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**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH** **DICKINSON, ND**  
*Living in Service to Christ*  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **MAY 16, 2010**  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday

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Announcements

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**GATHERING**

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The Entrance Hymn ..... #532  
The Apostolic Greeting ..... p. 120  
Hymn of Praise: *This Is the Feast of Victory* ..... p. 122  
Prayer of the Day ..... Insert  
Special Music (10:30 a.m.) ..... Angel Choir

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**WORD**

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First Reading ..... Acts 16:16-34  
The Word of the Lord **Assembly: Thanks be to God**  
The Psalm ..... (Insert) Psalm 97  
Second Reading ..... Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
The Word of the Lord **Assembly: Thanks be to God**  
Gospel Acclamation ..... p. 124  
The Gospel according to John **A: Glory to you, O Lord**  
Gospel ..... John 17:20-26  
The Gospel of the Lord **A: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord.\* I am com- | ing to you.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** (John 14:18)

Message  
Hymn of the Day ..... #798  
Apostles' Creed & Prayers ..... p. 127-128  
The Peace  
P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **A: And also with you.**

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**MEAL**

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Offering & Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: *Praise and Thanksgiving* ..... (#689, st. 2)

**God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
That with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

The Prayer & Great Thanksgiving ..... p. 129  
Distribution Hymns ..... #697 #677, #661  
The Table Blessing ..... p. 136

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**SENDING**

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The Closing Prayer and Blessing ..... p. 136  
The Sending Song ..... *This Is My Father's World* (#824, st. 3)

**This is my Father's world, oh, let me not forget that,  
Though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!**

Dismissal: Go in peace; serve the Lord **A Thanks be to God.**

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Presiding Minister: Pastor Lisa Lewton  
Speakers: Sam Janke (8:00 a.m.) and Ariana Wetzstein (10:30 a.m.)  
Assisting Ministers: Dream O'Brien (8:00 a.m.), Jonathan Tangen (10:30 a.m.)  
Deacons: Rita Dvorak & Laura Meduna (8:00 a.m.)  
Betty Duttonhefer & Tim Lantz (10:30 a.m.)  
Organist: Cheryl Hewson  
Cantor: Mike Stevenson (8:00 a.m.)  
Servers: Megan Arneson & Lillie Meduna (8:00 a.m.)  
Tony Kostelecky & Kaitlin Vernon (10:30 a.m.)

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**THANK YOU, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!** A tremendous thank you to Hannah Farstveet, (who spoke on Thursday), Sam Janke and Ariana Wetzstein. Hannah will attend Dickinson State University in the fall, majoring in History Education, Sam will go to Bismarck State College to complete her generals and plans to attend The Art Institute in Minneapolis afterward, and Ariana will attend the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and plans to enroll in the School of Dentistry afterward.

**THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE** for May is available in the magazine racks in the Commons Area and narthex. Please help yourself.

**FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION:** God's children of all ages are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children are welcome to receive their First Communion at a parent's discretion. When the time comes, please talk to Pastor Lisa about First Communion instruction. Parents are given a booklet to read with the student before a student meets with Pastor Lisa.

**CONFIRMATION MENTORS:** We are grateful for the adults who have served as confirmation mentors throughout the years. They have walked alongside our junior high students, listening to their stories and inspiring them in their faith. If you are interested in serving as a confirmation mentor this fall, please contact Jodeen Myers at 225-6747, or [myers@stjohnelc.org](mailto:myers@stjohnelc.org).

**WORSHIP INFORMATION:** Attendance last week: 529 . . . If it is uncomfortable for you to stand during the service, feel free to remain seated . . . Transmitters are available for the hearing impaired. Ask an usher for help . . . 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 staffed Sundays from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. . . . Children's books & Activity Bags for worship are in the Commons Area and on the south wall in the church entry.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** Sunday, May 23 will be an update from the St. John Transition Team at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

**TACOS!** On Thursday, May 20, from 5 - 7 p.m., Taco Johns will donate half of the money from their orders to the youth mission trip to Birmingham Alabama. You simply need to say that you are with the mission trip when you order. This works in the restaurant as well as the drive through! Stop by, have some tacos, and support the youth!

