

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 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 – #522 As We Gather at Your Table

Greeting – Page 2

Hymn of Praise "Now the Feast" – Page 4

Prayer of the Day

There was a time when Jesus fed a whole crowd.

This is my story. All I had was a basket, enough to feed my family, and no more besides.

A fish or two and fresh bread, and then before my eyes, and the eyes of the thousands, we feasted together on a blessing made real before us. An abundance of heaven from the meagerness of earth. This is love's extravagance.

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 – John 6:1-13

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #487 What Feast of Love

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.

Stewardship Story: "Why I Give" By, Richard Benz (8:00 a.m.) and Jesse Kilwein (10:30 a.m.)

Offering (10:30 a.m.) Special music by the Senior Choir: "Lord, Listen To Your Children"

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

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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 – #464, #483, #689,

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 ~

John 6:1-13 – The story of the boy with four loaves of bread and two fish reminds us that even a little bit can be abundance. Throughout the campaign, people from the congregation will share stories about why they give to the ministry of St. John. Why do *you* give? How does God give abundant mercy in the world through you?

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Ministers.....	Haley Graves	Thursday
	Patrick Healy	8:00 AM Sunday
	Chris Hertler	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Dan Pender	8:00 AM Sunday
	Jesse Kilwein	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Barb Arneson	Sunday
Servers	Molly Robb	Thursday
	Nathan Klein & Ethan Erdman	8:00 AM
	Owen Bittner & Matthew Schmitt	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!

PLEDGING WHAT IS IT? HOW DO I MAKE A PLEDGE?

A pledge is your commitment to make a financial gift that supports the mission of St. John. Pledging is a response to God's call and abundance in our own lives - it's a statement of thanksgiving!

There are a few ways you can complete your pledge....

- Complete the pledge card you receive in the mail or from the pews. Pledge cards will be collected on October 21st during worship.
- Complete your pledge online! Go to www.stjohnelc.org and click on the dropdown list by the GIVE button located in the upper right corner of the homepage. You will also find more information on pledging, ways to give and where your gifts are utilized.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Oct 15	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	6:30 PM	Trust Fund Meeting
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Oct 16	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
	6:30 PM	Executive Council Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
		Financial Peace University
Wed, Oct 17	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	Fellowship Meal
	6:00 PM	Church School
		Adult Education
		2 nd Grade Milestone Ministry
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Mentor Faith Experience
Thurs, Oct 18	12:00 PM	Circle 4
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Oct 19	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
Sunday, Oct 21	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
	5:30 PM	Dishin' with the Bish
	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 194 Thursday, 39 and Sunday 341.

"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 ~

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. 17th & 24th @ 6:00 pm – 2nd graders & parents
“Kids & Money”

ARE YOU A

“CHURCH SCHOOL GRADUATE?”

Learning, discussing and exploring doesn’t end with Church School! Come to an “adult education” class and discover the bible on a deeper level, discuss topics that we are facing in today’s society, or hear a guest speaker on subjects that align with St. John’s mission. This class is open to everyone! Classes will be held on:

Sundays @ 9: 15 am

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm



LITTLE BLESSING NURSERY

This important ministry of caring for the littlest needs your help! Spend an hour of your day (Wed or Sunday) and play with these little blessings at St. John. This is a great way for grandparents or parents of older children to enjoy the curiosity of babies & toddlers! Sign up online for a time that works in your schedule!
www.stjohnelc.org/When Am I Scheduled

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.

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

October 31st @ 5:15 – 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of Halloween fun!

4:30 - 6:00 pm Enjoy Sloppy Joes!

5:00 - 6:00 pm Crafts, Games & Trick-or-Treating!

6:00 - 6:30 pm Worship

This is a family event – bring your friends! Everyone is welcome! You are welcome to “come & go” as you wish!



What is YOUR story? What is YOUR passion? Are you sharing your gift?
If you are looking for ways to sharing your gifts at St. John, contact Amy Graves,
Director of Stewardship & Hospitality at agraves@stjohnelc.org or 701.225.6747.