



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 9, 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** — “Affettuoso” from Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 J. S. Bach  
*Ruth Bretheim Aaseng, flute; Judy Mason, recorder; Jane Rinehart, cello*

## Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Oh, How I Love Jesus” Frederick Whitfield  
*Alleluia Choir*

**Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 413 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

## \*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

- ☐ Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

(8:30) **Anthem** — “I’m Gonna Follow the Son” Michael Morris

*I’m gonna walk in the Light of Jesus, I’m gonna follow the Son! I’m gonna go where the good Lord leads us, grateful for what he has done! I’m gonna tell everyone the story of the Good News and the God of Glory! I’m gonna walk in the Way of Jesus, I’m gonna follow the Son! I’m gonna walk with him every season, celebrating kingdom come! I’m gonna sing, gonna praise his name! He washes away all my sin and shame! I’m gonna walk in the truth of Jesus, I’m gonna follow the Son! My Redeemer gives me every reason to believe heaven has won! I’m gonna dance while I live my life, he prepares my place in paradise!*

*Jubilate Choir*

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

with Installation of Council and Board Members

### First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In 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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The 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.” <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

### \*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 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🎤 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎤 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 358

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

(8:30) \*Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

*The Triune God proclaims Valerie Josephine Kastner as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Valerie’s parents are Emily and Colton Kastner, and her sponsors are Courtney Brockman and Nick Lockrem.*

### **Presentation**

People of God, do you promise to support Valerie  
and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

**\*Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 229*

**\*Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

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*(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)*

**\*Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

**Baptism**

**Welcome**

**Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”

**\*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) "Come, Follow Me"

arr. John Leavitt

*"Come follow me" said Christ the Lord, "all in my way abiding; your selfishness throw overboard, obey my call and guiding. Oh, bear your crosses and confide in my example as your guide. I am the Light, I light the way, a godly life displaying; I help you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying. I am the Way, and well I show how you should journey here below." Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to his word, in suffering be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heavenly life obtain.*

– Johann Scheffler; tr. Charles Schaeffer, 1813–1896

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "Intermezzo"

Hermann Schroeder

\*Offering Hymn — "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" stanza 1

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**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

## \*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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



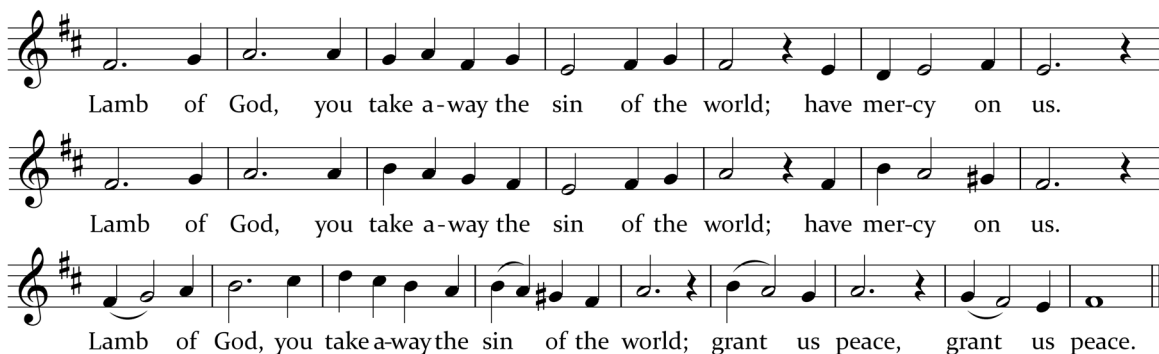
## \*The Lord's Prayer

**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) Trio Sonata in G Major: Andante, Largo

J. J. Quantz

Hymn — ELW No. 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

(10:45) Hymn — ELW No. 847

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Nourishing God, at this table you have  
refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
☩ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 575

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

**\*Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
☩ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

(8:30) Trio Sonata in G Major: Vivace  
(10:45) Chaconne

J. J. Quantz  
Louis Couperin



### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 16):**

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

Jeremiah 17:5-10 † Psalm 1 † 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 † Luke 6:17-26

## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Kristin Partlo
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Brenda Jo Nelson; (10:45) Pellinen Family
Organist	Dan Dauner
Instrumentalists	Ruth Bretheim Aaseng, flute; Judy Mason, recorder Jane Rinehart, cello
Choirs	(8:30) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director (8:30) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director (8:30) St. John's Chorale
Guest Conductor	(8:30) Matthew Olson
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Mary Ellen North; (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Craig Schultz, Doug Johnson
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece, Craig Schultz, Doug Johnson
Counters	TBD
Ushers	(8:30) Jon and Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan, Emmett, and Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny

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## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (February 9)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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 (February 16)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

St John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., 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)

# Announcements

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of my husband Chuck Jacobson by Marilyn Jacobson. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available Dates: February 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30.

