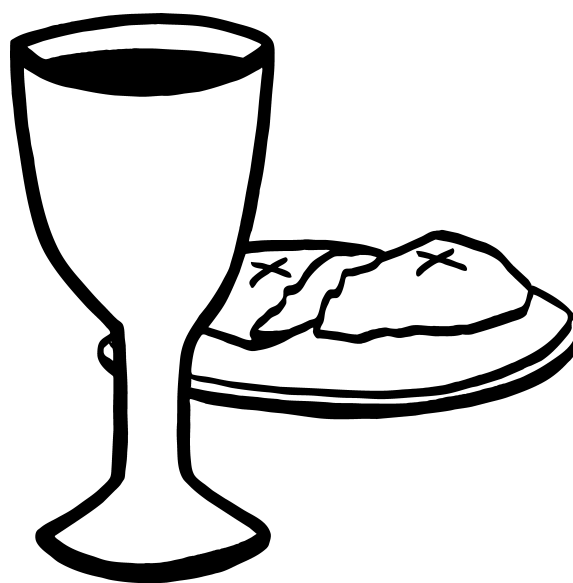


Time After Pentecost

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday, August 15, 2021
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dickinson, ND



~ Welcome To Worship ~

Here, God prepares us for a life of
Living in Service to Christ

If you are new here, **welcome!** We are so glad you've come to worship in-person or online. If you are worshipping online, you may find it helpful to prepare a worship space around you. Light a candle and gather bread and wine (or juice). If you are in the church 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 open but not staffed.

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. Please ask the server if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Livestream Worship (9:30 am). Audio / Video are "live" on our Facebook page before and after service. A reminder that conversations may be heard on the internet.

To protect and welcome all people - every other pew is reserved to maintain social distancing and face coverings are *strongly recommended* for people who are not fully vaccinated.

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

St. John's Mission Statement: Living in Service to Christ

Presiding: Pastor Lisa Lewton **Preaching:** Christina Jorgensen

Organists: Cheryl Hewson

- Gathering -

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

CENTERING SONG

Disclaimer:

Our center as we worship is Jesus Christ. You may not love every song or every word. Even so, your body is part of Jesus' body. We will be sent from here to live and love as the body of the one who is our center.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather as God's church:

Assembly: This church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, because I am friendly.

Its pews will be filled, because I help fill them.

It will do great work, because I share my time and talents.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, because I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, because I invite and bring them.

It will be a church where people grow in faith and serve God, because I am open to growing and serving.

(Together) Therefore, with God's help, we dedicate ourselves to the task of being the church God calls us to be. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

A: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

L: God, our provider,


A: it is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.


A: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #496 One Bread, One Body


Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.



1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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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.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain *(may be sung continuously)*

Congregation:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1

(Refrain begins)

1. You are God: we praise you. You are Lord;
we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

Verse 2

(Refrain begins)

2. All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your
praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.

Verse 3

(Refrain begins)

3. The a - pos - tles all praise you. All the
proph - ets ac - claim you. All the mar - tyrs and your
faith - ful peo - ple wor - ship you.

Verse 4

(Refrain begins)

4. God, Cre - a - tor, we praise you. Je - sus the
Christ, we a - dore you. Spir - it of the
Liv - ing God, we wor - ship you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

– Word –

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

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6 (pp. 655-656 OT)

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**
¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.
¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**
¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.
¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20 (p. 207 NT)

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE:

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

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GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

A: Glory to you, o Lord

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, o Christ.

SERMON: Christina Jorgensen, Faith Formation Director

HYMN OF THE DAY: #396 Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Today at 9:30 am we celebrate the Baptism of

Krew Zachary Krivoruchka,

Son of Kylie & Zachary Krivoruchka

Sponsors: Zane Krivoruchka & Bailey Olson



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.**

HYMN #677 This Little Light of Mine vs 1

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,**

The peace is not simply
a time to shake hands or
throw up a peace sign.
The role of the peace is
to reconcile ourselves
with those with whom
we have disagreements
before we share the
meal. Who or what do
you need to make peace
with today before you
come to the table?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

- Meal -

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: #465 As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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SCAN ME

to make an
electronic
contribution!

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

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L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

- Distribution of Bread & Wine -

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Psalm 23 says, "you
prepare a table before
me in the presence of my
enemies." Who are the
enemies that sit at the
communion table with
you this morning? How is
God reconciling you with
your enemy?

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

A: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: Thanks Be to You

1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda 1 2
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us. to stanza 3

Coda
ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



The risen Christ
invites us to this
table.
Come, eat and be
satisfied.

Please extend your
hands to receive the
sacrament or fold
your hands for a
blessing.

All are welcome to
feast at the table

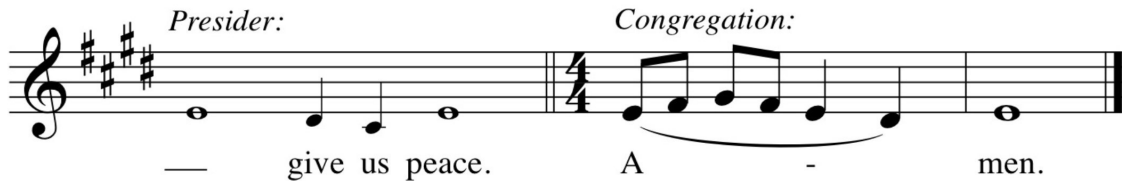
- Sending -

Every week, the presiding Pastor sends you into the world saying, "go in peace." What might peace look like in your life this week?

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

BLESSING

Presider: May God bless and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.



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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A: Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Dream O'Brien

Ushers: 8:00 am Mariska Krank

Camera:

9:30 am Michael Stevenson

9:30 am Bella Anderson
JD Thatcher

9:30 am Owen Bittner

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Aug 26th & 29th during Worship

As we celebrate the beginning of a new school year, we send a blessing to all students, administrators and teachers! Bring your backpacks, or other item you use daily (coffee mug, pen, etc) for a blessing to remind you the St. John family is with you each day.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

August 29th @ 6:30—8:00 pm

During this orientation, we will cover all the expectations, requirements, and logistics of confirmation as well as answer any of your questions, AND we will learn what it means to be an "acolyte" in worship.

THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP resumes on August 19th @ 7:00 pm! *Please join us!*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Registration is open! Information and registration is available at www.stjohnelc.org. If you have any questions, contact Angie Mackey at amackey@stjohnelc.org or 701-225-6747.

Church School Teacher Orientation will be held on Wed., Sept. 1st!

If you are interested in sharing your gifts in spreading the love of Jesus to young children, contact Angie Mackey at amackey@stjohnelc.org or 701-225-6747.

RALLY DAY - Wed., Sept. 8th @ 5:00 pm! Join in the fun as we kick-off a new school year!
FIRST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL & MILESTONE CLASSES —Wed., Sept. 15th!

Visit our **website** at www.stjohnelc.org. We invite you to subscribe to the **St. John E-News** to receive weekly information in your email inbox on what is coming up for the current week, and to follow us on **Facebook!** (links to E-News & Facebook are available from our website)

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