

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019

The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

## - Gathering -

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

Musical Meditation, Welcome and Announcements

*(Liturgy is found in the "Now the Feast and Celebration Booklet" unless otherwise noted.)*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. **Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you: the Heart, Little Missouri, Knife River, and Missouri.**

All life is sustained by you. **We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us to new life.**

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. **Here, death is washed away forever.**

Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, **with leaves for the healing of the world.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. **Cleanse us from whatever fear and worry that keeps us up at night, and drown our divisions in this divided world.**

Grant all to drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Processional Hymn – #380 (V. 1-3) Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!**

**Greeting, Kyrie and Hymn of Praise "Now the Feast" – Pages 3-5**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day – Page 7

## - Word -

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

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

## Gospel Verse – Page 8

Sermon

## Hymn of the Day – #862 (V. 1, 3, and 5) Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock

(8:00 am) Nicene Creed – Page 9

(10:30 am) New Member Welcome

Prayers of the People – Hymn – #752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

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

## **- Meal -**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

## Offertory Hymn – As the Grains of Wheat (vs. 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

## Communion Distribution Hymns – #452, #817, #810

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

## *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 available. 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 congregations in western and eastern North Dakota own Lutheran Social Services of N.D., a private, nonprofit social services agency.

## ~ Introductions to the Reading ~

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]- Each of us has a story of meeting God's grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Revelation 5:11-14- The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

John 21:1-19- The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

## ~ Worship Leaders ~

|                          |                                |                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Preaching .....          | Pastor Lisa Lewton             |                |
| Presiding Minister.....  | Pastor Joe Natwick             | Sunday         |
| Assisting Ministers..... | Michele Anderson               | Thursday       |
|                          | Hillary Moberg                 | 8:00 AM Sunday |
|                          | LaRae Tschetter                | 10:30 AM       |
| Deacons.....             | Dan Pender                     | 8:00 AM Sunday |
|                          | Alissa Karsky                  | 10:30 AM       |
| Organist.....            | Molly Schwartz                 | Thursday       |
|                          | Cheryl Hewson                  | 8:00 AM Sunday |
|                          |                                | 10:30 AM       |
| Servers .....            | TJ Flohr                       | Thursday       |
|                          | Isaac Hoffer & Matthew Schmitt | 8:00 AM Sunday |
|                          | Ian Homiston & Burkley Luchi   | 10:30 AM       |

## ST. JOHN HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Do you know someone who is homebound and cannot attend worship? St. John lends an ELW hymnal to homebound members and mails them a bulletin each week so they can worship over the radio. Also, there are lay volunteers who visit and bring Holy Communion. Please contact one of the pastors if you know someone who in need of this ministry.

## WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA SYNOD ASSEMBLY IN MINOT – JUNE 7-8

On June 7-8, the Western North Dakota Synod will hold its annual assembly in Minot at the Grand Hotel. St. John is one of 162 congregations in the synod. Four people from St. John are appointed by the Council to serve as voting members, while others attend as non-voting members and participate in all of the assembly - but do not vote. The assembly is a brief, exciting event to see the work God is doing in ELCA congregations. We are one congregation with many, many partners. The assembly begins on Friday morning and concludes early Saturday afternoon. St. John covers the costs of mileage, lodging and food. If you would like to hear more, please visit with one of the pastors **before May 13**. Visit the synod website at [wndsynod.org](http://wndsynod.org) for details.

## ~ This Week at St. John ~

|                 |          |  |
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| Monday, May 6   | 4:30 PM  | Lutheran Social Services                                     |
|                 | 5:00 PM  | Scouts   |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Scouts   |
| Tuesday, May 7  | 8:30 AM  | Lutheran World Relief Quilting                               |
| Wed., May 8     | 9:30 AM  | Staff Meeting  |
|                 | 5:15 PM  | Fellowship Meal  |
|                 | 6:00 PM  | Church School  |
|                 |          | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone Ministry                     |
|                 |          | Adult Education  |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | Worship  |
|                 |          | New Members  |
|                 |          | Teacher & Mentor Recognition                                 |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Mentor Group Celebration                                     |
| Thursday, May 9 | 6:00 PM  | Backpacks  |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Worship  |
| Friday, May 10  | 6:30 AM  | Men's Bible Study/Breakfast at Perkins                       |
|                 | 9:00 AM  | Backpack Delivery  |
| Sunday, May 12  | 8:00 AM  | Worship  |
|                 | 9:15 AM  | Adult Education  |
|                 |          | Senior Choir   |
|                 | 10:30 AM | Worship  |
|                 | 3:15 PM  | Handbells  |
|                 | 6:00 PM  | Scouts   |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | Senior High Youth-8 <sup>th</sup> grade intro to Youth Group |

### WORSHIP LIFE

At worship services this past week, these numbers reflect how many people were sent to *Live in Service to Christ*:  
Wednesday 190, Thursday 47 and Sunday 273.



### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins on May 26<sup>th</sup>!

Sundays @ 8:00 & 9:30 am · Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

### 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 ~

- Todd & Ashley Boepple, Lorelye Bal & Forrest
- Justin & Katie Eggen, Aubrey
- Jamie Fischer
- Derek & Danielle Monger
- Rick & Courtney Presthus, Cameron

## ~ SERVE & CONNECT ~



### **THIS IS IT! THE FINAL DAY – MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> !**

The Mission trip Silent Auction closes today! The auction baskets are located in the Commons area – stop through and place your bids and support the high school mission trip participants!

### **MILESTONE MINISTRY – 6<sup>TH</sup> grade**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm**

“Image of God”: Each of us is wonderfully made in God’s image. This class reminds us of our importance in the world and give you tools to communicate as a family through the teen years. A parent/guardian must attend the class with their student.

### **WELCOME TO YOUTH GROUP!**

**Sun., May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

**Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders...** come and find out about what SHYG (Senior High Youth Group) is all about! We will meet in the Youth room (basement) and talk about this coming fall, and the fun stuff that happens over the summer!

### **CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION!**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 pm**

This is the final night of Wednesday night Church School before we greet the summer! Bring the entire family for a night of fun on the front lawn (weather permitting)! Let’s celebrate another terrific year of growing in our faith together



### **CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

Students currently in the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades (and their parents) will gather to learn what is ahead in their confirmation curriculum and get signed up for the next year!

### **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION**

**May 16 & 19**

High school graduates will be recognized during worship services as we celebrate their accomplishment and bless them as they journey through the next phase in their lives.



### **MILESTONE MINISTRY - SENIOR DINNER on May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm**

A program, dinner and entertainment for the graduating seniors & their parents will take place on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a special event as we ask God’s blessings as the seniors prepare to step into new ventures.

### **RETIREMENT RECEPTION for MICHAEL**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am**

The St. John Choir Director, Michael Stevenson, will direct the choir for the last time on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Come to a reception in his honor at 9:15 am that Sunday. If you would like to sing in the choir on his Retirement Day (under Mike’s direction!), you are welcome to come to rehearsals throughout May (Sundays @ 9:15 am).

### **ST. LUKE’S HOME ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual meeting at the St. Luke’s Home Chapel (242 10<sup>th</sup> St West).

**CALL FOR DELEGATES:** St. Luke’s Home, Inc. conducts an annual gathering of delegates of the sponsoring churches to affirm leadership and governance of its subsidiaries – St. Luke’s Home and St. Luke’s Home Foundation. Sponsoring church members are strongly encouraged to attend. RSVP: email [gorettim@stlukeshome.com](mailto:gorettim@stlukeshome.com) or call 701.483.5000.

For updates on programs & schedules, visit [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org)!