday, Sept 18	8:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Executive Council Joint Council Meeting with Trust Fund Financial Peace University
Wed, Sept 19	10:30 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM  6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Staff Meeting Fellowship Meal Church School Adult Education 4 & 5 yr. old Milestone Ministry Worship Mentor Faith Experience Tech Training Tech Training
Thurs, Sept 20	12:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Circle 4 Backpacks Prep Worship
Friday, Sept 21	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery
Saturday, Sept 22	10:00 AM	Lutheran Social Services "Child Care Alive"
Sunday, Sept 16	8:00 AM 9:15 AM  10:30 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Adult Education- <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i> Senior Choir Worship Handbells Sr. High Youth

### WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*. Wednesday 143 Thursday, 39 and Sunday 300.

### "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.

## ~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

### "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY

September 30th

The "kick-off" to our Stewardship month ... putting our hands and feet to work and doing "God's work with our hands" in Dickinson! Sign up for a project that interests you during the month of September and be a part of this day when the St. John community coming together to make a difference! You can sign up in the Commons area or online!

### "LEARNING IN SERVICE TO CHRIST"

SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

This adult education class is open to everyone! Classes will be held on:

*Sundays @ 9:15 am*

*Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm*

Childcare will be available during the Wednesday classes! This is a fun and informal class that touches on various topics of interest.

### MILESTONE MINISTRY in SEPTEMBER

Milestone Ministry is an intentional ministry that connects households to each other & to the congregation, as we recognize and learn about God's presence throughout the different stages of life. Parents accompany their child(ren) for a time to gather, share & practice your faith.

*Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> - 4 & 5 year old*

*"Welcome to Worship"*

*Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

*"Bible Adventure"*

### PROJECTOR TECHS!

September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Interested in assisting with worship by projecting the service on the screen? Come to the **PROJECTOR TECH TRAINING** and find out what it's all about and how to use the software. You can come either at 7:00 pm (right after worship) or at 8:00 pm! If you are unable to make it during these times, contact Sonnie at [sonnie@stjohnelc.org](mailto:sonnie@stjohnelc.org) to set up an alternate time.

### "THANK YOU"

COOKOUT!

September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Prairie Winds United Methodist Church

As a "thank you" for utilizing the facilities at St. John during their relocation – all are invited for a tour of their new church home and fellowship with hamburgers & hotdogs!

### BADLANDS MINISTRIES FALL EVENT

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Come for worship, enjoy lunch, and stay for the silent auction & live auction to support the ministries of the bible camp!

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Chicken barbeque &  
Silent auction

12:45 pm Country Store & Bazaar

1:00 pm Quilt auction

### 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION CLASS

September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

If you believe your child is ready to start communing, you are invited to bring your child(ren) to learn about this amazing gift God gives us. During the class, we will learn about the history of this important sacrament and what it means specifically for Lutherans.

*Come early and grab your supper – bring it to class!*



### MOTHER-DAUGHTER WEEKEND

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Badlands Ministries

This event is geared for daughters who are 5-12 yrs of age. For details on cost and activities, see the Commons area bulletin board or go to [www.badlandsministries.org](http://www.badlandsministries.org)

*For updates on programs and schedules,  
visit [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org)!*

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