

We Join Together in Worship

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church – Dickinson, ND
Sunday, October 30, 2011 – Reformation Sunday

Gathering

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Special Music *Built on a Rock*

(At 10:30 a.m., Church School 3rd-6th graders join the Senior Choir)

Kyrie & Canticle of Praise (*This is the Feast... Page 122*)Page 120

Prayer of the Day

(10:30 a.m.) Milestone Ministry: Recognizing 1st-2nd Graders Who Memorized the Ten Commandments

Word

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

Psalms *From Age to Age the Same*

Congregation sings verse one, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.....**#504**

Gospel Acclamation.....Page 124

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(*Verse*) **If you continue in my word, you are truly ¹ my disciples,*
and you will know the truth, and the truth will ¹ make you free.**

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – *O Day Full of Grace*.....**#627**

Meal

Offering and Offertory Hymn – *Take My Life*.....**#685**

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

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

Lord's Prayer (*left column*), "Lamb of God" HymnPage 135

Distribution of Bread and Wine**#480, #729, #631**

*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 – *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word***#517**

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

Postlude

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: The Call Committee has recommended a senior pastor candidate to the Congregation Council. Pastor Cal Oraw serves at Zion Lutheran Church in Fairview, Montana. On Sun., Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, members of the congregation are invited to vote on whether to extend a call to Pastor Oraw to serve as senior pastor at St. John, and to vote on a compensation package.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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, October 30, 2011

Presiding Minister: Pastor Lisa Lewton
Preaching: Diane Melbye
Assisting Ministers: Gayle Homiston (Thursday)
Dream O'Brien (8:00 a.m.)
Chris Hertler (10:30 a.m.)
Deacons: Jay Schobinger (8:00 a.m.)
Jon Brudvig (10:30 a.m.)
Organist: Cheryl Hewson (Thursday)
Barb Arneson (Sunday)
Servers: Rachel Peterson (Thursday)
Annie Praus & Paige Schweitzer (8:00 a.m.)
Macy Mack & Abigail Moberg (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 374 . . . 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: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Fall Festival
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Wednesday: 12:10 p.m. Noon Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Church School
7:00 p.m. Confirmation
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship
8:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting
Friday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
Sunday: 3:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: On Sunday, Nov. 6 at the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, and at worship on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m., we will remember St. John members who have died in the past year, giving thanks for the communion of saints, as God makes us His own in life and in death.

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY: On Thursday, Nov. 10 and Sunday, Nov. 13, a special Thankoffering will be received to benefit the churchwide ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends on Sunday, Nov. 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

FALL FESTIVAL: Before going out to trick-or-treat, children are invited to the annual Fall Festival, where there will be carnival games and prizes! Adults, too, will have a chance at unforgettable door prizes. Hot dogs and chips will be served. There is no cost for the Fall Festival. The community is welcome!

FALL FESTIVAL HELPERS: If you do not have little trick-or-treaters, would you be willing to help with carnival games at the Fall Festival on Monday, Oct. 31 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.? *Or*, would you be willing to bake bars or cookies for the festival? Please contact Jodeen Myers at 225-6747, or myers@stjohnelc.org.

SENIOR HIGH LEADERS: At the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Gathering in Minot on Oct. 20-22, these St. John youth were elected to the LYO Board: Brooke Lietzke as President, Mackee Hoffman as Vice President, and Madison Schobinger as Treasurer. Dainara Galster is returning as the Badlands Conference Representative. We celebrate the gifts God has given to these young ladies to serve in the Western North Dakota Synod!

BOOK OF SERMONS: A book of sermons written by Pastor Steve Tangen is for sale. The cost is \$15.00. Publishing costs were subsidized by a Trust Fund grant with proceeds being returned to the Trust Fund.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES are available in the Commons Area to be picked up and filled! A brochure and informational sheet is inside each box. Please return the filled boxes during the **collection week which is Sunday, November 13 – Sunday, November 20**. Call Jodeen Myers at 225-6747 if you have questions.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Through the middle of December, Dale and Glenice Hansen will facilitate the video series, “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible,” by Mark Allen Powell.

NOON BIBLE STUDY: Will continue on **Wednesday, November 2 at 12:10 p.m.** and we will meet **every other Wednesday**. We will be studying the Book of Faith material and lessons that are a part of the ELCA initiative to dig deeper into our book of faith, the Bible. Bring a sack lunch if you’d like and join us! Questions: call Jodeen Myers at 225-6747.

POPCORN AND A MOVIE: We are collecting *new* “family friendly” DVDs together with a box of popcorn to send to the families who were affected by the flooding in Minot. Please drop them off in the baskets in the Commons Area and narthex by Sunday, November 13. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase DVDs.

THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church. Giving through Oct. 23, 2011:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Budgeted 2011</u>	<u>Budget Short</u>
General Offerings	\$325,602	\$312,759	\$354,603	\$41,844
Outreach	\$ 76,781	\$ 73,744	\$73,667	\$77

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

Pledge Cards: As of October 25, we have received 225 total pledges. (Last year at this time we'd received 248 pledges). Our goal is to reach 350 pledging units by the end of December. 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.

MENTOR GROUP PICTURES: Look in the Commons Area at the pictures of the 7th & 8th grade mentor groups for this year! Listed also are some of their favorite Bible verses, traditions, etc.

ANGEL TREE: Are you getting excited to decorate for Christmas? Would you or your family like to deliver packages received as donations to the Angel Tree? The Angel Tree is in need of a sponsor to facilitate this very special project. Staff support will be provided. If this is of interest to you or you have questions, contact Faith Simonieg in the church office (225-6747).

MILESTONE MINISTRY: BIBLE ADVENTURE: On Nov. 6, 13, and 20, third graders, along with parents or other primary caregivers, are asked to meet for our cross-generational time of enrichment. It will be an opportunity to introduce the Bibles to our children and demonstrate how to use the Bible cross-generationally at home. Please pray for these children and their families as they approach this important milestone.

Sunday, October 30, 2011

Reformation Sunday

INTRODUCTION

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

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)

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 (ELW) (ALTERNATE)

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW)

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (135)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW)

Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly[†] my disciples,*
and you will know the truth, and the truth will[†] make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)

VERSE (LBW)

Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)

READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

**¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In grateful response to God's endless bounty of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Wisdom of God, inspire your church to continue in your word. Where it is in error, purify it. Where it is true, sustain it. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All of creation is a gift, O God, worthy of our wonder and deserving of our care. Inspire in us the desire to care for this gift, so that future generations might also revel in the beauty of this world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you are in the midst of our cities and towns, our nations and our communities. Let your justice reign in all these places, so that through them we might catch a glimpse of the coming City of God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give strength and hope to those who are in bondage to oppression, poverty, or illness. Through your healing touch, free those who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation. Renew its faith and mission that, following in the faithful footsteps of our ancestors, we might continue to bear witness to the one who frees us from sin and death for the promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Through your Son you have freed us from sin and death, giving us the hope and promise of eternal life. Comfort with this promise all who mourn (*especially*), and at the last draw us to your holy city. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Monday, October 31, 2011
Reformation Day

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

Tuesday, November 1
All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many

congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Thursday, November 3

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.