

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, February 27, 2011 – 8th Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements (*Installation of Call Committee and Council Members*)

Gathering Hymn Verses (*Congregation chooses the hymns*) **Hymn Sing**

Prayer of the Day (*10:30 – Handbell Choir*)

Word

Scripture Readings – see insert (*response: The word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.*)

Psalm Tone: 

Gospel Acclamation – ELW Page 124 (*repeat the Alleluias after the verse*)


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: **Alleluia. The steadfast love of the LORD | never ceases,***

God's mercies never come | to an end. Alleluia. (*Lam. 3:22*)

Gospel (*before reading: Glory to you, O Lord. after reading: Praise to you, O Christ!*)

Sermon (*Includes a Recognition of Early Confirmation and Holy Communion*)

Hymn of the Day *Children of the Heavenly Father* **#781**

Apostles' Creed (*10:30 Baptism – pg. 227*), Prayers, Sharing of Peace.....Page 127

Meal

Offering (*8:00 Handbell Choir*) (*10:30 – His Eye is on the Sparrow*)

Offertory Hymn *Create in Me* (*from LBW Setting 1 – Hillert*) **#182**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Prayer and Great Thanksgiving (*Holy, Holy – Page 130*).....Page 129
Lord’s Prayer and “Lamb of God” Hymn – ELW Page 134-5
Distribution of Bread and Wine (*“Praise, Thanksgiving Section*)..... **#863, #864, #866**
All the baptized are welcomed to receive the bread and wine offered in our Communion Meal.
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Blessing
Hymn *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Heav’nly Peace*..... **#313**
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Postlude

From the Desk of Pastor Ted...

A Minor Format Change in the Bulletins

It was suggested to me at the recent Worship Committee meeting to place Hymn and Page numbers in the far right margin. That way, the numbers protrude from the hymnal, possibly making the references a bit easier. I began this approach last week. Thus:

Hymn Number (*refers to the hymn section of the hymnal*).....**#XXX**

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Holy Week’s “Three Days”

A slight schedule change occurs this year for Holy Week. In past years three days of worship occurred during Holy Week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. In talking about this in the Worship Committee and council, it was decided to make use of the more traditional approach this year (by traditional, I mean that this is the pattern throughout the history of the church – a pattern developed in the first centuries of the church).

We’ll use the pattern described in the hymnal beginning on Page 258: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday’s Easter Vigil. All three evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m. (April 21, 22, 23). Each service has a unique character to move us through the passion of Christ. Plan to attend ALL THREE!

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Website: StJohnELC.org

Mission: “Living in Service to Christ”

Worship: 7 p.m. on Thursday // 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. on Sunday
(10:30 a.m. Sunday Service Broadcast on KDIX Radio)

For Thursday, February 24, 2011 and Sunday, February 27, 2011

Presiding Minister: Pastor Ted Johanson
Assisting Ministers: Linda Staudinger (Thursday)
Jerry Myers (8:00 a.m.)
Kris Fehr (10:30 a.m.)
Deacons: Sandy Beaudoin & Kris Brugamyer (8:00 a.m.)
Nate Shilman & Frank Ziemann (10:30 a.m.)
Organist: Barb Arneson
Cantor: Kris Brugamyer (8:00 a.m.)
Servers: Robert Moser (Thursday)
Servers: Chloe Ridl & Ireland Jung (8:00 a.m.)
Katrina Johnson & Thomas Hovet (10:30 a.m.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: All the baptized people of God are invited to the Lord’s Table. You may stand or kneel to receive the elements. Children who commune should extend their hands to receive the elements. Children who are not communing are asked to have hands folded to receive a blessing. *You may ask a server to provide a gluten-free wafer or grape juice if needed.* Come to the table; all are welcomed!

