



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags

*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.

For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

"Minuet" from *Water Music, Suite in G Major*

George Frederick Handel

"March in G Major" from *Judas Maccabaeus, Act III*

Welcome and Announcements

Sustaining Grace Temple Talk

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 376

"Thine Is the Glory"

(8:30) *Stanza 2 and Refrain sung by the choir.*

*Greeting

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

☐ Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 40:1-5

Antiphon: David N. Johnson

Antiphon: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!



¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD,

who stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my | footing sure.**

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and they shall | trust the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!**

They do not turn to enemies or to those who | follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O | LORD my God!

In your plans for us, none can be com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!

But they are more than | I can count. Antiphon

Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel — Luke 24:36b-48

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 722

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓑ hear our prayer.

*Peace

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

(8:30) "You Are the One"

Thomas Keesecker

You are the green, the blossom in the grasses. You are the seed that travels in the air. You are the bread, the harvest of the vineyard. You are the joy of beauty everywhere. You are the nest far higher than the eagle. You are the rock, the anchor of the soul. You are the love enthroned in highest heaven. You are the tree we see from far below. You are the time we never knew before us. You are the Alpha, ages in the past. You are the hope, the days that lie before us. You are the love we know as life at last. You are the cave that hides us in the mountain. You are the friend beside us in the night. You are the spring to feed us from the fountain. You are the sun to heal us in your light. You are the door that opens into treasures. You are the light, the beauty we will see. You are the sum of all the holy graces.

You are the One, the holy Trinity. Amen. – Herbert Brokering

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) ON ELLACOMBE

Maureen Howell

*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,

to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Offering Prayer

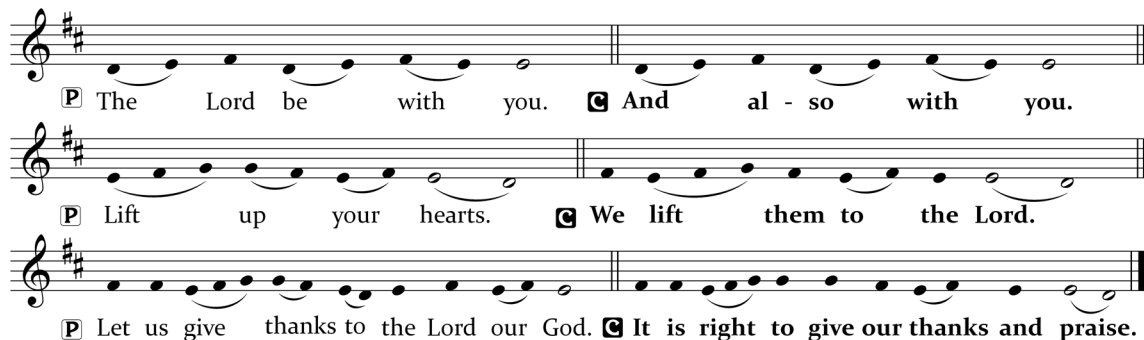
☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

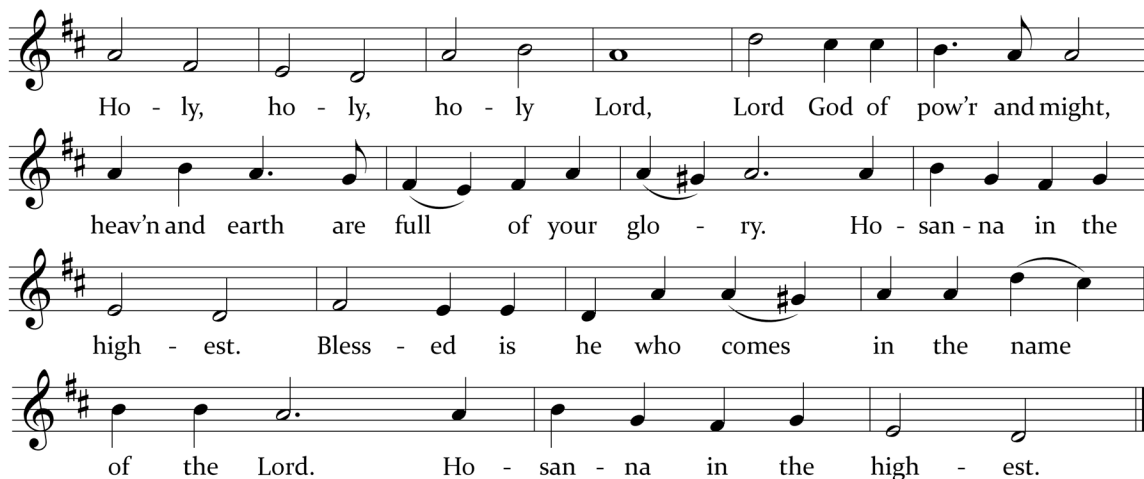


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*The 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.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Easter Morning"

Paul J. Christiansen

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. Then the same day at evening, as they all were assembled came Jesus and stood in the midst. Then said Jesus unto them: Peace be unto you. Mary came and said that she had seen the Lord.
– from the Gospel of John

Hymn — ELW No. 556

"Morning Has Broken"

Hymn — ELW No. 470

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- ℣ Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share
the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- ☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response: ☩ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

*Dismissal

- ℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☩ Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- ℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Processional in A-flat Major

David N. Johnson



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Gordon Moore (10:45) Luke Thorsheim
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) David Sims
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Mary Ellen North (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Carrie Dauner, Reed Hagberg, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Judd Lohmann, Jane Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Joran Peterson

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 21):

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Zechariah 10 † Psalm 23 † 1 John 3:16-24 † John 10:11-18

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 14)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Toddler Time (9:45–10:30 a.m., Room 14)
St. John's Forum: Finding Our Way (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

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Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Don McRae by Marilyn McRae Raadt and family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: April 21 and May 5 & 26.

