

# *Time After Pentecost*

*8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday, August 29, 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:** Pastor Joe Natwick

**Organists:** Barb Arneson

### **- 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: #532 Gather Us In (v. 1 & 3)



\* 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 \* 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



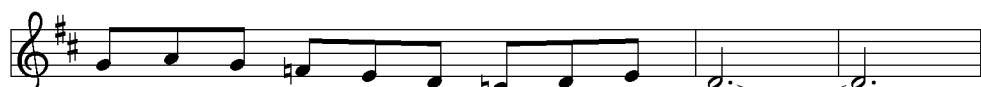
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.  
Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us  
from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

Milestone Ministry: Blessing of the Backpacks



## – Word –

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

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (p. 178 OT)**

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

L: The Word of the Lord

**A: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do <sup>1</sup> what is right,  
who speak the truth <sup>1</sup> from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- <sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who <sup>1</sup> fear  
the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take <sup>1</sup> back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>**They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes  
a- <sup>1</sup> gainst the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.**

## Second Reading: James 1:17-27 (pp. 246-247 NT)

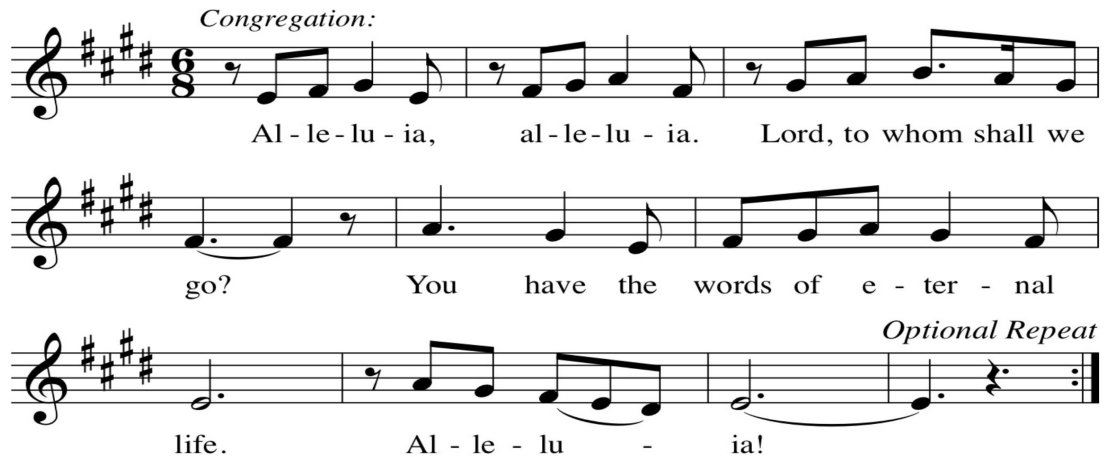
*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

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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Looking for the verse here and on the screen? We are trying an experiment to invite you deeper into the readings. Without the words in front of you, will you hear something different? Perhaps the way the words are read will strike you. Let's see. (If this experiment is more frustrating than helpful after a few weeks, the words will reappear.)

### GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

A: Glory to you, o Lord

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, o Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Joe Natwick

## HYMN OF THE DAY: #808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (v. 1-2)



\* 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 \* 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931  
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## 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.**

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 INTERCESSION

Prayer response: L: Lord in your mercy,

**A: Hear our prayer**

## 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

“God’s Work Our Hands` Sunday” Video by Chase Breitbach

## OFFERTORY HYMN: #465 As the Grains of Wheat (Verse 1)

*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  
*Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## 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.

**A: Amen.**



SCAN ME

to make an  
electronic  
contribution!



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

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**

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?



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*

## - 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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## 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.

**A: Amen.**

## - Sending -

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

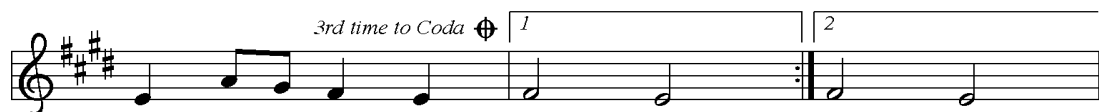
## SENDING HYMN: Thanks Be to You



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:



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.



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

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## 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.



— give us peace. A - men.

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## DISMISSAL

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

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

- Are you a visitor?
- Interested in becoming a member?
- Need to talk with a pastor or update your information?



SCAN ME  
to complete a  
Contact Card!



## THE COFFEE IS ON!

Good 'ol Lutheran coffee is available in the Commons area again! Enjoy a "cup of joe" and friendly conversation before / after Worship!  
(Coffee will be brewing once again in the Fellowship room after Labor Day!)

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# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

August 29th @ 6:30—8:00 pm

During this orientation for 7th graders & parents,, 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.

## ST. JOHN IS ALIVE— WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC!

Interested in being a part of a choir? Rehearsals HAVE BEGUN!

### Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursdays @ 5:15 pm



### Vocal Choir rehearsal

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

**Questions?** Contact Cheryl Hewson at [chewson@stjohnelc.org](mailto:chewson@stjohnelc.org).

## IT'S COMING! SEPTEMBER 26th!

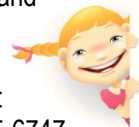
### "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY!

New year ..... new projects, new activities and fun for the entire family while doing great things for our community! Watch for more information on the website  
September 1st!



## CHURCH SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Registration is open!** Information and registration is available at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org). If you have any questions, contact Angie Mackey at [amackey@stjohnelc.org](mailto:amackey@stjohnelc.org) or 701-225-6747.  
**Church School begins on Wed., Sept. 15th.**



## CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION

Wed., Sept. 1st @ 6:00 pm

A dinner will be provided for all teacher volunteers! If you are interested in sharing your gifts in spreading the love of Jesus to young children, contact Angie Mackey at [amackey@stjohnelc.org](mailto:amackey@stjohnelc.org) or 701-225-6747.

### "IT'S A NEW DAY " RALLY DAY!

Wed., Sept. 8th @ 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

Join in the fun as we kick-off a new school year!

**There will be fun** on the lawn with inflatables, games, and a tie-dye craft for the kids!



**There will be sign-ups** for Church School and "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, and more information about the Ministry Fair.

AND .... **The grill will be on!** Hot dogs and hamburgers along with other special treats!  
AND ... a fun and lively **WORSHIP!**

## MINISTRY FAIR - Sunday, Sept. 12th @ 10:30 am

This is a FUN EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! Do you want to learn more about volunteer opportunities? Or learn more about St. John? Sign up for "God's Work. Our Hands."?

**Visit all of the ministry areas for a chance to WIN A PRIZE!**

There will be children's activities as well .... Including a search to fill their ark with animals! Fill up your ark and receive your reward!

**Friends · Fellowship · and of course, Refreshments! Don't miss it!**

## THANK YOU TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Assisting Ministers: 8:00 am Dream O'Brien

Tech: 8:00 am Richard Benz

Ushers: 8:00 am Nolan Weidner

Camera:

9:30 am Jesse kilwein

9:30 am

9:30 am Kainen Ollerman

JD Thatcher

9:30 am Sam Lewton

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