

Time After Pentecost

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Sunday, September 5, 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 & Preaching: Pastor Lisa Lewton

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.)

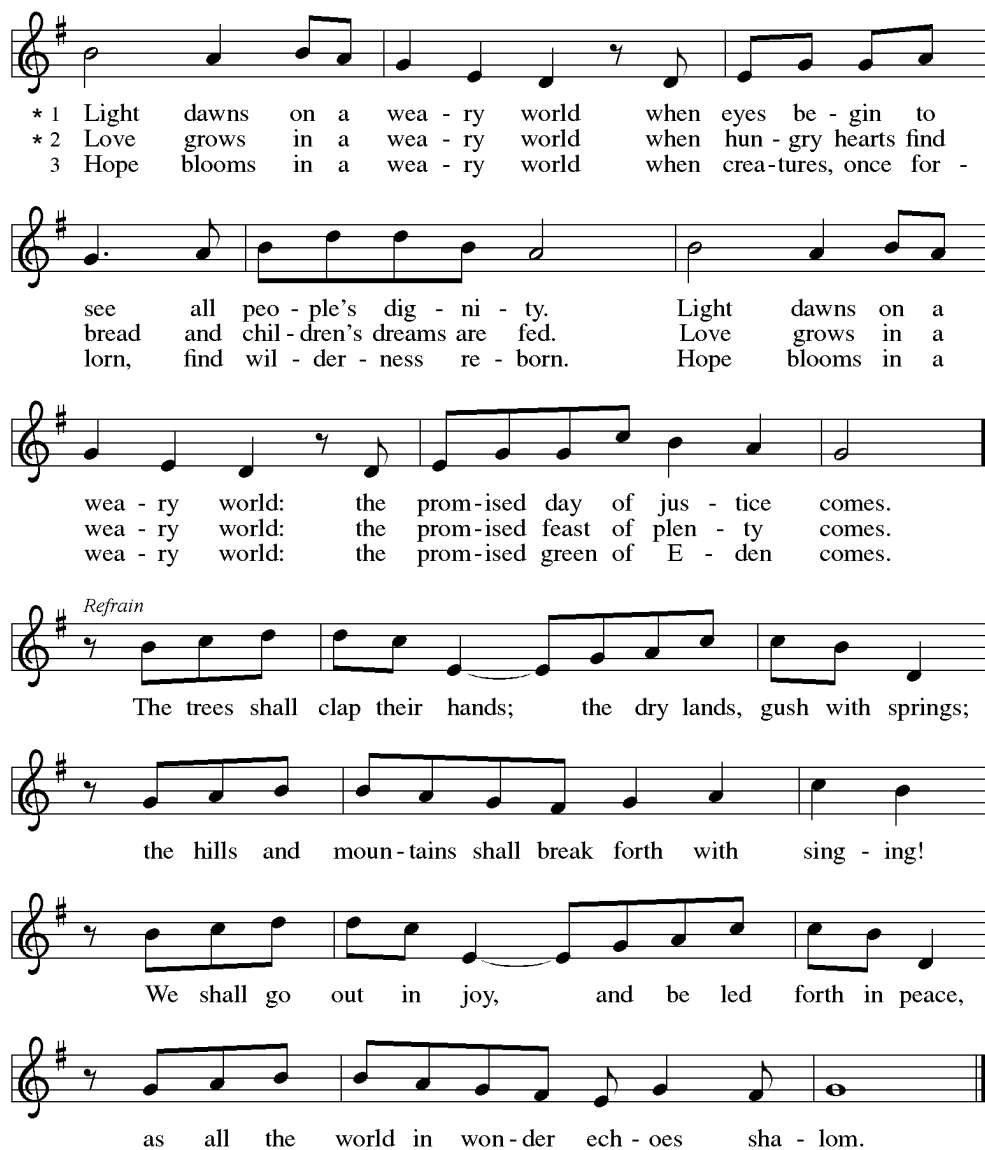
L: God, our provider,

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: #726 Light Dawns on a Weary World (v, 1-2)



* 1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 * 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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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: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

A: Amen.

– Word –

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

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a (p. 735 OT)

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

L: The Word of the Lord

A: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

¹Hal-^lelujah!
Praise the LORD,^l O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long^l as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I^l have my being.**
³Put not your^l trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there^l is no help.
⁴**When they breathe their last, they re-^l turn to earth,
and in that day^l their thoughts perish.**
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob^l for their help,
whose hope is in the^l LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that^l is in them;
who keeps promis-^les forever;**
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to^l those who
hunger.
The LORD sets the^l captive free.
⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who^l
are bowed down;
the LORD^l loves the righteous.**
⁹The LORD cares^l for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way^l of the
wicked.
¹⁰**The LORD shall^l reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.^l Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 (p. 247 NT)

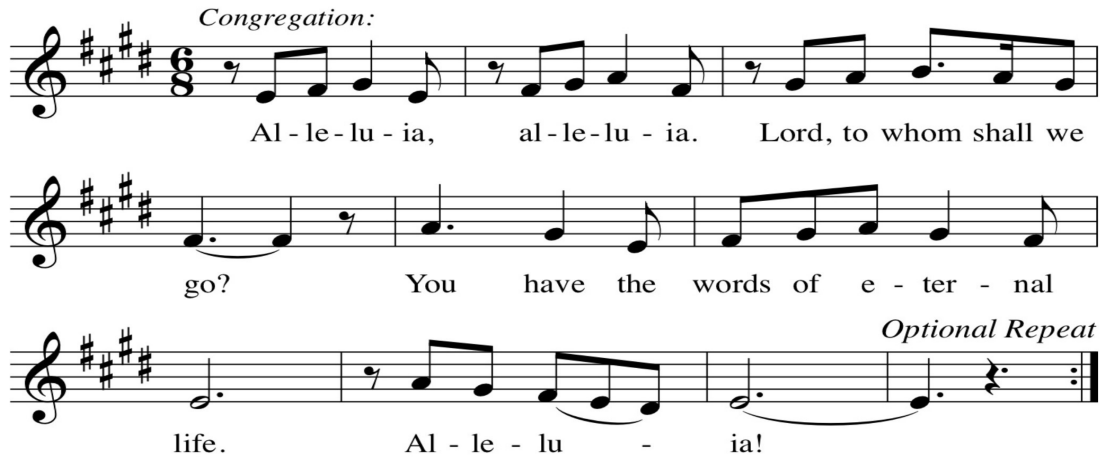
Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

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 7:24-37 (p. 43 NT)

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

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 Lisa Lewton

HYMN OF THE DAY: #508 As Rain from the Clouds (v. 1,3)

* 1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
 * 2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown,
 * 3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,

as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
 on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
 a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.

Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
 Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
 Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow

and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
 and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
 We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;

we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
 we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,
 We bless you, best farm - er, for hun - dred - fold yield,

for har - vest of grace in our once - bar - ren soil.
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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Today at 8:00 am we celebrate the Baptism of

Ridley Mark Thiel,

Son of Nicholas & Christina Thiel

Sponsors: Brittney Mills & Lindsey Thiel



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,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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?

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 Brent Hanson

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.

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.



SCAN ME

to make an
electronic
contribution!

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?



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

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.

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:

3rd time to Coda Φ 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*

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

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



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!)

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



to complete a Contact Card!

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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.



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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

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.

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!

"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 a 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 Michael Stevenson	9:30 am Seth Poland
Ushers: 8:00 am Rod Kostelecky	9:30 am Paula Loegering
	Dylan Glasser
Tech: 8:00 am Richard Benz	9:30 am
Acolytes: 8:00 am	9:30 am Lauren Healy

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