WORSHIP INFORMATION: Attendance last week was 300 . . . Transmitters are available for the hearing impaired. Ask an usher for help . . . If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during the service, please feel free to remain seated . . . If you are a visitor, or if you simply forgot your offering envelope and wish to designate your contribution, please use a **pew envelope** . . . The nursery is located in the Commons Area. *Children’s worship bags are available during worship in the Commons Area and in the church entry.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Check out our website for more information at www.stjohnelc.org)

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Wednesday: 12:00 p.m. Visitation Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. Puppet Practice / basement
6:30 p.m. Angel Children's Choir / upstairs
6:45 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice / balcony
6:30 p.m. Visitation Team Meeting
7:00 p.m. Carol Children's Choir / upstairs
7:00 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Living Connected Gathering
Thursday: 5:45 p.m. Yoga / upstairs
7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship
Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast / Bible Study at Ramada
7:00 p.m. Sweets and Tunes / basement
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting

BAPTIZED SUNDAY is Frost Jeren Mackey, son of James and Angela Mackey. His sponsors are Amy Jo & Ryan Schiff.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME booklets for April – June are available in the narthex.

SYNOD TEAMS: There are openings on these two Western North Dakota Synod teams for lay people from the Badlands Conference:

- **The Discipleship Team:** (Bringing in) Purpose will be to help people recognize that they are disciples who are gifted by God and called by the Holy Spirit to serve in the world.
Recent activity- This team prepared the God's Global barnyard display for synod assembly. Their focus is on passing on faith in our families; they will be offering another workshop on that topic.
- **The Congregational Life Team:** (Building up) Purpose will be to build up God's people and enhance their God given gifts.
Recent activity- 23 scholarships were given to attend the Vibrant Faith workshops Sept. 11-12. Their focus is on building up our faith.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for the New Testament – section 2 will continue on these Wednesdays: March 2 & 16 at 7:00 p.m.

BUTTER BRAID SALES: Kids going to Bible Camp can sell butter braids from **March 6 – March 27 for \$9.00 each.** The information will be available in early March on the bulletin board in the Commons Area. Campers earn \$2.50 per braid sold.

BRRRRRRR: If you are still in need of something to keep you warm, these long winter days, stop out in the Commons Area this morning between worship services and buy a quilt from the St. John Quilters.

LIVING CONNECTED-SPECIAL EVENT PLANNED: We've asked ushers, nursery volunteers, Altar Guild members, visitation volunteers and other volunteers to attend a **Living Connected** gathering on **Wednesday, March 2 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

We believe that general announcements won't convince people to volunteer or to serve on committees. Rather, personal invitations are the key to making personal connections with potential members who are interested in serving at St. John. Those who are invited to attend this gathering will be updated on the tasks of those serving in these volunteer opportunities and agree on a strategy to make connections with new volunteers and helpers. Do you ever look for something more? Here is a chance to find out what inspires you. We pray that you will say yes and try some new things. See what gives you a sense of purpose. "The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Frederick Buechner
(There are a variety of serving opportunities available. If you are interested in serving, please complete the bulletin insert and leave in the offering plate or return to the church office)

LIVING SIMPLY WITH GOD: A 40 DAY HUNGER CALENDAR: Lent is a time of prayer, service and self-examination. During this time, many choose to live simpler lives, remembering those who do not have food, money or resources to simply live. The 40 Day Hunger calendar will be available in early March and is a resource to remember those who are hungry and living in poverty this Lenten season. It includes daily ideas, activities or devotions that are geared towards this awareness and are for persons of all ages, including children. Piggy banks will also be available as some of the activities include collecting change that can go towards ELCA World Hunger or the outreach of your choice such as the local food pantry, etc. Contact Jodeen Myers at 225-6747 if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: On March 21 at Lady J's Catering, a benefit supper and silent auction will be held for Grace Bittner.

FIFTH GRADE EARLY CONFIRMATION will continue on Feb. 27 in the basement as these families learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion. An adult must accompany each student to Early Confirmation classes. These families will be recognized in worship on Feb. 27 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

CALL COMMITTEE: As the call process continues, we welcome the formation of the Call Committee! Please hold in your prayers these St. John members as they go about the holy work of discerning the next senior pastor for St. John Lutheran Church. These are the members of the Call Committee: Cheryl Lantz, Jean Herauf, Heidi Krank, Marya Skaare, Brianna Turcotte (*high school youth*), Tom Ribb, Jeff Senn (*Congregation Council member*), Clyde Frank, Shelby Stoltz (*high school youth*), Dale Hansen, and Chip Poland. Alternate members: Kathi Nygaard and Jane Cornell. You will also find these names on the church Facebook page, where you can regularly visit to pray for this committee.

