

# *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

## *February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019*

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

### **- Gathering -**

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

Welcome and Announcements

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 and sends us. **Amen.**

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

Mighty and loving God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

### **Processional Hymn – #661 I Love to Tell the Story**

Greeting and Hymn of Praise – Page 139

Prayer of the Day

### **- Word -**

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

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

Gospel Acclamation – **Alleluia. You shall go to all to whom I send you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Alleluia.** (Jer. 1:7, 8)

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

Sermon

### **Hymn of the Day – #843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

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    *Senior Choir Anthem at 8:00 a.m. "The Gift of Love"*

**Offertory Hymn – #310 (V. 1 and 4) Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

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

**Hymns – #481, #359, #638**

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

## **- Sending -**

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

Benediction

**Hymn – #313 O Lord, Now Let Your Servant**

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

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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.stjohnelc.org](http://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](http://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. 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 ~

Jeremiah 1:4-10- God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13- Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

Luke 4:21-30- People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

## ~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching .....	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Presiding Ministers.....	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Assisting Ministers.....	Chip Poland	Thursday
	Patrick Healy	8:00 AM Sunday
	Don Brugamyer	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Darlene Pelton	8:00 AM Sunday
	Linda Splichal	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Cheryl Hewson	Sunday
Servers .....	Damon Glasser	Thursday
	Owen Bittner & Ian Homiston	8:00 AM
	Burkley Luchi & Sofia Mackey	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 **145**, Thursday **48**, Sunday **264**.

## DVRCC COLLECTION

The Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center (DVRCC) has moved to its new location! St. John will be gathering items for them during the month of February to get help them through these winter months. Items which are most needed right now are:



- 1) Laundry soap (HE),
- 2) Hand sanitizer,
- 3) Food items such as boxed dinners & pasta sauces (no mac & cheese), boxed rice, bread, beans, etc.
- 4) Frozen meat (must come from a meat shop or market)

There is a collection tub in the Commons area (by the elevator) for your donations. If you would like to provide frozen meat, you can either purchase a gift card from a store and leave it in the offering plate or contact Amy Graves, Director of Hospitality & Stewardship, for pick-up and delivery ([agraves@stjohnelc.org](mailto:agraves@stjohnelc.org) or 701.225.6747).

## ~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Feb 4	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Feb 5	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wednesday, Feb 6	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:15 PM	Fellowship Meal
	5:30 PM	Adult Education (Confirmation 1.0)
	6:00 PM	Church School
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
Thursday, Feb 7	6:00 PM	Backpacks
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Feb 8	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
Sunday, Feb 10	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	Annual Meeting
		Senior Choir
	10:30 AM	Worship-New Member Sunday
	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.

*At this time, these St. John members have been nominated to serve on the Council and Trust Fund Committee:*

Council Deacons: Alissa Karsky and Mary Anne Marsh

Council Trustee: Claire Schlabsz

Council Treasurer: Kent Anderson

Trust Fund Committee: Frank Ziemann

***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 ~



### AGAPE FESTIVAL

**February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

Agape is the kind of love that Christ show us – an unconditional and selfless love - a love that is given when nothing is expected in return. During this inter-generational faith formation event, we will celebrate & practice this kind of love.

5:00 pm – Supper (*Mission trip fundraiser*)

5:30 pm – Agape Festival activities

6:30 pm – Worship

**ALL AGES** are welcome to this celebration!

**There is no Church School or Adult Education**

so everyone can participate in this fun event!

### 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 are being held on



**Sundays @ 9:15 am**

(Fellowship room)

**Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm**

(Conference room-main floor)

If you miss Sunday's class, come on the following Wednesday! Check the bulletin boards and your weekly E-News for topics.

**Beginning in Lent, teaching will focus on the Bible with Confirmation 2.0**

### ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month @ 12:00 pm**

Did you know there is a support group for caregivers, family and friends of people with dementia that meet at St. John each month? Led by trained facilitators, the Alzheimer Association helps participants to build a support system and offers information on community resources available. For more information on this support group, contact Tessa Johnson at [tjohnson@countryhouse.net](mailto:tjohnson@countryhouse.net).

### MILESTONE MINISTRY – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**February 20 & 27 @ 6:00 pm**

“My Body. God’s Gift.” – As children mature physically, this is a time to partner home and congregation to make sure the children we love have good information, clear & consistent values, and support to be moral. This class is intended to give children and their families Christian language surrounding sexuality and is completely different from the “Changing Program” that is used in the public schools. A parent / guardian must accompany their student to this class.

### ST. JOHN MONTHLY CALENDAR

Are you missing the monthly calendar of what's happening at St. John that was available in the monthly newsletter? You can still get your monthly calendar by:

- 1) Picking one up from the Commons area bulletin board
- 2) Clicking the link from the weekly E-News
- 3) Viewing the calendar on the website (this option is the most “up-to-date”, but is not very printer-friendly).



### ST. JOHN “E-NEWS”

Are you receiving weekly updates from St. John in your inbox?

If not, you may be missing something! Updates on schedules ( & *what's for supper on Wed night!* ), reminders, helpful articles, and links are delivered every Monday morning! Need to get on the list? Here's how to sign up:

- Go to [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org) and click on this homepage link - “Sign up for our E-NEWS”, or
- Go to the St. John Facebook page and click on “Join My List” on the left column.



**9:00 am – ANNUAL MEETING**

**10:30 am – Meet the NEWEST**

**MEMBERS of ST. JOHN!**