

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

- 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 – #526 God Is Here!

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

- Word –

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

Gospel Verse – Page 8

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #723 Canticle of the Turning

(8:00 am) Apostles' Creed – Page 9

(10:30 am) Baptism- Page 227 (Finnick Clark Piper, Carsyn Jae Wilke)

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 (10:30 a.m.) Special Music by the Senior Choir “Soon and Very Soon”
Spiritual Life Inventory https://z.umn.edu/SLI-St_John_Lutheran-Dickinson

**To support the ministry of the Women of the ELCA, please use a Thankoffering envelope from the pew racks.*

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 – #482, #487, #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.stjohnecl.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 ~

Daniel 12:1-3- *The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25- *Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

Mark 13:1-8- *In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Presiding Minister.....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	Sunday
Assisting Ministers.....	Gayle Homiston	Thursday
	Hillary Moberg	8:00 AM Sunday
	Kris Fehr	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Susan Moberg	8:00 AM Sunday
	Seth Poland	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Molly Schwartz	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	James Reger	Thursday
	Ian Homiston & Nathan Klein	8:00 AM
	Dylan Smith & Thomas Lewton	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 ENDS NOVEMBER 19TH

Drop off times:	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 19	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Nov 20	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
	12:00 PM	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
	6:30 PM	Executive Council Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed, Nov 21	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
		No Church School/Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Worship
	8:00 PM	Pie Social
Thurs, Nov 22		Church Office Closed
		Happy Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov 23	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
		Church Office Open till Noon
Sunday, Nov 25	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 192, Thursday 34 and Sunday 252.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday, we celebrate two baptisms:

Finnick Clark Piper, parents are David and Brittney Piper; sponsors are Matt Piper and Katina Leno.

Carsyn Jae Wilke, parents are Josh and Casey Wilke; sponsors are Autumn and Matthew Nelson.



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.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

3RD QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements look 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.

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.

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.*

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

November 20th @ 12:00 pm

A safe place for caregiver, family and friends of person with dementia to develop a support system, exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions, & learn about community resources. This support group meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at St. John.



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.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

November 22 @ 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

(DSU – Downstairs Dining room)

Everyone is invited to this free Thanksgiving meal. Meals can be delivered to those in town who are unable to make it to the dinner – call Sandy at 701.290.7509 between 1:00 – 6:00 pm **before November 21st.**

QUILTS FOR SALE!

The quilts that are displayed in the sanctuary have been made by the skillful hands of the St. John Quilters. These quilts are for sale at \$75.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, you may leave a check at the church office or place it in the offering plate. *(Check is payable to "St John", with "Quilt" designated in the memo line).* Support the quilters and keep warm this winter!

CAMP CHRISTMAS @ Badlands Ministries

Sat., Dec. 8th @ 1:00 pm (Bethlehem Dining Hall)

Christmas cookies & carols at camp! This event will feature music offered by church choirs and music ensembles from around the area as well as a merry hymn sing!

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