

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

- Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

Our Journey of Hope Cancer Care Ministry

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

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness – Page 2

Processional Hymn – #720 We Are Called

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 Reading – *(Response: **Thanks be to God.**)*

Gospel Verse – Page 8

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #679 For the Fruit of All Creation

(8:00 a.m.) Apostles' Creed – Page 9

(10:30 a.m.) New Member Welcome

Prayers of the People and 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” (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

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 – #790, #887, #638

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, but if a parent feels that little hands, feet and voices are making it difficult for others to worship, the nursery is staffed during the 10:30 a.m. service. If a child needs a shorter break, there is wiggle room and a glider chair in the narthex.
- *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 ~

1 Kings 17:8-16- *This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

Hebrews 9:24-28- *The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

Mark 12:38-44- *After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers.....	Haley Graves	Thursday
	Jan Wilkie	8:00 AM Sunday
	Chip Poland	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Darlene Pelton	8:00 AM Sunday
	Jesse Kilwein	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Barb Arneson	Sunday
Servers	Thomas Lewton	Thursday
	Burkley Luchi & Molly Robb	8:00 AM
	Sofia Mackey & Mason Stroh	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.samaritanspur.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 12	4:00 PM	Badlands Board Meeting
	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Nov 13	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
	7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
Wed, Nov 14	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	Mentor Groups
	7:10 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting
Thurs, Nov 15	12:00 PM	Circle 4
	6:00 PM	Backpacks Prep
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Nov 16	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
Sunday, Nov 18	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
	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 **31** (*Halloween*), Thursday, **57** and Sunday **357**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Today we welcome new members to the St. John community! Please take some time after worship to introduce yourself, and get to know these families ~ Tyler, Lauren & Carson Roemmich; Casey, Jamie, Abigail & Dylan Smith; Tad & Amy Schye; Shawn Smith & Kelly Jahn.

INTERESTED IN JOINING ST JOHN?

If you would like to join St. John, or if you know someone who is interested, make note of these upcoming dates:

Welcome Coffee – January 13th @ 9:15 am

New Member Welcome – February 10th

3RD QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

Statement looks different due to new software. The top of the statement states contributions in 2018. The bottom states your current pledge. We belatedly noticed your past pledges are also listed. Please disregard those past figures. Call Angie Mackey in the office with questions at 225-6747, or email her at amackey@stjohnelc.org.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

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)



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.



OUR JOURNEY OF HOPE

Begins December 2 @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Show God's love to those who are suffering from cancer and the loved ones who care for them. Our Journey of Hope is a Cancer Care Ministry that equips others with the most valuable gift cancer patients and caregivers need – the gift of HOPE. Sign up for these sessions on the St. John website, by calling the church office or email Amy Graves (Director of Hospitality & Stewardship) at agraves@stjohnelc.org.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Forms are available on the sanctuary entrance tables and on the St. John website. A portion of the funds will purchase poinsettias to adorn the chancel, with the majority of the funds going to the **ELCA Good Gifts** program. *Forms must be returned by December 15th.*



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](http://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.

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