



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 12, 2025 † 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 — “. . . the heavens were opened . . .” (Baptism Dance)

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 310

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

G Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

G **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty,
or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to
scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair
your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

G Amen.

*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, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through 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 43:1-7

Pew Bible, page 585

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 29:2-5, 7, 9-11

Antiphon: Robert Hobby; Tone: Kevin Vogt

Antiphon: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.



²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a¹ voice of splendor.
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the¹ cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹dars of Lebanon. *Antiphon*

⁷The voice¹ of the LORD
bursts forth in¹ lightning flashes.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the¹ forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are¹ crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-¹evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless-¹ings of peace. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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.

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

📖 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

📖 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 306

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

*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

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

David Cherwien

***Offering Hymn — “What Child Is This” stanza 3**

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

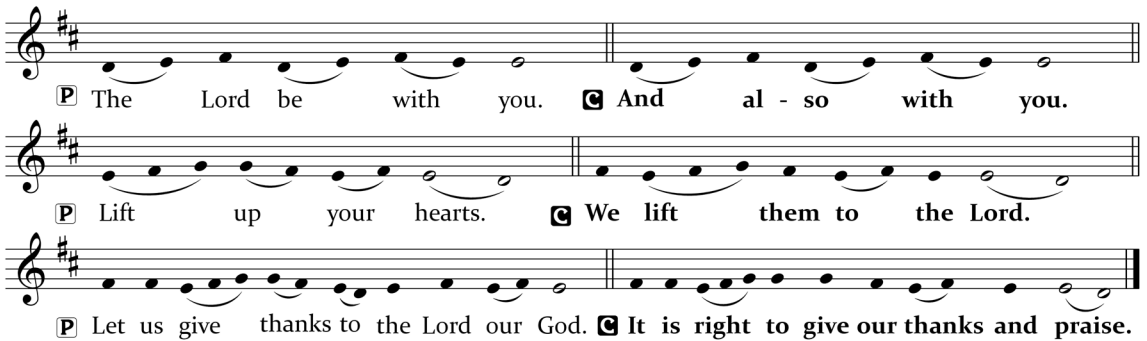
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

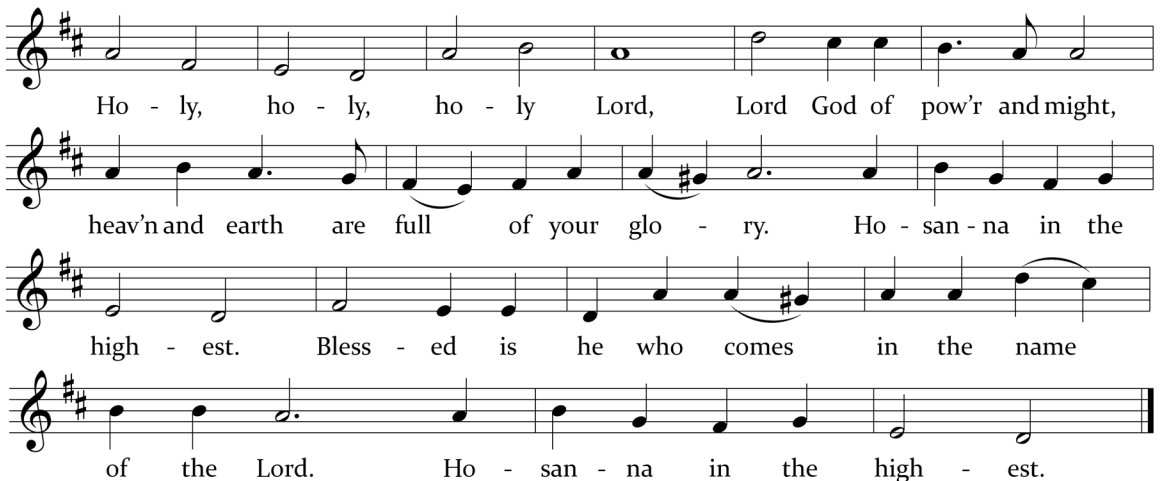


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

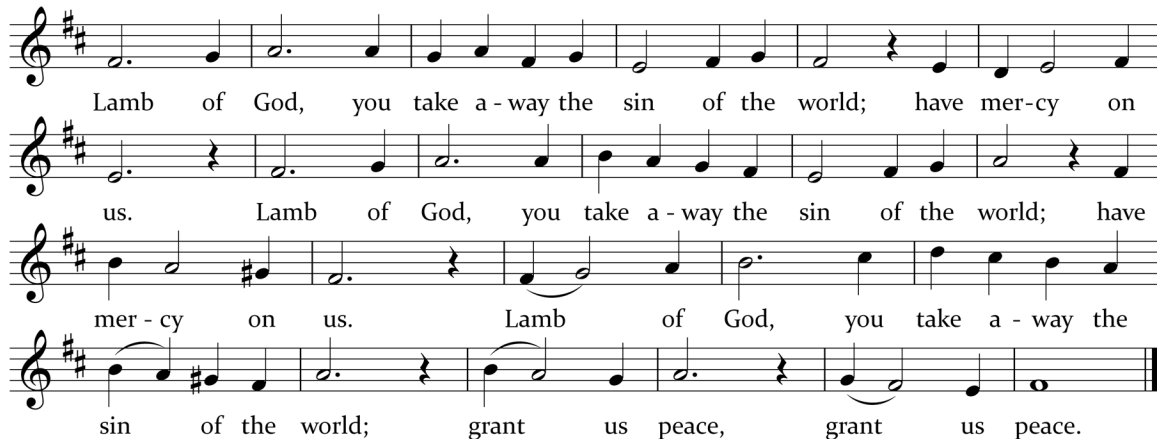
*The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Hymn — ELW No. 445