## **The Carter Door**

Rice County Habitat for Humanity has delivered the "Carter Door" to St. John's to have on display through Sunday, February 16. The Carter Door is a commemoration of the countless contributions that President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalyn Carter made to Habitat for Humanity organizations around the globe for nearly four decades. All are invited to pay personal tribute to the Carters by signing your name or writing a personal message on this door. After its stay at St. John's it will move on to another location in the county.

## **St. John's Forum**

**Sunday, February 16, 9:45 a.m.**

*Ascending the Mountain: Genesis 22 in Jewish and Christian Interpretations* with Jason Ripley

God's command in Genesis 22 for Abraham to sacrifice Isaac is viewed by many as one of the more terrifying texts of the Bible, and yet it is also often upheld as the pinnacle of faithfulness. In this forum presentation, we will engage in a close reading of this short passage and the questions it poses, and then explore how the Jewish and Christian interpretive traditions have variously grappled with this powerful text. Professor Ripley, an associate professor of Religion at St. Olaf College, is also a member of St. John's.

**"Revelation Unveiled: An Enduring Hope"** is a new Bible study on the book of Revelation, facilitated by Julie Zdenek, using as a reference her father's notes and lectures on the subject (which he taught here at St. John's in the early 1990s) as well as *Revelation for the Rest of Us* by Scott McKnight. It will be an eight week study, on Zoom, Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. probably starting in early February. Please contact Julie if you are interested: [julie.zdenek@gmail.com](mailto:julie.zdenek@gmail.com) or 618-698-4870.

## **Rice County Habitat for Humanity Needs Lunch Providers for February**

There is a need for meal providers for the home building crews at the Twin Oaks Court, Faribault location. If you are able to bring a hot lunch to share with them, they would really appreciate it! There are sign-up slots available for Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays throughout February. The website gives instructions about what to bring. Our crew is usually under ten people at a time, and lunch is served indoors with electricity provided as needed. Contact Jodi Wagner, Community Coordinator, at 507-403-7868 or [habitatricecounty.org](http://habitatricecounty.org).

# Announcements (continued)

## **A Grace-Based Approach to Anti-Racism**

ELCA members from the Cannon River conference of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod are gathering to learn and build capacity for doing the work of inclusion with the Tending the Garden project. Led by the ELCA group Just Move, members of ten different congregations will take part in two retreats and monthly Zoom gatherings. Leaders Dave Scherer and Joe Davis use poetry, music, conversation, and self-reflection to help us connect our faith with the issues of race, privilege, and equity in our communities. The St. John's Council is providing funding through the Foundation to allow St. John's members to take part. There is no cost to members, but participants should commit to both retreats and more than half of the monthly sessions. Contact one of the pastors for more information or to connect with other participants.

- Opening In-Person Retreat: Sunday, February 23 from 2:00–6:00 p.m. Good Earth Village is an option for a meeting location. (Backup date for Opening Retreat: Saturday, March 22)
- Closing Retreat: Saturday, September 27 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

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

## **Children and Youth**

### **Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations are Now Open**

#### **Northfield Week is June 22–27**

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:

- Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025
- Early Bird discount of 10% goes until March 2 with code EARLY2025

### **Valentine's Party, Sunday, February 9 during Sunday School**

PreK–5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a Valentine's Party today during our regular Sunday school time. Enjoy games, treats, crafts, and a service project with a Valentine's theme. Parents are welcome to attend too. Hope you'll be part of the fun!

### **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*

Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Hand, Fred Huemoeller, Jo Kleber,  
Sue Renander, Carol Schoen, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

*Those celebrating the baptism*

Valerie Kastner, daughter of Emily and Colton Kastner

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Gloria Rust (mother of Nancy Kluver)  
Family of Roger Ellickson (brother of Jim Ellickson)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson,  
Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Kathy Vang

*All who are homebound, including*

Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*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.

# Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, February 12:  
*Chicken Stuffing Casserole*

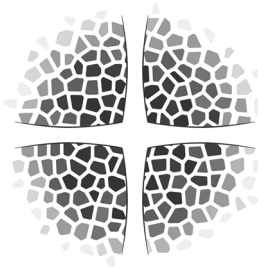
**All are welcome!**

*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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Feb. 10</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 11</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, St. John's Hall
		S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	12:00 p.m.	Northfield Garden Club, St. John's Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings (Board Orientation), St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 12</b>	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten - Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Faith & Politics Discussion Group Gathering, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Feb. 13</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	4:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Feb. 14</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Feb. 15</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Feb. 16</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	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.*