

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, November 20, 2011 – Christ the King Sunday

Gathering

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements, Dialog for Christ the King

Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death.

By your blood, you have brought your people into your kingdom.

Therefore God has highly exalted him:

And bestowed on him the name which is above every name;

That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow:

And every tongue confess him the King of glory.

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Processional Hymn – *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **#855**

Kyrie & Canticle of Praise (*Glory to God.... Page 121*)Page 120

Prayer of the Day

(8:00 a.m.) Special Music *Church School 3rd-6th Graders*

Word

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

Psalm Tone:



Gospel AcclamationPage 124

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Verse) **is the one who comes in the name^l of the Lord.***

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an-^l cestor David. Alleluia. *(Mark 11:9)*

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

Sermon *"Can You See Me?"*

Hymn of the Day – *Jesus Shall Reign*.....**#434**

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Gathered as the Body-of-Christ, we are joined into a fellowship and a Holy Communion

Meal

Offering and Offertory Hymn – *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*.....**#712, v. 1**

**Lord, whose love in humble ser-vice bore the weight of human need.
who upon the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mercy's per-fect deed:
we, your ser-vants, bring the worship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
con-se-crating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.**

Prayer and Great Thanksgiving *(Holy, Holy – Page 130)*.....Page 129

Lord's Prayer *(left column)*, "Lamb of God" HymnPage 134

Distribution of Bread and Wine**#764, #260, #707**

*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 Hymn – *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*.....**#547, v. 1**

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 & 10:30 a.m. on Sunday
(10:30 a.m. Sunday Service Broadcast on KDIX Radio)*

For Sunday, November 20, 2011

Presiding Minister: Pastor Lisa Lewton
Preaching: Kathi Nygaard
Assisting Ministers: Gayle Homiston (Thursday)
Jerry Myers (8:00 a.m.)
Chip Poland(10:30 a.m.)
Deacons: Steve Lervik (8:00 a.m.)
Nate Shilman (10:30) a.m.)
Organists: Barb Arneson (Thursday)
Cheryl Hewson (Sunday)
Servers: Keagan Jacobson (Thursday)
Kaina Gartner & Taylor Kadrmas (8:00 a.m.)
Skyler Foss & Aspen Galster (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 424 . . . 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: 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Thursday: NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP
Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study/Ramada
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday: 7:00 p.m. Ziemann/Kilwein Wedding

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON DEC. 4: On Oct. 30, the congregation voted unanimously to extend a call to Pastor Cal Oraw to serve as Senior Pastor at St. John. **On Sunday, Dec. 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, voting members of the congregation will be asked to vote on a revised compensation package for Pastor Cal.** He currently serves at Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, Montana. Please continue to hold the senior pastor call process in your prayers, as Pastor Cal and his wife, Virginia, continue in their discernment.

REBUILDING PHASE IN THE MINOT AREA: The clean-up phase is wrapping up, but Lutheran Disaster Response is looking for volunteers to assist homeowners with rebuilding their homes. Rebuild requires some skilled volunteers and some less skilled to assist the skilled volunteers. Start forming your teams today and call 218-443-4970 to schedule with the volunteer coordinator in Minot.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24. The office will close at noon on Friday, Nov. 25.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME booklets for January – March are available in the Narthex.

THANKSGIVING EVE worship is on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving offering will go to the ELCA's World Hunger Program. Envelopes are provided in the offering envelope packet.

BADLANDS MINISTRIES BIBLE CAMP ANNUAL MEETING will be Nov. 20 at Bethlehem Hall. At 2:00 p.m. there is a dedication for the new Retreat House, along with pie and fellowship. The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m.

A CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FUND has been established for your gifts in memory or honor of loved ones. Money will be used for a few poinsettias to decorate the chancel area with remaining money being donated to the Flood of Love campaign through Lutheran Disaster Response. Contributions to the Flood of Love campaign are designated to assist people and congregations affected by the flood in the Mouse River Valley. Watch for more details in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU to everyone who decorated the church for the fall season. Also thank you to St. John quilters for the quilts made and displayed. If you wish to purchase a quilt for a donation of \$35.00 or more please contact one of the quilters or Bev Olheiser in the church office during the week ~ 225-6747. **The quilters are in need of sheets. If you have some to donate please bring them to the church office.**

BOOK OF SERMONS written by Pastor Steve Tangen is selling for \$15.00 in the Commons Area after worship. Publishing costs were subsidized by a Trust Fund grant with proceeds being returned to the Trust Fund. A book signing will be held at the Dickinson Public Library on Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Bring your books for signing and hear a reading from Pastor Tangen at 3 p.m.

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).

NOON BIBLE STUDY will continue on **Wednesday, November 30 at 12:10 p.m.** and we will meet **every other Wednesday.** Bring a sack lunch. Questions: Call Jodeen Myers at 225-6747.