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Hymn — ELW No. 494

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 304

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude



Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 19):

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 † Psalm 36:5-10 † 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 † John 2:1-11

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	(8:30) Dan and Carrie Dauner (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece, Cox family
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Janell Martin, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBoom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 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)

Toddler Time (9:45–10:30 a.m., Room 14)

Next Week (January 19)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by friends by St. John's. 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: January 26 and February 2, 9, 16 & 23.

We welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services next Sunday, January 19. This is a long-standing and deeply beloved tradition at St. John's as we welcome the choir back to the place of its birth and are blessed by their wonderful leadership and music. A reception in honor of the choir will be held between services in St. John's Hall.

Haven't Returned a 2025 Stewardship Card?

The stewardship team still welcomes your response to indicate your intentions for giving in 2025. Pledges help our leadership plan for the year ahead and can be a spiritual exercise as you think about all that God has given you. Respond with a card, electronically with the QR code here, or by emailing Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. THANK YOU!



Rice County Habitat for Humanity Still Needs Lunch Providers

Rice County Habitat for Humanity is looking for lunch providers in January. Meals are needed to feed the home building crews while they work at the Twin Oaks Court, Faribault location. The days still in need of a lunch provider are 1/14, 1/16, 1/25, 1/28, & 1/30. Here is the [link to sign up](#). The website gives instructions about what to bring. If you have additional questions, contact Jodi Wagner, Community Coordinator, at 507-403-7868 or habitatricecounty.org. Thank you!

Out'n About

Monday, January 27, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Out'n About is thrilled to announce that Professor Charles Woodward will be joining us as our first speaker. Professor Woodward's talk is titled *New Views of the Cosmos From Your James Webb Telescope: Wonders and Mysteries*. Dr. "Chick" Woodward is a Professor in the Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics at the University of Minnesota. Our second speaker will be Logan Wells who grew up in Northfield. He will speak on "From Bridgewater School to KYMN News Director." Logan grew up in Northfield and attended Bridgewater School and Arcadia. Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 and payable the day of the event (cash or check only). The \$15 includes speaker, coffee/treats, and Hideaway Vault bag lunch.

Announcements (continued)

Sunday Hospitality: Ushers Needed

Currently we are short two ushers for the team that serves on the 3rd Sundays of the month at the 10:45 a.m. service. Please consider if you are able to help serve our church in this way. Being on an usher team is not a huge time commitment—just one Sunday a month. Contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (February 2025 Edition): Due by January 15

Children and Youth

We take a break from Sunday school and Youth Gathering on January 19 and from Wednesday programs, January 22, due to Northfield schools' January break.

Third Grade Catechism Retreat, Saturday, January 25

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited to attend a Catechism retreat on the Sacrament of Communion, Saturday, January 25, 9:00–11:00 a.m. in St. John's Hall. If you are unable to attend, please email Julie Brehmer at children@stjohnsnorthfield.org

Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations are Now Open

Good Earth Village, located in Spring Valley, has opened the 2025 summer registration site online. Check out the schedule and registration fees on Good Earth Village's website at <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. St. John's gifts each camper a portion of the fee.

Check out these Registration Discounts:

- The Super Early Bird discount of 20% goes until January 26 with code SUPEREARLY2025
- Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025

Does your camper want to attend more than one summer camp session? Each additional tier-priced reservation can receive a 25% multi-week discount with code MULTI2025. (Only one discount code per registration.)

Summer 2025 Summer Trip

This summer's trip will be backpacking (for high school) and camping & hiking (for middle school) at Christikon in Montana. Youth and chaperones from St. John's, St. Peter's, and First UCC will adventure in the mountains July 19–27. Sign up by February 15!

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

Bill Carlson, Darlene Hand, Fred Huemoeller, Carol Schoen,
Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of John Ferguson
Family of Esther Mtutui (mother of Emmanuel Kaghondi)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Cynthia Neubecker, Scott Quinnell,
Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Kathy Vang, Ingrid Alberding

All who are homebound, including

David Halsor, Bob Flaten

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

Call 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, January 15:
Chicken Pot Pie

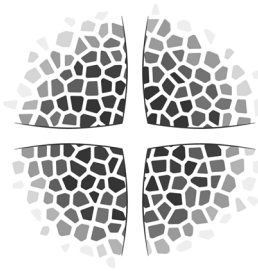
All are welcome!

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Jan. 13	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow
Tuesday, Jan. 14	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall WELCA Executive Meeting, St. John's Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Jan. 15	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8) High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, Jan. 16	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Executive Committee via Zoom
Friday, Jan. 17	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 18		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Jan. 19	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship with St. Olaf Choir, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.) Worship with St. Olaf Choir, Sanctuary



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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
David Sims, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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.*