

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 17th, 2019

Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

- 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 – #723 Canticle of the Turning

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. Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.** (*Luke 6:23*)

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – #574 Here I Am, Lord

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 *Handbell Choir Anthem*

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, #479, #728

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!*)

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!

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

~ 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. 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 17:5-10- These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings (17:5-11) that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20- For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

Luke 6:17-26- After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

~ Worship Leaders ~

Preaching and Presiding Minister...	Pastor Joe Natwick	
Assisting Ministers.....	Hailey Graves	Thursday
	Dream O'Brien	8:00 AM Sunday
	Jan Wilkie	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
	Weston Klatt & Dylan Smith	8:00 AM
	TJ Flohr & Damon Glasser	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 134, Thursday 32, Sunday 280.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES - "The Walk Where God Showed Up"

"And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying

'This is the way; walk in it.' **Isaiah 30:21 (NRSV)**

Walking through this life, God shows up through people. Look back and wonder who has walked with you along the way to encourage you in your life and faith in Jesus. Look ahead and know God will continue to show up and walk alongside you. Come and hear when "God showed up" in stories from the following St. John members:

March 13th – Bruce Pier

March 20th – Kris Pederson

March 27th – Rasia Mackey

April 3rd – Rachael Sisson

April 10th – Trevor Conrad

~ This Week at St. John ~

Monday, Feb 18	4:30 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lutheran Social Services Scouts Scouts
Tuesday, Feb 19	8:30 AM 12:00 PM	Lutheran World Relief Quilting Alzheimer Support Group
Wed., Feb 20	9:30 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Monthly Staff Meeting Fellowship Meal Church School Adult Education 5 th Grade Milestone Ministry Worship Mentor Faith Experience
Thursday, Feb 21	6:00 PM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Backpacks Circle 4 Worship
Friday, Feb 22	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins Backpack Delivery
Sunday, Feb 24	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 3:15 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Adult Education Senior Choir Worship-Prayground Handbells Senior High Youth



LENTEN SCHEDULE:

March 6th: ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship 12:10 & 7:00 pm
Supper 5:30 pm (Mystery Mission Trip FUNdraiser)

March 13th – April 10th :

SUNDAYS **8:00 & 10:30 am Worship**
 9:15 am Adult Lenten Study – Confirmation 2.0 “The Bible”

WEDNESDAYS* **7:00 pm Lenten Worship** – “The Walk Where God Showed Up”
 5:30 pm Lenten Supper (Mystery Mission Trip FUNdraiser)
 5:45 pm Adult Lenten study - “Confirmation 2.0 – The Bible”

THURSDAYS **No Worship**

During Lent, you are encouraged to slow down and reflect. As Lutherans, we set aside 40 days to let go of our unhealthy attachments and renew a right relationship with God. The season of Lent reminds us to say no to things that do not nurture our relationship with Christ, and to say yes to things that do.

**There is no Church School, Milestone Ministry classes or Confirmation activities during Lent. Families are invited to participate in Lenten worship together.*

~ 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 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).

NEXT SUNDAY: Prayground @ 10:30 am

Toddlers and infants are wiggly and busy worshippers – but they are also curious and interested in their surroundings. Bring your littles to the front of worship (pulpit side), and let them experience Prayground! Suggested age is 2-8 years old. The first couple of rows will be reserved for families of participants.

YOUR GENEROSITY

Giving in January 2019 = \$ 100,712

(includes prepaid contributions)



Giving year to date 2018	\$ 67,744	
Giving year to date 2019	\$100,712	
Expenses year to date 2019	\$ 56,233	