

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, July 31, 2011 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements, Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit; our lifeboat, our treasure,
our leaven. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

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

**We name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and
others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us
from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the
glory of the children of God. Amen.**

Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as parent to child, so gentle is
God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is
from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn –#461

Kyrie & Canticle of Praise (*Glory Be to God in Heaven...*).....Page 203

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Psalm Tone: 

Gospel Acclamation.....#512

**Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a-way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on the way.
Lord, let my heart—Lord, let my heart—Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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

Sermon "Blessed and Broken"

Hymn of the Day –#659

Apostles' Creed, Prayers, Greetings of Peace.....Page 105
Gathered as the Body-of-Christ, we are joined into a fellowship and a Holy Communion

Meal

Offering and Offertory Hymn – *Change My Heart, O God*#801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot-ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Prayer and Great Thanksgiving (*Holy, Holy* – Page 207).....Page 206

Lord's Prayer (*left column*), "Lamb of God" HymnPage 208

Distribution of Bread and Wine#515, #479, #674

*All the baptized are welcomed to receive the bread and wine offered in our Communion Meal.
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 Hymn – *Build Us Up, Lord, Build Us Up*.....#670

Dismissal – Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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 & 9:30 a.m. on Sunday
(9:30 a.m. Sunday Service Broadcast on KDIX Radio)*

For Sunday, July 31, 2011

Presiding Minister: Pastor Lisa Lewton
Assisting Ministers: Marya Skaare (7:00 p.m.)
Kris Brugamyer (8:00 a.m.)
Renee Boomgaarden (9:30 a.m.)
Organists: Barb Arneson (Thursday)
Cheryl Hewson (Sunday)
Cantors: Kris Brugamyer (8:00 a.m.)
Renee Boomgaarden (9:30 a.m.)
Servers: Dustin Lundstad (Thursday)
Zane Schobinger & Samantha Urbanec (8:00 a.m.)
Sheena Biel & Stetson Pedersen (9:30 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 291 . . . 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
7:00 p.m. Flood Relief Fund Concert/Sanctuary
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship
Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast / Bible Study at Ramada

FLOOD RELIEF CONCERT: Tuesday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a concert in the sanctuary at St. John Lutheran Church. A free will offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response Fund. Proceeds from the concert will go to support the victims of flooding in the Minot Area. Those participating in the concert will be Clyde Bauman, John Weiss and Rhonda Gowen. Checks should be made out to Lutheran Disaster Response Fund.

MAESTRO HECTOR OLIVERA ORGAN CONCERT:

Everyone is invited to attend a free organ concert that will be held at St. John Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. Maestro Olivera will play St. John's new Rodgers three-manual digital organ interfaced with St. John's Austin pipe organ. A reception will follow the concert in the church basement.

THE LUTHERAN for August is available in the magazine racks.

CHURCH OFFICES will be closed all day Monday and Friday afternoons for the months of July and August. If you have a **pastoral emergency**, please call Pastor Ted at 920-573-1604 or Pastor Lisa at 260-9589.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS MILESTONE: St. John will be having a Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone celebration on **Aug. 28 during both the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. worship services.** Students of all ages, faculty, and staff are invited to come with a backpack or briefcase. Parents and other caregivers are also invited to be present for the recognition and for the prayers. The congregation will bless students, faculty, and staff into the new school year! A gift will also be given to help remember this blessing.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ITEMS NEEDED: There is a list on the bulletin board in the Commons Area of supplies needed for VBS. There are a variety of new, recycled and used items that are needed. All donations are appreciated!

BADLANDS MINISTRIES CHRIST HIKE: The public is invited to the camp's Christ Hike on Wed., Aug 10, to witness the passion of our Lord. For the time and more details, contact Badlands Ministries at 623-4332.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: The nursery serves as an important gesture of hospitality, providing a safe place for children. The nursery is run by volunteer adults who rotate the responsibility. This year, the nursery will be staffed on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and Wednesday from 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. If you are willing to help volunteer in the nursery, please contact Jodeen Myers at 225-6747, or myers@stjohnelc.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING St. John Lutheran Church?

We invite you to get to know our church family and we hope you will consider making St. John your church home. Everyone who becomes a member is expected to attend the new member sessions to learn more about the church. St. John is offering a fall orientation session for new members. If you are interested in membership, please call the church office (225-6747), visit our website at stjohnelc.org or contact a pastor.

SIDWALK/ROOF REPAIR FUND DONATIONS: The council has created a new appeal to manage unexpected sidewalk and roof repairs. **If you would like to contribute, there are special envelopes in the pew racks or you may indicate “Roof/Sidewalk Repair Fund” on your check or offering envelope.** \$4,975.00 has been received so far to support these two unexpected repairs. \$10,025.00 is still needed. Please consider giving today. Thank you.

FOOD COLLECTION: Join the VBS and Day Camp students as they collect food for the AMEN Food Pantry. **Nonperishable items can be brought to the church and left in the baskets at the church entry doors until Thursday, Aug. 11.**

SECOND QUARTER OFFERING STATEMENTS are available for you to pick up in the Commons Area.

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE:

At the July Council meeting, it was decided by Council members that we would not renew the contract with Pastor Ted after August 31. We have been renewing the contract on a month-by-month basis for the past few months, basing that decision on how things were going in our transition process. The Council feels that Pastor Ted has done what we have called him here to do; and we feel the congregation is ready to move forward in this process.

