



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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

(8:30) ON DUNLAP'S CREEK

James Biery

Jeremiah Knudson, organ

(10:45) ON HYFRYDOL

J. Bert Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 392

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

*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

☐ Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Protected and Loved”

Michael Morris

I have the Spirit, I have the Son, I'm sanctified by what he's done. I have a Father in heav'n above, I am protected, I am loved. I have a light that will not fail, in darkest night, in wind and hail. I know that I shall see the sun. I am protected. I am loved. The Lord is good to me. He blessed and set me free. The Lord wants me to see a world full of beauty. I have the way. I have the word. I hope and pray that you have heard the good news of Jesus because you are protected, you are loved. I have a joy deep in my heart, and so I sing of the fresh start that Jesus brings to everyone. We are protected. We are loved.

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

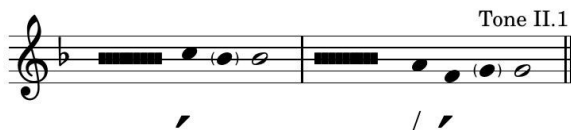
Children's Message

First Reading — Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Pew Bible, page 885; Spark Story Bible, page 500

After the reading:

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 👏 **Thanks be to God.**

(8:30) **Psalmody** — Psalm 1



¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the council of the wicked,

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of / the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**

and they meditate on God's teach - / ing day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,

with leaves that do not wither; everything they do / shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;**

they are like chaff which the / wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes.

nor the sinner in the council of / the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**

but the way of the wicked / shall be destroyed.

After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- 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 — John 17:6-19**

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 655

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

*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:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** 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) "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

arr. Sarah Quartel

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations, I hear the real though far-off tune that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it, and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it. The peace of love makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; all things are mine in love and joy! How can I keep from singing!

- Robert Lowry

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "The Earth Adorned"

arr. John Helgen

*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!**

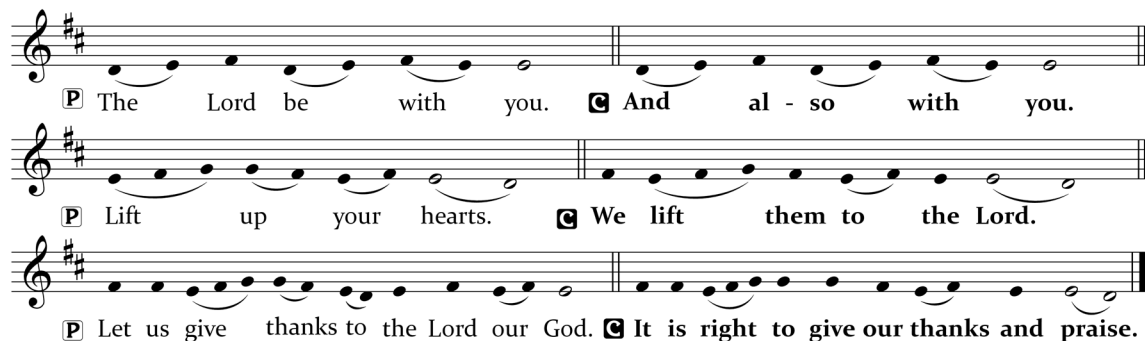
*Offering Prayer

☐ 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

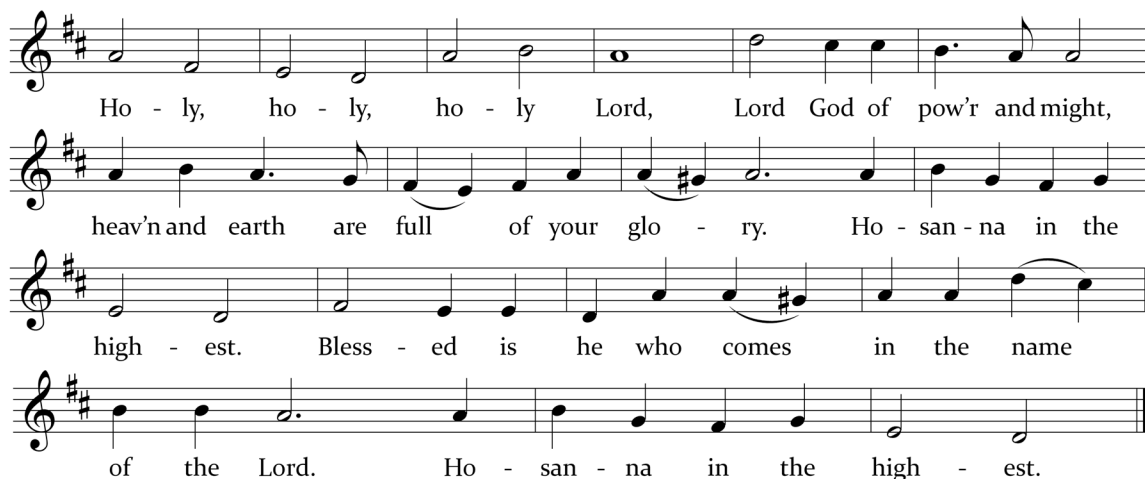


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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** — “The Earth Adorned” Waldemar Åhlén, ed. Kenneth Jennings

The earth adorned in verdant robe sends praises upward surging, while soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging. The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender, proclaiming summer splendor. From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its song now raises, to join with all the universe in voicing thankful praises. With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation in praise of God’s creation. O God, amid these joys of life, creation’s glory beaming, grant us the grace to keep your word and live in love redeeming. All flesh is grass, the flowers fade, and time is fleeting ever; God’s word remains forever.

