

All Saints Sunday

November 4, 2018

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. Today at St. John, we also celebrate the ministry of the saints who have contributed to the Trust Fund. These saints of yesterday, today, and yet to come proclaim the resurrection life on earth.

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation

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

All Saints Gathering Liturgy

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. God of the ages, **we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, told us the stories of Jesus, and cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow God's path. Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do. Thank you, God, for the gift of your saints.** God of all time...we praise you, O God. *(Names of the saints are read.)*

We acknowledge...Let us call out the names of our own saints. *(As the streamers pass by your row, you are welcome to call out the names of some of the saints in your own life.)*

We also remember with thanksgiving saints alive today who continue to touch our lives and faith journeys, and we look ahead with hope to the people whose faithful witness to God's love will inspire future generations. **Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life. Amen.**

Processional Hymn – #421 (V. 1-3) By All Your Saints

(Sung to the tune of #820 O Savior, Precious Savior)

Greeting, Salutation and Prayer of the Day – Page 7

Welcome and Announcements

Greetings from St. John's Trust Fund Committee President, Brittany Wentz

- Word -

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

Scripture Readings – see back of the bulletin (*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 – #712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

(8:00 a.m.) Nicene Creed (Page 9) and Prayers of the People

(10:30 a.m.) Holy Baptism – *Red Hymnal* Page 227

Sharing the Peace (*Response: And also with you.*)

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering *Special music by the Handbell Choir: “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”*

Offertory Hymn – “As The Grains of Wheat” - 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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...

Distribution of Bread and Wine

All who believe in the redeeming power of Christ’s love are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

Special music by the Handbell Choir: “How Beautiful”

Hymns – #432, #623, #785

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 ~

Isaiah 25:6-9 - Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

Revelation 21:1-6a - Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

John 11:32-44 - Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	Sunday
Assisting Ministers.....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Marcy Decker	8:00 AM Sunday
	Don Brugamy	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Linda Splichal	8:00 AM Sunday
	Margaret Marcusen	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Michael Stevenson	Sunday
Servers	Mason Stroh	Thursday
	Molly Robb & Dylan Smith	8:00 AM
	Ian Homiston & Ethan Erdman	10:30 AM



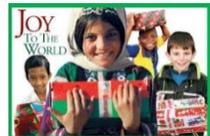
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child, collects shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Interested? Here is how you can participate:

- Pick up a box from the Commons area. Instructions are included, or you can go to www.samaritanspurse.org for more information on how to pack your box.
- Drop off your filled box during collection week to **Lighthouse Church of God, 816 11th St E, Dickinson.**

COLLECTION WEEK: November 12th – 19th

<i>Drop off times:</i>	Nov. 12 – 16	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
	Nov. 17 (Sat)	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	
	Nov. 18 (Sun)	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	
	Nov. 19 (Mon)	8:00 am – 10:00 am	



~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Nov 5	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	5:30 PM	Trust Fund Meeting
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Nov 6	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
	5:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
Wed, Nov 7	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	Fellowship Meal
	6:00 PM	Church School
		Adult Education
		Kindergarten Milestone Ministry
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
Thurs, Nov 8	6:00 PM	Backpacks Prep
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Nov 9	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
	6:30 PM	Prairie Rose Choir
Saturday, Nov 10	8:30 AM	Prairie Rose Choir
Sunday, Nov 11	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Education- <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i>
		Senior Choir
	10:30 AM	Worship-New Member Sunday
	3:15 PM	Handbells
	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 **214** Thursday, **88** and Sunday **474**.

BAPTISM

On Sunday, we celebrate the baptism of **Elise Lynn Taylor**. Elise's parents are Evan Taylor & Tayler Cooper. Sponsors are Riley Cooper, Riana Cooper & Jesse Taylor.

ALL SAINTS DAY

We recognize "All Saints Day" on Thurs., Nov. 1 and Sun., Nov. 4, as we remember those who have died in the past year. We speak of people who have been named and claimed by God in Holy Baptism as saints. In the church, we often rely on images and symbols to say what words cannot. In the chancel area, there is a banner with photos and the names of those who have died in the past year (Nov. 5, 2017 – Nov. 4, 2018). We will name each of these saints in the prayers: **Duane "Andy" Anderson, Venessa Ball, Linda Camara, Mya Gentilini, Ronald "Ron" Heidt, Janice Henning, Roger Huffman, Richard Johnson, Betty Kittelson, James Krank, Dr. Harlan Larsen, Estelle Lundren, Irene Rohde, Dorothy Schmidt, John Slagh, Larry Stang, Leo Tisor, Jerome Tveter, Doris Willer and Mary Zander.**

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

TRUST FUND CELEBRATION

Nov. 4 @ 9:15 am

You are invited to the main Fellowship room for a continental breakfast, musical entertainment and hearing stories from Trust Fund grant recipients. Come and celebrate the good things the St. John Trust Fund is doing!

MILESTONE MINISTRY in NOVEMBER

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.

Nov. 7 & 14 @ 6:30 pm – “The Lord’s Prayer”
(Kindergarten & parents)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nov. 11 @ 10:30 am

Come and meet the newest members of the St. John community as they are recognized during worship!



THANKGIVING WORSHIP

Wed., Nov. 21 @ 7:00 pm

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Worship followed by a pie social in the main floor Fellowship room. Loose offering and special envelope offering during this service will be shared with ELCA World Hunger Relief.

There is no Church School or camp-style worship on Wed., Nov. 21, and no worship Thurs, Nov. 22.

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



THANK YOU FOR PLEDGING!

~ If you have made your pledge for 2019 – THANK YOU!

~ If you are considering making a pledge, please be prayerful. Do not hesitate to ask one of your pastors or a council member about how gifts are stewarded at St. John, or how you might determine how much to give.

~ If you are a member of St. John and did not receive a pledge card in the mail, we apologize. Please let a pastor know.

~ If you prefer not to make a pledge, please contact Angie Mackey, Finance Administrator at 225-6747, or return your pledge card indicating no pledge.

RETURNING YOUR 2019 PLEDGE CARD

You can still return your pledge card for 2019 by:

- leaving your pledge card in the offering plate,
- mailing or dropping off your card to the church office, or
- completing your pledge online at www.stjohnelc.org / GIVE

BADLANDS MINISTRIES ANNUAL MEETING

Nov. 18 @ 2:00 pm

You are invited to come and learn more about the camp's programs and activities, its mission and objectives and to get to know others in the area who share the vision. **Come early! Pie and coffee will be ready at 1:00 pm as we celebrate the work of outgoing Program Director Christina Jorgensen (currently St. John Church School Director) prior to the meeting.**



SHARE YOUR STORY

You can share your story to be shared in the next Quarterly Newsletter by clicking on the banner from the St. John website homepage!

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