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION:**

**On Sunday, May 23 at 11:45 a.m., you are encouraged to attend a special meeting to discuss renovating the organ.**

We are blessed at St. John with two gifted organists and we have an opportunity to update our 60-year old pipe organ. At the special meeting, the congregation will be asked to approve the renovation of the organ. *As stated in the church constitution, it is necessary for 50 people to attend the meeting in order to formally approve the renovation.* Agendas for the meeting are at the entry tables. If you would like to serve on the committee to help raise funds for the renovation, please contact Pastor Lisa at [lewton@stjohnelc.org](mailto:lewton@stjohnelc.org), or 225-6747.

**THE LAST DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL** is May 16. A great thanks to all of the teachers and helpers who were a part of Sunday School this year! And thank you to Sunday School Director, Susan Moberg, for sharing her gifts.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Find this information anytime at [www.stjohnelc.org](http://www.stjohnelc.org)!*

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting/Basement  
7:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible Study/Conference Room

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship  
7:00 p.m. Circle 4 at Marilyn Wheeler Home

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

Next Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class/Transition Team Update  
11:45 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

**GRADUATING SENIORS:** If you have not already turned in a wallet sized senior picture to Jess Throlson at the church office, please do so by May 16. On May 30 at the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services, we will recognize you and celebrate your achievement! Congratulations, seniors!

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** The worship schedule will change on Sunday, May 30. Sunday morning worship will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Thursday evening worship will continue to be at 7:00 p.m.

**GOING TO BADLANDS MINISTRIES CAMP THIS SUMMER?** Camperships are still available to help offset the cost of camp. Pick up your campership at the church office and include it with your registration for camp for credit. Questions? Contact Sonnie Otto, Finance Sec. at [otto@stjohnelc.org](mailto:otto@stjohnelc.org) or 225-6747.

**TRANSITION NEWS:** Together with the synod office, the Transition Team is gathering names of potential candidates, and is in the process of vetting these candidates, determining interest and whether there's a potential fit with our congregation. We plan to interview via video conference or phone, then perhaps two candidates will be brought to St. John for interviews in person. We hope to have the interim pastor in place by July. We expect that it will take 18-24 months. This time line includes about 12-24 months working with an Intentional Interim Pastor. Near the end of the Intentional Interim Pastor's time with us, a Senior Pastor Call Committee will begin work to evaluate candidates and issue a call. Remember the Transition Team in your prayers as we search for an intentional interim to minister with us. Remember also the staff as we are blessed with their service.

*Disclaimer: All time frames are subject to modification in accordance to God's plan.*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS:** Thank you to the students who participated in Angel and Carol Choirs, as you shared your gifts of music in worship! A special thank you to Director, Carolyn Burns, and Chelsea Sorenson, Accompanist.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Thank you for your gracious gifts as we live in service to Christ together. The Transition Team has encouraged you to continue to worship and to continue to give throughout this time of transition. Our income for April, 2010 reflects a 9% increase over April 2009.

	<u>April 2009</u>	<u>April 2010</u>
General Income	\$32,884	\$35,090
Outreach Income	<u>\$7,371</u>	<u>\$8,212</u>
Total Income	\$40,255	\$43,302

**STUDY THE BIBLE WITH MY FEET?** Kind of. You are invited to participate in the Faith by Foot Bible Study, beginning on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m and continuing weekly throughout the summer. Participants will meet at church, read a passage from the Bible, and ponder the words while they walk for about 45 minutes. No sign up is needed. Talk to Jodeen Myers if you have questions, at 225-6747, or [myers@stjohnelc.org](mailto:myers@stjohnelc.org).

**FACEBOOK:** If you are not one of St. John's 245 Facebook friends, you can click on the Facebook link on the church website anytime!