

19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 2018

- 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 – #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Greeting – Page 2

Hymn of Praise "Now the Feast" – Page 4

Prayer of the Day

The story is told of a woman who recognized Jesus as God's greatest gift.

This is my story. All I had was a single bottle of perfume. Expensive? Certainly. And I poured it and poured it and kept on pouring it, as mouths fell open and a hush filled the room, taunted by the perfume's aroma that danced within it. It was a moment of heaven. For him. For me. A picture of the overwhelming grace that is our God's.

Let us pray. Gracious God, **the story of our lives is shaped by your love.**

Help us see your gifts of love to all the world. Amen.

- Word –

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

Gospel Verse – Page 8

Gospel Reading – Mark 14:3-9

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Baptism- Page 227 (Carson Tyler Roemmich)

Hymn #677 (vs.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

Stewardship Moment: "Why I Give" By, Kyle Smith

Offertory Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat" (V. 1) – Page 10

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful God, **everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 11

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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 – #754, #770, #814 *(repeated several times)*

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

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.

Introduction to the Reading

Mark 14:3-9 – This is the story of the woman who generously anointed Jesus with expensive oil. On “*God’s Work. Our Hands.*” Sunday, you are blessed and sent to worship generously as people *Living in Service to Christ* with our hands and feet.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Ministers.....	Gayle Homiston	Thursday
	Russ Murphy	8:00 AM Sunday
	<u>Serving Sunday</u>	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Dan Pender	8:00 AM Sunday
	<u>Serving Sunday</u>	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Cheryl Hewson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	Benett Carlson	Thursday
	Tyler Warwick & Liz Fadness	8:00 AM
	<u>Serving Sunday</u>	10:30 AM



LET’S TALK! “Telling Stories Around the Table”

How do you share your gifts and talents with others? Share your stories of generosity with others! In sharing your stories, others see ways that they can be generous too!

- Share your story with the St. John community on the Commons area bulletin board!
- Share with others the great ways “*God’s Work. Our Hands.*” helps people in Dickinson!
- Talk around your own table with your family on ways you can be generous to people in your neighborhood, school, community and around the world!

WHERE DO I GO TO “STAY CONNECTED” WITH THE ST. JOHN COMMUNITY?

- **WEEKLY E-NEWS** keeps you informed of what is happening at St. John during the current week. You will see these E-NEWS posts in your email box? Not receiving them? Subscribe from our Facebook page by clicking on “Join my list”!
- **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS** will share stories of the great ministries that have happened during the past three months, and will give you a quick look at what is coming up! Watch for your newsletter in October!
- **FACEBOOK** will give you reminders of events & deadlines, you will see short videos and also keep you connected with great events happening in the community.
- **ST. JOHN WEBSITE** contains contact information and everything going on at St. John! Download the app on your mobile devices to keep the St. John community at your fingertips!

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Oct 1	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	6:30 PM	Pac #112 Leader Mtg
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Oct 2	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
	7:00 PM	Financial Peace University Badlands Program Committee Meeting
Wed, Oct 3	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	Fellowship Meal
	6:00 PM	Church School Adult Education 3 rd grade Milestone Ministry
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Confirmation 9 th Grade Stole Decorating
Thurs, Oct 4	6:00 PM	Backpacks Prep
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Oct 5	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
Saturday, Oct 6	9:00 AM	Altar Guild Meeting
	1:00 PM	Harvest Festival
Sunday, Oct 7	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Education- <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i> Senior Choir
	10:30 AM	Worship
	3:15 PM	Handbells
	6:00 PM	Israel Information Meeting Scouts
	7:00 PM	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 212, Thursday, 59 and Sunday 276.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of Carson Tyler Roemmich. Carson's parents are Tyler and Lauren Roemmich. Sponsors are Steve and Cora Tormaschy and Thomas Roemmich.

"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 ~

TODAY IS A DAY OF GENEROSITY **"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY**

Today is the "kick-off" to our Stewardship month ... putting our hands and feet to work and doing "God's work with our hands" in Dickinson! You can still sign up for a project that interests you and be a part of it! ***Visit the sign-up table in the Commons area!***

Schedule for September 30th:

8:00 am Worship
9:15 am Adult Education & Senior Choir rehearsal
"God's Work. Our Hands." final sign-up!
10:30 am "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."
Gather for a blessing as we go out and serve the community of Dickinson!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Oct. 6th @ 1:00 – 4:00 pm (Badlands Ministries)
Bring the whole family for an afternoon filled with festive fall activities! Carve pumpkins, enjoy hay rides, play carnival games and so much more! This FREE event is open to the public – bring your friends!

WELCOME DINNER

October 14th @ 5:30 pm

Are you "new" to St. John? Anyone who is curious about joining St. John is encouraged to come for dinner with the pastors! You will hear what it means to be a Christian who is Lutheran, the mission and vision of St. John, what is happening within our walls and ways we hope you wonder about sharing your passions.

Those attending this Welcome Dinner and wish to become members of St. John will be welcomed during worship services on November 7, 8 & 11.

MILESTONE MINISTRY in OCTOBER

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.

Oct. 3rd @ 6:00 pm – 3rd graders & parents

"Bible Adventure"

Oct. 10th @ 6:00 pm – 2 yr old & parents

"Prayer: Talking to God"

Oct. 17th & 24th @ 6:00 pm – 2nd graders & parents

"Kids & Money"

ISRAEL TRIP – INFORMATION MEETING

October 7 @ 6:00 pm

Join St. John Lutheran Church for a tour of a lifetime! We will be heading to Israel for an eight-day tour where we will experience the places where Jesus and his disciples began their mission. Some tour highlights include: Mount Carmel, Cruise on the Sea of Galilee, site of the feeding of the 5,000, the Jordan River, and much more!

If you have interest in this amazing trip, come to the informational meeting and learn more about it! If you have questions before the meeting, or are unable to attend, contact Kaitlyn at kolson@stjohnelc.org.

USHERS – Time to "check-in"!

Oct 9 @ 6:00 pm or Oct 10 @ 5:00 pm

If you are currently share your time to usher, **thank you!** Please attend one of the meetings to share feedback about how ushering is going for you, and to discuss scheduling. If you cannot attend either meeting, feel free to email Pastor Lisa at lewtan@stjohnelc.org, or call 225-6747 with feedback you would like her to know, or to share at the meetings on your behalf.

For updates on programs & schedules, visit us at www.stjohnelc.org!