MILESTONE MINISTRY: BIBLE ADVENTURE: On Nov. 20, third graders, along with parents or other primary caregivers, are meeting in the basement to practice using their new Bibles together.

PRAYER CALENDARS: Pick up a monthly prayer calendar on the tables in the Commons Area and narthex to add to your prayer life. This is a guide to daily prayer for the ministries of the church.

THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church. Giving through Nov. 13, 2011:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Budgeted 2011</u>
General Offerings	\$353,874	\$339,187	\$390,064
Outreach	\$83,239	\$78,775	\$81,033

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

COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE: As of November 14 we have received 285 total pledges. (Last year at this time we'd received 306 pledges). As you may know, our goal is to reach 350 pledging units by the end this year. With your pledge for 2012, you will provide our congregation's leaders with resources to enable our congregation to continue its broad range of programs, its vibrant worship, and its outreach to people in need. 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL MUSIC: Families and individuals are invited to share special music during the prelude for the 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. worship services. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please let Pastor Lisa know. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music!

CONFIRMATION CLASS: The last class for the Apostles' Creed section will be on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. The Lord's Prayer section will begin in January.

CALLING ALL ANGELS: St. John is once again sponsoring an Angel Tree. The Angel Tree Ministry provides gifts for others in need in our community. Angel Tree dates this year are Sunday, November 27 – Sunday, December 11. Be looking for the Angel Tree in the Commons Area!

FOOD FOR THE POOR SPEAKER: On Sun., Dec. 11, Rev. Arnold Hilpert from Food for the Poor will lead the Adult Sunday School class and join us in worship to preach. Food for the Poor seeks out the poorest of the poor in 17 countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Sunday, November 20, 2011
Christ the King / Lectionary 34
Christ the King / Proper 29

INTRODUCTION

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives our sin, heals every illness,
saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care,
and crowns us with steadfast love.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of abundant mercy,
**we confess that we are more ready
to be forgiven than to forgive others.
We hold too closely your gifts to us.
We trample your vineyard, our good earth.
Have mercy, O God;
turn us again to you and toward others;
and grant that we may live for you and die in you,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.**

God is generous and faithful,
forgiving sins without number,

welcoming all to the feast,
giving us a place among the saints.
Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus,
who went to the cross for our sake,
you are forgiven and made whole.
The Spirit of God is at work in you,
enabling you to live for one another.
Amen.

GREETING

Grace and peace from our God and Father,
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the consolation of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW)

O God of power and might,
your Son shows us the way of service,
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.
Give us the wisdom to know what is right
and the strength to serve the world you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son,
whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the
earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. (108)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW)

Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name ^l of the Lord.*
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- ^l cestor David. Alleluia. (Mark 11:9)

VERSE (LBW)

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
Alleluia. (Rev. 22:13)

READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 (Semi-continuous)

Psalms 95:1–7a

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)

Psalms 100 (Semi-continuous)

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

Ephesians 1:15–23

Matthew 25:31–46

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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PSALM (ELW): Psalm 95:1–7a

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¹Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a- ¹ bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are ¹ also yours. R**

⁵The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD ¹ is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep ¹ of God's hand. **R**

PSALM (ELW) (SEMI-CONTINUOUS): Psalm 100

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, ¹ all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence ¹ with a song.

**³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom ¹ we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep ¹ of God's pasture. **R****

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving
and the ¹ courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's ¹ holy name.

**⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is ¹ everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from ¹ age to age. **R****

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15–23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31–46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?' ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Clinging to the promise of abundant life and resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Ruler of the universe, bring your wisdom to the churches of the world. Strengthen their proclamation of the gracious reign of Christ to all people everywhere. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of creation, make us wise and mindful caretakers of the land, air, and water. Turn us away from patterns of careless and neglectful stewardship of your good earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of power, guide the nations into ways of justice and truth. Where conflicts prevail, may peace be forthcoming. Strengthen the weak. Temper the strong. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of glory, guide our lives in service to you through love and care for all your children. Strengthen us to seek justice for all people and to reach out in welcome to the stranger in our midst. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Life-giving God, strengthen us to face our mortality with humility and courage, and to trust in your promise of life from death. Support those who grieve (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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, you that are blessed by God.
Come to the banquet.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our shepherd,

you have gathered us again from scattered places
and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament.
Go with us now, that we may seek the lost,
bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak,
until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant,
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength
to a sick and hurting world.

Anoint with a servant heart those
who take your word and sacrament
to our sisters and brothers
in their homes/in prisons/in hospitals.

Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those
who feast on your body and blood
and receive your words of new life.

May we all recognize that we have a place and a home
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
+ guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is near.

Thanks be to God.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters

to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Wednesday, November 23

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Thursday, November 24

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Friday, November 25

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.