

Second Sunday after Epiphany – Global Church Sunday

January 20, 2019

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

- Gathering -

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

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Litany (*based on Ephesians 4:4-5*)

Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit, **the Spirit of God in the church throughout the world.**

There is one body and one Spirit, **one Lord, one faith, one baptism,** one God and Father of all, **who is above all and through all and in all.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us with the Body of Christ in the world, and sends us out.

Amen. Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful God, **you have united us with all the baptized in Christ's name, but we fail to seek the unity of your church. All too often we do not discern your will and carry out your mission for the world. We put our heads down, turn off the news, and ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the needs of the poor. We limit our imagination of the power of your love at work around the globe. Hear us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is good news for you! Together with all the baptized, the one Spirit has set you free.

You are made one with your neighbor in every corner of the earth where God's praises are sung in a variety of languages. God is healer of a broken world, a broken church, and a broken you. In the name of Jesus ☩ you, along with your neighbors far away, are given wholeness and hope through the cleansing waters of baptism. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn – #575 In Christ Call to Baptize

Greeting and Kyrie – **#157**

Prayer of the Day

- Word -

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

Scripture Readings (*Response: Thanks be to God.*)

Gospel Acclamation – **#819 Come, All You People**

Gospel (*Before reading: Glory to you, O Lord. After: Praise to you, O Christ!*)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #583 Take My Life, That I May Be

Apostles' Creed – Page 105

Prayers of the People

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

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Moment: ELCA Good Gifts (*Global Barnyard*)

Offering

Offertory Hymn – #525 You Are Holy

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy – Page 144

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 146

Special Music by the Handbell Choir

Hymns – #471 and #496

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

- Sending -

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Hymn – #650 In Christ There Is No East or West

Dismissal (*Response: Thanks be to God!*)

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dickinson, North Dakota

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Mission Statement: "Living in Service to Christ"

Welcome to Worship at St. John!

If you are here for the very first time, or if you are a regular visitor, we are excited you found St. John. Walking into a church building for the first time can be intimidating. Now that you are here, sit back and relax. Everything you need to know about the service is in your bulletin or on the projector screen. You do not need to know stuff about the Bible or Lutheran liturgy.

You need only to be curious about what God might up to in this service and in your life. Through the mysterious work of the Spirit, you will be fed with God's Word in song, Scripture and sermon, and then we will set the table with our best dishes and welcome you to the feast of Holy Communion. You may be new to St. John, but we have been expecting you and waiting to welcome you on this day.

**To learn more about worship and St. John's story,
click on the GET TO KNOW US page at www.stjohnecl.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.stjohnecl.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. It is not a requirement to be Lutheran or a member of this congregation. 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.
- Fair Trade Coffee is served in the Commons Area before Sunday worship services.
- About St. John: 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 62:1-5- The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11- The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

John 2:1-11- Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Presiding Ministers.....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Ministers.....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Michele Anderson	8:00 AM Sunday
	Chip Poland	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Jennifer Jung	8:00 AM Sunday
	Margaret Marcusen	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Molly Schwartz	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers	Burkely Luchi	Thursday
	Damon Glasser & Thomas Lewton	8:00 AM
	Kate Enney & Molly Robb	10:30 AM

WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*: Wednesday **183**, Thursday **62**, Sunday **344**.



GLOBAL CHURCH SUNDAY January 20th

Today we remember St. John is part of a bigger community ...a global church. We celebrate God's work through ELCA churches in every corner of the globe. Whether it involves sending a mission group to help communities rebuild, sending quilts and health kits to people who need them, or sharing our gifts through ELCA Good Gifts, Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and others, we give thanks that we are one church, caring for one another in Jesus' name.

Most recently, ***your gifts to the ELCA Good Gifts program totaling \$9,051 is helping in 83 different countries*** by supplying clean water, latrines, irrigation wells, food, educational opportunities and stocking health clinics with needed medications. In addition, the Church School purchased a cow and the Angel Tree ornaments given included pigs, honeybees, roosters, chicks and goats through the ELCA Good Gifts – God's Global Barnyard.

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Jan 21	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	6:30 PM	Trust Fund Committee
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Jan 22	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wednesday, Jan 23	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	Fellowship Meal
	5:30 PM	Adult Education (Confirmation)
	6:00 PM	Church School
		4 th Grade Milestone Ministry
	6:30 PM	Worship
Thursday, Jan 24	6:00 PM	Backpacks
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Jan 25	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
Saturday, Jan 26	8:00 AM	Lutheran Social Services
Sunday, Jan 27	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Education- <i>Learning in Service to Christ</i>
		Senior Choir
	10:30 AM	Worship- <i>Pray-ground</i>
	3:15 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Senior High Youth
		Our Journey of Hope

ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH @ 9:00 am (Church basement)



Come to the Annual Meeting to hear the story of what God is up to at St. John! Once again, you will see a “Narrative Budget” that tells the story. All confirmed members are encouraged to attend and vote. As a confirmed member (someone confirmed at St. John or another congregation who has formally joined St. John), you have a voice in the business matters in this congregation. You will be asked to approve the budget for 2019 and vote for new Congregation Council and Trust Fund Committee members.

This year, you will be asked to amend the constitution of St. John (view this document online or pick up a hard copy from the church office). The amendments regard language about standing committees, and expand the language of rostered leaders to include deacons, in addition to ordained ministers. The latter change updates the constitution according to the 2016 ELCA Model Constitution.

The Mission Trip participants will be serving a free-will continental breakfast during the meeting. Donations will go toward expenses for the “Mystery Mission trip” this summer.

~ SERVE & CONNECT ~

CONFIRMATION 1.0 (adult education)

Your pastors are getting excited for Lent! Lent is a time of renewal and learning. To get you as excited as your pastors, classes about the Small Catechism begin on

Sun., Jan. 20 at 9:15 a.m. (Fellowship room)

Wed., Jan. 23 at 5:45 p.m. (Conference room)

(grab your supper & bring it to class!)

If you miss Sunday's class, come on the following Wednesday! The first class is "What Are the Confessions." We will follow a book called Roots of Our Faith (copyright 1979). Beginning in Lent, teaching will focus on the Bible with Confirmation 2.0

THEOLOGY ON TAP

January 29th @ 7:00 pm (*Fluffy Fields Winery*)

Theology on Tap is a night for great conversation! With carefully crafted conversations in a small group setting, we dive deep into topics that affect faith, life, and the world. Everyone is welcome! This is a non-denominational group that embraces diversity and conversation!

This month, Theology on Tap returns to **Fluffy Fields Winery**. You are invited to taste and experience what this night is all about! If you want to receive information on the topic prior to the discussion, email Pastor Joe at jnatwick@stjohnelc.org.

MILESTONE MINISTRY in JANUARY

January 23rd & 30th @ 6:00 pm

4th Graders & parents – Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is one way, as Christians, to say what we believe. This class walks through the Apostles' Creed, why we have it and what it means to us.

EXPERIENCE "PRAY-GROUND"

January 27th @ 10:30 am

At St. John Lutheran Church, we give thanks for children in worship, because it means our congregation has a vibrant future full of young worshipers eager to carry on our mission as they grow and learn about God's love for all of us.

In the coming months, "Pray-Ground" will be introduced to encourage participation in a church service by the smallest members of a congregation. Space will be "reserved" in the front of the sanctuary for participating families.

Every 4th Sunday, January through May, children will have the opportunity to experience "Pray-ground".



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

YOUR GENEROSITY

Giving in December 2018 \$ 85,435



Giving in 2018	\$ 575,091
Giving in 2017	\$ 472,371
Expenditures in 2018	\$ 530,280

