

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 7, 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.)

Stewardship Moment: "It's in the Mail" skit

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness – Page 2

Processional Hymn – #856 How Great Thou Art

Greeting – Page 2

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord of our richest encounters, **you heard the hidden cry of Zacchaeus to welcome you into his home. Teach us too hear the whispers of the world, to feel its pain, and then bravely voice so may cries for justice, and for peace. Amen.**

- Word -

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

Gospel Verse – Page 8

Gospel Reading – Luke 19:1-10

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

(8:00 am) Baptism- Page 227 (Jane Inga Davis)

(10:30 am) Baptism- Page 227 (Ronin Eslinger)

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.

Stewardship Story: “Why I Give” By, Dream O’Brien (8:00 a.m.) and Jim Ozbun (10:30 a.m.)

Offering (8:00 a.m.) Special Music by the Senior Choir: “When We Gather at the Table”

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 – #417, #608, #488

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.

~ Introductions to the Reading ~

Luke 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus’ story is often our story. Money is a force that has potential for destruction and for good. Because we are both saint and sinner at the same time, we use money for both. St. John encourages you to make a promise, or a pledge with your money to support the ministry we do for the good of the world.

~ *Worship Leaders* ~

Preaching	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Sunday
Assisting Ministers.....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Marcy Decker	8:00 AM Sunday
	Kris Brugamyer	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Linda Splichal	8:00 AM Sunday
	Seth Poland	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	Sofia Mackie	Thursday
	Nathan Klein & James Reger	8:00 AM
	Burkley Luchi & Damon Glasser	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 it 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 8	4:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran Social Services Scouts Scouts
Tuesday, Oct 9	8:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Usher Meeting Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting Financial Peace University
Wed, Oct 10	10:30 AM 5:00 PM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting Usher Meeting Fellowship Meal Church School Adult Education 2 yr. old Milestone Ministry Worship Mentor Groups
Thurs, Oct 11	5:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Faith in Action Team Meeting Backpacks Prep Worship
Friday, Oct 12	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery
Sunday, Oct 14	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 3:15 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Adult Education- <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i> Senior Choir Worship Handbells Welcome Dinner Sr. High Youth

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

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.



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. 10th @ 6:00 pm – 2 yr old & parents

"Prayer: Talking to God"

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

"Kids & Money"

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 lewton@stjohnelc.org, or call 225-6747 with feedback you would like her to know, or to share at the meetings on your behalf.

DISHIN' WITH THE BISH

October 21st @ 5:30 pm @ St. John

Synod Staff are heading on the road for the Annual "Dishin' with the Bish" tour. You are invited to make your way to this gathering for a meal (5:30 – 6:15 pm), followed by bible study and discussions about ministry (6:15 – 7:30 pm). Bring a dessert or salad to share!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

October 28th @ 10:30 am

Families who do not have a student being confirmed are encouraged to worship on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:00 a.m. to make space for extended family members.



GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Thank you for participating in the annual "God's Work. Our Hands." **Sunday!** We never know what the weather will be like – but there are ALWAYS smiling faces willing to help others, rain or shine! Tasks were completed, new friendships were made, and many people are appreciative of the hard work you did to make their world a little brighter.