

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 10th, 2019

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the Lord. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.

- 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 – #665 Rise, Shine, You People!

Greeting

(10:30 a.m.) 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 – (*spoken*) **Alleluia. Jesus says, Follow me, and I will make you fish for people. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:19)**

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

(8:00 a.m.) Apostles' Creed – Page 105

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

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 10:30 a.m. "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Offertory Hymn – #310 (V. 1) 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 – #483, #779, #708

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

- Sending -

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

Benediction

Hymn – #796 (V. 1 & 2) How Firm a Foundation

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 6:1-8 [9-13]- *Isaiah says, Here am I; send me*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11- *Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

Luke 5:1-11- *Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement lead these three fishermen to leave everything behind in order to become apostles.*

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching	Pastor Lisa Lewton	
Presiding Ministers.....	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers.....	Diane Melbye	Thursday
	Michele Anderson	8:00 AM Sunday
	Renee Boomgaarden	10:30 AM Sunday
Deacons.....	Dan Pender	8:00 AM Sunday
	Margaret Marcusen	10:30 AM
Organist.....	Barb Arneson	Thursday
	Barb Arneson	Sunday
Servers	TJ Flohr	Thursday
	Isaac Hoffer & Molly Robb	8:00 AM
	Thomas Lewton & Mason Stroh	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 121, Thursday 41, Sunday 286.

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 ~

- Kim, Jacqueline & Morgan O'Brien
- Dean, Trisha, Landon & Toby Humenyik
- Aaron, Jenna & Willow Weisz
- Shayne, Melissa, Connor, Alexis & Brady Beckert
- Dustin, Courtney, Dawson & Camden Sadowsky
- Michael, Kriston, Hans, Anders, Siri, Kari & Bjorn Pederson

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 Dinner – April 7th

New Member Welcome – May 12th

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Feb 11	4:30 PM	Lutheran Social Services
	5:00 PM	Scouts
	7:00 PM	Scouts
Tuesday, Feb 12	8:30 AM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting
Wed., Feb 13	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:00 PM	Fellowship Meal
	5:30 PM	Agape Festival
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Mentor Groups
Thursday, Feb 14	6:00 PM	Backpacks
	7:00 PM	Worship
Friday, Feb 15	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 AM	Backpack Delivery
Sunday, Feb 17	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	Adult Education
		Senior Choir
	10:30 AM	Worship-New Member Sunday
	3:15 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Senior High Youth

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:

<u>Council Deacons:</u>	Alissa Karsky and Mary Anne Marsh	<u>Council Trustee:</u>	Claire Schlabsz
<u>Council Treasurer:</u>	Kent Anderson	<u>Trust Fund Committee:</u>	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 13th @ 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!

VALENTINE BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 16th @ 6:00 – 10:00 pm

This is a win-win-win! Parents get a night out for a nice Valentine celebration, kids get to have a great time playing games, watching movies, etc., and the youth earn money for their Mystery Mission trip.

How to sign up or if you have questions:

Email Kaitlyn at kolson@stjohnelc.org (*please include each child's name and age*). Children should be fed prior to coming.

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

MILESTONE MINISTRY – 5TH 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.



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 or 701.225.6747).

Visit www.stjohnelc.org for updated information on programs and schedules!