Sustaining Grace is St. John's capital appeal to improve our environmental footprint, safety, and community outreach for years to come. Members will be receiving information in the mail this week, and **you are invited to informational meetings on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 21, at 9:45 a.m.** Together we can share God's grace for years to come!

Special Seminar Today and Pub Theology Tomorrow

Finding Our Way: Jews and Christians Thinking through Scripture

St. John's will be hosting a Jewish-Christian dialogue on ethics as part of our year-long series on reading Scripture with interfaith sensitivity.

Each session is independent - attend one or all!

- **Session #1**

Adult Forum, Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

"Finding Our Way: Jews and Christians Thinking through Scripture"

Our guests will look together at two texts key to our traditions: the Sermon on the Mount, and the Pirkei Avot. How does our interpretation of these texts shape our everyday living?

- **Session #2**

Today, 12:00–2:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

"Finding Our Way: Jews and Christians Thinking about Virtue"

Our presenters will lead us in dialogue with each other.

- **Session #3**

Pub Theology, Tomorrow, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

"What Keeps Us Up at Night: Relating to 'the Other' in Jewish and Christian Ethics"

Join us for Q & A time with our presenters over a cold beverage.

Jonathan Zasloff is a rabbi and professor of law at the UCLA School of Law, and Anthony Bateza is an associate professor of religion and department chair of race, ethnic, gender and sexuality studies at St. Olaf College.

Mission Morning

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.–Noon, Meet in St. John's Hall

Calling all women! Have a fun morning of kit packing, quilt tying, bandage rolling, fellowship, making new friends, and changing the world for the better...one kit at a time. To contribute items for the kits, pick up a list under the Women's bulletin board in the Commons, or go to this link: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/files/List2024.jpg>. Please bring in donated items by April 14. Cash is also welcome. Make checks payable to St. John's WELCA, Mission Morning on the memo line.

Announcements (continued)

Sacred Sites Tour

There will be a Sacred Sites Tour of the Twin Cities area sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches.

- Tour: Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **Cost: \$30/person paid by today.** Make checks payable to St. John's.
- Sites visited: Fort Snelling State Park, Dakota Internment camp, Pilot Knob Hill

Spotlight Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m., Home of Julie Zdenek

A study of Jesus through the book of Mark. For copies of the lesson or Zoom link, please contact Julie Zdenek each week at women.stjohns500@gmail.com.

Annual Spring Church Yard Cleanup

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m.—Noon

The Property & Grounds Board requests your assistance. All are welcome to attend, as many hands make less work! Please bring your own brooms, gloves, rakes, wheel barrows for spreading mulch, shovels, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are needed. Thank you!

St. John's Volunteer Day for Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, May 18, located at 501 Ford St., Northfield

**Please note the date change from the April Voice.*

Homes are being built for partner families in Northfield this year. St. John's is aiming to get 10–12 people to help on May 18 with construction. No prior experience or fancy skills are needed. To sign up to help with construction (must be 18 or older), go to [Habitat for Humanity Construction Volunteer Sign-Up](#). Or, you can contact jodihabitat@gmail.com, or call 507-403-7868. If you'd like to check out the website to learn more, go to habitatricecounty.org/volunteer. Thank you!

Coming This Summer! Camp Firelight! (VBS)

When: June 10–13, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Who: Kids entering Kindergarten–Grade 3 (2024–2025 school year)

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Please let [Julie](#) know if you need help with the cost.)

Contact Julie Brehmer for the link to the online registration form.

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans features St. Olaf Speakers

Monday, April 22, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Out'n About speakers will be St. Olaf President Susan Singer and St. Olaf Choir Director Anton Armstrong. Morning programming begins with registration and coffee. Pre-register by April 17 by calling 507-301-9094 or emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com with name(s) and contact info. Out'n About is sponsored by St. John's Adult Ministry & Education Board and Northfield Retired Educators.

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Janice Kasa, Paul Klinefelter, Roberta Morse

Those mourning the loss of loved one

Family of Elouise Quinnell

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Janice Helgeson

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Whether you are lonely or overwhelmed with life's stresses, another perspective might reveal new options. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, April 17:
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

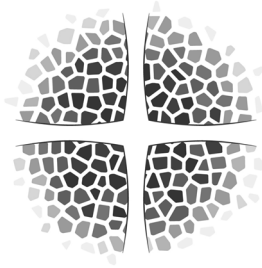
All are welcome!

Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Apr. 15	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Finding Our Way Pub Discussion, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
Tuesday, Apr. 16	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library and Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Apr. 17	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, St. John's Library
		Sustaining Grace Informational Meeting, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Apr. 18	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite
	1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Apr. 19	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Jane Gelle, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Jane Gelle, Sanctuary
	2:30 p.m.	Prep - Mission Morning, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 20	9:00 a.m.	Mission Morning, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Apr. 21	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Accompany Welcome Lunch, St. John's Hall



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*