

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, January 1, 2012 – 1st Week of Christmas

Gathering

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. God glory, God of peace,

we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God; sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in (+) Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* **#634, v. 1-3, 6**

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Canticle of Praise *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **#270, v. 1-2**

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Gospel Acclamation *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* **#276**

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

Sermon “*The Wonder of These Words*”

Hymn of the Day – *Love Has Come* **#292**

Meal

Offering and Offertory Hymn – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*.....**#288**

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Lord's Prayer

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 and Wine**#269, #275, #282**

All the baptized are welcomed to receive the bread and wine offered at the Lord's Table. Please come forward down the center aisle (in two lines). Take a place at the rail as space becomes available. Receive the bread and wine. Return by the outside aisles. As God's people we are empowered to BE the presence of Christ in the world.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Sending

Blessing and Sending Hymn – *O Little Town of Bethlehem***#279, v. 4**

Dismissal – Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

NAME OF JESUS: Today is the First Sunday after Christmas. The day is also known as "Name of Jesus", when we remember all names are powerful, but Jesus' name is the most powerful of all (Philippians 2:9-11). We use names as a concise way to convey complex meanings: being able to call someone by name means you know something important about that person, and being called by name means you are known. On this day we celebrate the privilege and the power of calling God by name, as well as how deeply we know God and are known by God in Jesus.

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Please pick up your envelopes in the narthex.

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, December 29, 2011, and Sunday, January 1, 2012

Presiding Ministers: Pastor Cal Oraw and Pastor Lisa Lewton

Assisting Ministers: Diane Melbye (Thursday)

Chip Poland (Sunday)

Deacon: Jon Brudvig (Sunday)

Organists: Michael Stevenson (Thursday)

Cheryl Hewson (Sunday)

Cantor: Kevin Moberg (Sunday)

Server: Tanner Ouellette (Thursday)

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 1,018 . . . 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)

Monday: Church Office Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting

*Wednesday: 12:10 p.m. Noon Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Church School*

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship

Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study/Ramada

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Un-decorate Church

WELCOME TO PASTOR CAL! St. John welcomes its new senior pastor, Pastor Cal Oraw, who will join the congregation in ministry on Sunday, Jan. 1. Pastor Cal previously served at Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, Montana. His wife, Virginia, is originally from New England. We welcome them both to St. John and to the community of Dickinson, as they settle into their new home.

WELCOME RECEPTION: On Sunday, Jan. 1 at 11:00 a.m., please join us in welcoming Pastor Cal. There will be coffee, juice, and donut holes in the Fellowship Room.

INSTALLATION ON JANUARY 8: Pastor Cal will be installed as Senior Pastor by Bishop Mark Narum on Sunday, Jan. 8 at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. A potluck meal will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the basement, as we celebrate God's continued presence in the transition process! Chicken and rolls will be provided for the potluck and members with last names from:

A – H bringing a hot dish

I – N a dessert, and

O – Z a salad.

THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church. Giving through Dec. 18, 2011:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Budgeted 2011</u>
General Offerings	\$392,004	\$386,930	\$425,524
Outreach	\$91,579	\$89,009	\$88,400

As the Congregation Council works to prepare the 2012 budget, we ask congregation members to please prayerfully consider their annual pledge.

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR PLEDGE TO MINISTRY: As of Dec. 12 we have received 323 total pledges. (Last year at this time we'd received 339 pledges). As you may know, our goal is to reach 350 pledging units by the end this year. Please return your pledge card to the church office when you have decided on your 2012 pledge. You may also make your pledge online by clicking on **PLEDGE** on the **Faith in Action** link at www.stjohnelc.org. If you need a pledge card, please call the church office. If you choose not to make a pledge, please return a pledge card with only your name on it so we do not mail you a follow-up letter.

SAVE THE DATE: The St. John Friends of the Fund annual celebration is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to having featured speaker, Jen Jung, share memories of her mission trip to Africa.

CROSS-GENERATIONAL EVENT: On January 8 at 9:15 a.m., we will celebrate all of our baptismal birthdays with a Cross-Generational Event in the Fellowship Room. There will not be regular Church School or Adult Sunday School class on this date. At both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services, we will recognize and gift those who were baptized in 2011, along with families and sponsors.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: If you would like to share a gift with Food for the Poor, you are welcome to the offering envelopes available at the entry tables.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER MONEY COUNTERS: Primary responsibilities include counting offering after each Sunday services and delivering the deposit to the bank. The weekly/monthly time commitment is Sunday mornings as scheduled, three to four Sundays per year. Gifts and skills needed are the ability to work with numbers and to use an adding machine. The term of service is one year and training is provided. Contact Financial Secretary Pam Weidner in the church office for more information or to volunteer (225-6747).

MENTOR GROUPS meet on **Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m.** All confirmation students are expected to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES for the Lord's Prayer session will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 18, 25 & February 1 at 7:00 p.m.** Students who need to attend are listed on the confirmation bulletin board. Students should bring their Bibles to all of the classes.

NOON BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wed., Jan. 4. Bring a sack lunch if you'd like. Questions: Call Jodeen Myers at 225-6747.

TRUST FUND GIFTS IN ACTION: Outreach gifts from the Trust Fund were recently distributed. \$1600 was contributed to the Best Friends Program which matches youth in southwest North Dakota with adult mentors to improve peer relationships, behavior or academic issues. \$1200 was contributed to the AMEN Food Pantry. Your gifts to the St. John Trust Fund make an important difference in the community and to the ministries of St. John Lutheran Church for generations to come.

THANK YOU to those who contributed gifts for the Christmas Memorial Fund. On the entry tables, there is a list of those who shared a gift. Some of the gifts were used to purchase a few poinsettias to decorate the church, and most of the gifts went to the Western North Dakota Synod's Flood of Love Campaign, helping individuals and churches who were impacted by the flooding in the Mouse River Valley.