– tr. Carolyn and Kenneth Jennings

Hymn — ELW No. 361

“The Day of Resurrection!”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ 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

*(8:30) **Choral Benediction** — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Peter Lutkin

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 826 “Thine the Amen”

***Dismissal**

- ℒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☞ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- ℒ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — on THINE Kristina Langlois



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Diane Melbye
Organists	(8:30) Jeremiah Knudson, Music Intern Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Soloist	(8:30) Taylor Dirks, Music Intern
Communion Prep	Jill Enestvedt, David and Debby Nitz
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters	(8:30) Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand, Mary Ellen North (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Diane Melbye, Ted and Tricia Peterson
Refreshments	Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand, Tricia Peterson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson
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 (May 19):

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 † Psalm 104 † Romans 8:22-27 † John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (May 12)

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)

Next Week (May 19)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Shirley Tollefson from her four daughters. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available dates: June 16, 23 & 30 and August 4, 11, 18 & 25.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, May 26

This summer from Memorial Day, May 26, through Defeat of Jesse James Days, September 8, we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship following the service.

St. John's Forum: Trends in the Christian Church and a Third Way Forward

Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Post WWII Christianity has been in decline in America since the 1950s, in both numbers and influence, for multiple reasons. One thing seems clear: since the formation of the Imperial Church under the Roman Empire in the fourth century, there has been an ongoing dispute that has resulted in two gospels: the Personal Gospel, as in, “Have you accepted Jesus as your personal savior,” and the Social Gospel, freeing the oppressed from discriminatory social structures and systems. These two perceptions within Christianity have been, in more recent times, torn apart by what has been identified as Political/Fundamentalist Evangelicals who have taken moral piety to the extreme and demonized those not in strict agreement. The result has been that Christians without a well-anchored faith have become frightened, confused, and sometimes harmed, and are falling away from Christianity into a category some call “nones,” those without any religious affiliation. Many “nones” feel a newborn sense of freedom; however, they also feel the loss of community. We are left with the questions, “How can we attract them into the fold of a more tempered form of Christianity?” and, “How might that more tempered form take shape?” Join St. John's member Gary Engstrom as he offers learnings from a recent Elder Collegium class and a potential “third way” for the Church to move forward.

Church Softball League Games—No Game This Evening

Next Game Sunday, May 19, 8:10 p.m., Sechler 2

St. John's vs. UCC

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

Wellspring Circle

Wellspring Circle is for women younger than boomer age. The next meetings are Mondays, May 13 and June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in St. John's Library. We are currently using the ELCA Faith Lens blog to guide our discussions. <https://blogs.elca.org/faithlens/>.

Announcements (continued)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! In the last month, your generosity has allowed St. John's to give:

- Over \$10,000 to the Community Action Center food shelf.
- \$1,000 to the Augusta Victoria Hospital's vital ministry with refugees from the Gaza War.
- \$1,000 to Lutheran World Relief.
- Our first Sustaining Grace gift to Ruth's House of Hope: \$5,050 to provide efficient and comfortable air conditioning to women and children in temporary shelter.

St. John's Volunteer Day for Habitat for Humanity Saturday, May 18, located at 501 Ford St., Northfield

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.

Sacred Sites Tour Update

There are 10 people from St. John's signed up for the Sacred Sites Tour. It will be Saturday morning, June 1, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will meet at Bethel Lutheran Church at 8:30 a.m. to share rides. We will join others at the Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul. Our first site is Fort Snelling in St. Paul, then the Dakota Internment Camp and finishing at 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 the schedule and lesson materials go to www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/womens-small-groups or scan the QR Code.



Reminder of Deadlines

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (June 2024 Edition): Due by May 15

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and *The Voice* to Leah Garlie electronically via email to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

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, Audrey Moe, Roberta Morse

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Emese Posfay (mother of Eva Posfay)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, 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

VaLois Mandsager, Richard Olson

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

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 645-4429.

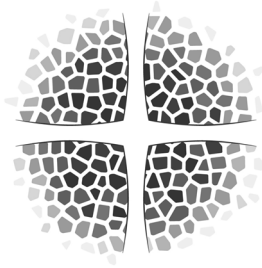
Prayer Chain Requests

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

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, May 13	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
Tuesday, May 14	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Parents Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, May 15	3:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Evening Knitters, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, May 16	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite Executive Committee via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, May 17	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 18		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 19	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i> Worship, Sanctuary



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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.*