

5th Sunday after Epiphany

with Holy Communion

8:00 & 9:30 am February 7, 2021



~ Welcome To Worship ~

Here, God prepares us for a life of
Showing Up With Love for the Neighbor Near and Far

If you are new here, **welcome!** We are so glad you've come to worship today in-person or online. If you are worshipping in the building, here are some helpful tips:

Bathrooms are located out the side doors. A handicap bathroom (with a changing table) is across from the nursery.

Children are always welcome. Worship activity bags are in the entryway. The nursery is temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19.

Hearing-impaired. If it is difficult to hear any of the service, please ask an usher for a personal amplifier.

Holy Communion is celebrated at each worship service. The table is open to all who believe in the redeeming power of Christ's love. At this time, we are communing only by bread (no wine). Please ask the server if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Worship all week by liking "Devotions from the Badlands" on Facebook, provided by area ELCA clergy.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dickinson, ND

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Presiding: Pastor Joe Natwick Preaching: Pastor Lisa Lewton

Organist: Cheryl Hewson

At Home

Worship Checklist

- ◇ Bread & Wine (or juice)
- ◇ Candle
- ◇ Offering Basket (with notepad to brainstorm how to be an offering this week)

- Gathering -

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Light tells the truth.

Assembly: Light is ordinary.

L: Light disperses mercy.

A: Light is hope.

L: Light stretches for the hometown prophet to tell the truth.

A: Light illumines the ordinary to fish for people.

L: Light shines mercy and heals, even on the Sabbath.

A: Light meets us in the worst moments to offer hope.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the Maker of Light, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness guides the way.

A: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant light of God. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) Holy God,

A: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

L: How vast is God's light! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

A: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: When Jesus the healer



- 1 When Je - sus the heal - er passed through Gal - i - lee,
- 2 A par - a - lyzed man was let down through a roof.
- 3 The death of his daugh - ter caused Jai - rus to weep.
- 4 When blind Bar - ti - mae - us cried out to the Lord,



Heal us, heal us to - day! the deaf came to hear and the
 His sins were for - giv - en, his
 The Lord took her hand, and he
 his faith made him whole and his



blind came to see.
 walk - ing the proof. Heal us, Lord Je - sus!
 raised her from sleep.
 sight was re - stored.

- 5 The lepers were healed and the demons cast out.
 Heal us, heal us today!
 A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout.
 Heal us, Lord Jesus!
- 6 The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos,
 Heal us, heal us today!
 to make the sick whole and to spread the good news.
 Heal us, Lord Jesus!
- 7 There's still so much sickness and suff'ring today.
 Heal us, heal us today!
 We gather together for healing and pray:
 Heal us, Lord Jesus.

Text: Peter Smith
 Music: HEALER, Peter Smith

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If a verse of this song were to tell of Jesus' healing in your own life, what might the verse say? How has Jesus been a healer for you?

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: #864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v. 1 & 4)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

4 Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Healing Lord, By your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our savior.

A: Amen.

Stepping Into the Story

ACCLAMATION OF THE WORD HYMN

#715 Christ, Be Our Light (refrain only, repeated)

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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– Word –

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 7:1-17

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us."

⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

¹¹Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Lisa Lewton

HYMN OF THE DAY: #611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen

(9:30 a.m.) Installation of New Congregation Council Members and Officers

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer response: L: Lord in your mercy,
A: Hear our prayer

SHARING THE PEACE

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Special Music by the Choir "Come Unto Him"

Reflection:
Who might you notice who is in need of your healing words or actions? Healing may be offered in an apology, or with a plate of cookies, a hug, or a prayer.

OFFERTORY HYMN #184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering:

Thank you to you who are contributing to the mission of St John by giving a gift of your treasure electronically, in one of the sanctuary baskets, or through the mail.

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OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, it is difficult to recognize abundance. We worry about having enough money and enough time. We worry whether we are enough for the demands in our lives. Help us to see abundance in all you provide for us: moisture for crops, sunlight to see your glory, stars to pierce the darkness. Inspire us in this meal see and share your abundance revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, the host of this meal.

A: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

L: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

A: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

A: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Until then, we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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



Today at 11:00 am
we celebrate
the Baptism of
Autumn Marie
Dvorak
Daughter of
Karli & Grant
Dvorak

Sponsors:
Grace Dvorak &
Shane Rothschiller

Distribution of Bread & Wine -

Lamb of God #195



*All are invited
to the table today.
Come as you are*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Thank you, Giver of Light, for feeding us at your table. Go with us from here, filled with your abundant mercy, to reveal your light wherever we live, work, and play. We pray in Jesus' name.

A: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sending -

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

BLESSING

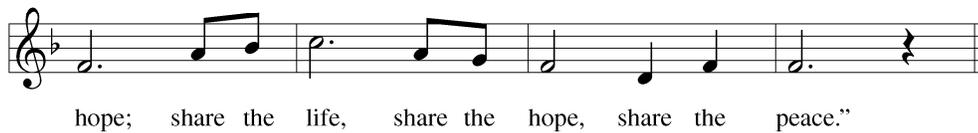
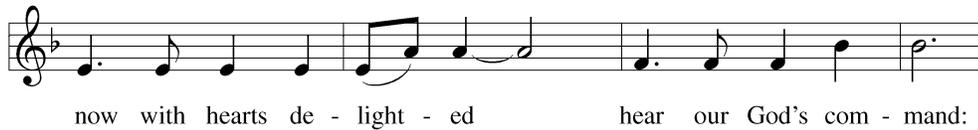
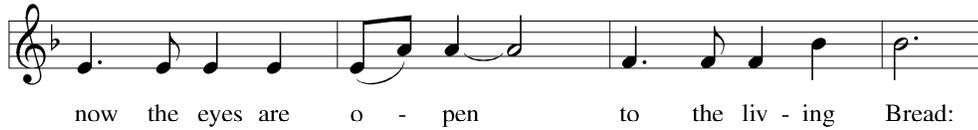
L: Beloved, we have heard and trusted in the good news revealed in Jesus Christ.

Go now into the world to do and see still greater things, to open heaven upon earth and bear witness to eternal life today;

in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Now the Body Broken



Text: Ray Makeever

Music: GOD GIVE US LIFE: SENDING, Ray Makeever

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

A: Thanks be to God.

Ash Wednesday Worship † February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

(online only)

Each year your forehead is marked with dust, acknowledging that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on your forehead at baptism. Together we remember how we are called to live and to whom we belong forever.

Join in a book study of the book Well Being: The Five Essential Elements beginning on Wed., Feb. 24th from 5:45—6:30 p.m. in person or over Zoom. Our conversations will explore being well for the sake of our neighbor's well being.

Ash Wednesday typically gathers a crowd. For the health and well-being of our congregation and community of Dickinson, the service will be on Facebook live at 7:00 p.m. and not in-person.

On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Joe and Pastor Lisa will travel to several places in the community to mark you with ashes. (Please wear a mask.)

- 7:30—8:00 a.m. Garden of Grace
9:30—10:00 a.m. Downtown outside the State Farm office (128 1st St. W.)
10:15—10:45 a.m. St. Luke's Home
Noon—12:45 p.m. West River Community Center meeting room
1:00—1:30 p.m. Dickinson State University Student Center
3:30—4:30 p.m. Peace Lutheran (drive-through)



THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Dream O'Brien 9:30 am Cheryl Lantz
Tech: 8:00 am Aaron O'Brien 9:30 am Nate Shilman
Ushers: 8:00 am Curt Glascoe 9:30 am Austin Barnhart
Steve Lervik Brayden Barnhart
Camera: Sam Lewton

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