WELCOMING NEW COUNCIL AND TRUST FUND MEMBERS:

At the Annual Meeting, these St. John members were elected by the congregation by a unanimous ballot:

Two-year terms on the *Congregation Council*:

- *Treasurer* – Kyle Klein
- *Deacons* – Jon Brudvig, Michelle Kovash, Jay Schobinger, and Nate Shilman
- *Trustee* - Jeff Senn

Three-year terms on the *Trust Fund Committee*:

- Jeri Braunagel, Tasha Gartner, and Jeff Skaare.

TRUST FUND COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS: President-Gayle Homiston, Vice President-Tasha Gartner, Treasurer-Jeri Braunagel, and Secretary-Pat Hoerner

LEADERS TO BE INSTALLED: Those elected to serve on the Congregation Council, Trust Fund Committee, and Call Committee will be installed on Thursday, Feb. 24 and Sunday, Feb. 27 in worship.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet in the basement on Sunday, March 6 at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School families are invited to grow together in faith as they continue to learn about the parts of worship.

Sunday, February 27, 2011
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany / Lectionary 8

INTRODUCTION

Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who feeds the birds and clothes the grass of the field. We rejoice that we are held in the palm of God's hand. God cannot forget us any more than a woman could forget her nursing child. Nourished at the Lord's table, we share these gifts with those who are anxious, hungry, poor, or in any kind of need.

GREETING

The grace of God in Christ Jesus,
poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW)

God of tender care,
like a mother, like a father, you never forget your children,
and you know already what we need.
In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts,
that in confidence we may embody the peace and justice of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW)

Alleluia. The steadfast love of the LORD¹ never ceases,*
God's mercies never come¹ to an end. Alleluia. (Lam. 3:22)

VERSE (LBW)

Alleluia. The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.
Alleluia. (Lam. 3:22)

READINGS

Isaiah 49:8–16a

Psalm 131

Like a child upon its mother's breast, my soul is quieted within me. (Ps. 131:2)

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

Matthew 6:24–34

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:8–16a

The Lord shows motherly compassion for God's suffering people. Even if a nursing mother could under rare circumstances forget her child, God will never forget us.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favor I have answered you,
on a day of salvation I have helped you;
I have kept you and given you
as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land,
to apportion the desolate heritages;

⁹saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"
to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."

They shall feed along the ways,
on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;

¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,
for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹And I will turn all my mountains into a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.

¹²Lo, these shall come from far away,
and lo, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene.

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

¹⁴But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
my LORD has forgotten me."

¹⁵Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

¹⁶See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 131

Like a child upon its mother's breast, my soul is quieted within me. (Ps. 131:2)

¹O LORD, I am not proud; I have no ¹haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters, or with things that are too ¹hard for me.

**²But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its ¹ mother's breast;
my soul is quiet- ¹ ed within me.**

**³O Israel, wait up- ¹ on the LORD,
from this time forth for- ¹ evermore. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

We are servants and stewards of Christ whose primary responsibility is to be trustworthy. We do not stand over others as their judge, but we stand under Christ to whom we will be held accountable.

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.

²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. ⁴I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24–34

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to trust in God rather than material wealth.

²⁴No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

That the baptized may be servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries we celebrate in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That the leaders of nations, states, cities, and towns extend compassionate care to those without food, clothing, or shelter. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That our gratitude for the birds of the air and the flowers of the field lead us to treasure each day, care for the earth, and seek the welfare of generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That like a patient mother you comfort all those who suffer with illness, grief, worry, or anxiety (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That as we strive first for your kingdom, you feed us at your bountiful table and deepen our faith in your provident care. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

That you gather us with all your holy ones, who treasured the riches of your grace and whose names are inscribed on the palms of your hands. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and hopes, God of mercy and justice, for we pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ever-faithful God, you have taken us again into your arms
and nourished us as your dear children.

Lead us and guide us,
that we may share our bread and your healing light
with those who hunger and thirst,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*.

May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,
all may know your grace and healing revealed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God the Father, the Majestic Glory;
God the Son, the Morning Star;
and God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
bless you and + grant you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

Wednesday, March 2

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.