Pastor Ted's last preaching Sunday will be August 14. He has some vacation time he will be using, so will probably be gone after the 14th.

The Council wants to thank Pastor Ted for all he's done during his time with us. It has been a good learning process for all of us.

As we move forward, the Council hopes that you, as members of this congregation, would be willing to help out in any way possible if called upon to do so.

Council asks that you continue to pray for Pastor Lisa and Pastor Ted, our staff, our congregation, our Call Committee, and for the one person God is raising up to come to St John's.

Marcy Decker, President
St John Council

THANK YOU to Senior High mission trippers and adult advisors who served Milwaukee, Wisconsin! The group posted updates throughout their trip on Facebook and will return on Sunday, July 31. The team included: Karyle Biel, Michaela Biel, Paige, Biel, Justine Gab, Brianna Hauck, Katie Jalbert, Landen Jung, Amity Lantz, Brooke Lietzke, Darcie Lujan, Jared Lundstad, Nicole Meduna, Madison Schobinger, Stormie Sickler, Alex Simonieg, Melissa Sipma, Shelby Stoltz, Alex Turcotte, Brianna Turcotte, and Nicole Urlacher. Adult advisors included: Faith Simonieg, Patrick Healy, Steve Lervik, Angie Shilman, and Kathi Nygaard.

Sunday, July 31, 2011
Lectionary 18
Proper 13
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the sower, the seed, the fruit;
our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven.
Blessed be God forever.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of heaven and earth,
**we name before you the sin that enslaves us,
the sin that wounds us and others,
the sin that scars our world.
Forgive us and heal us.
Guard us from all evil.
Give to us and the whole creation
the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
Amen.**

Come, all who are weary,
all who carry heavy burdens.
As tender as parent to child,

so gentle is God to us.
As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for us.
As far as east is from west,
so far God removes our sin,
renewing our lives in + Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God from which nothing can separate us,
and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW)

Glorious God,
your generosity waters the world with goodness,
and you cover creation with abundance.
Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit,
and with this food fill all the starving world;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW)

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which
gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus
Christ our Lord. (90)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW)

Alleluia. One does not live by ¹ bread alone,*
but by every word that comes from the ¹ mouth of God. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:4)

VERSE (LBW)

Alleluia. Jesus said, Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love
them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

READINGS

Isaiah 55:1–5

Genesis 32:22–31 (Semi-continuous)

Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Psalm 17:1–7, 15 (Semi-continuous)

I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied. (Ps. 17:15)

Romans 9:1–5

Matthew 14:13–21

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1–5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.\

FIRST READING (SEMI-CONTINUOUS): Genesis 32:22–31

Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is

changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face to face.

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in ¹ steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are ¹ good to all,
and your compassion is over ¹ all your works. R**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all ¹ those who fall
and lifts up those who ¹ are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon ¹ you, O LORD,
and you give them their food ¹ in due season.**

¹⁶You open ¹ wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every ¹ living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in ¹ all your ways
and loving in ¹ all your works. R**

¹⁸You are near to all who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of ¹ those who fear you;
you hear their ¹ cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all ¹ those who love you,
but all the wicked you ¹ shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise ¹ of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name fore- ¹ er and ever. R**

PSALM (ELW) (SEMI-CONTINUOUS): Psalm 17:1–7, 15

I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied. (Ps. 17:15)

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed ¹ to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from ¹ lying lips.

**²Let my vindication come forth ¹ from your presence;
let your eyes be ¹ fixed on justice.**

³Examine my heart, visit ¹ me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- ¹ ty in me.

**⁴I have not regarded what ¹ others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the violent. R**

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your ¹ well-worn path;
and my feet ¹ do not slip.

**⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will ¹ answer me;
incline your ear to me and ¹ hear my words.**

⁷Show me your marvelous ¹ lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who ¹ rise up against them.

**¹⁵But at my vindication I shall ¹ see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- ¹ ing your likeness. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1–5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit — ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13–21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform

one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

You desire that all people come to you. Give your church a passion to reach out to others with the good news of your love for all humankind. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You created a world in which all life is sustainable. Open wide our hearts and minds, that those who are blessed with abundance live simply so that others may simply live. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the Lord of all nations and all peoples. Create understanding among all people of faith so that we may together work for global peace (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You turn no one away. In your compassion feed the hungry, cure the sick, and calm the fearful (*especially*). Grant them the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide the bread of life for your people. Nourish this congregation on the body and blood of your Son, that we may be strengthened to serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You sustain us in our faith. We give you thanks for the witnesses who have gone before us. May their example guide us until we are joined with them in glory. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table prepared before you.
Taste of God's goodness and mercy.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
we give you thanks that again this day
you have opened wide your hand
and satisfied us with the food of life,
the body and blood of Christ.
Sharing your compassionate heart,
may we be blessed and given
to all who hunger and thirst;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

O God of tender compassion,

as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger,
bless those who leave this assembly
to share the gifts of this table
with our sisters and brothers
who are sick/homebound/imprisoned.
May they be sustained by the love and prayers
of this community,
and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless us, keep us, and + grant us peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.