



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 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 — Variations on “Earth, Earth, Awake!”

Robert Powell

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Because God Planned It So”

Buryl Red

*Why do birds build nests each spring, out of twigs and mud and things, then lay
tiny eggs within? Because God planned it so. Why are skies a soft blue, morning grass
all wet with dew, the sun is warm, but not the moon? Because God planned it so.*

*Why do bees and ants have stings, butterflies have lovely wings?
These are things we can explain: because God planned it so.*

– Bill Leach

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 937

“Earth, Earth, Awake!”

***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**

☐ O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant,
make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work
among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Jesus Is Alive!”

Michael Morris

Jesus is alive! He is risen indeed! It's time we testify about the Nazarene. Now he sits on high and reigns eternally. Heaven is the prize for all he has redeemed. Ain't no soul so lost that it can't never e'er be found, not so long as Jesus Christ is the one with the crown. Ain't no thing can separate us from our God above. Ain't no call for hate when we worship the Lord of Love. Ain't no sin so dirty that he cannot wash us clean. By his grace the hurts we hide can heal. Have faith. Be free. — Michael Morris

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Acts 9:36-43

Spark Story Bible, page 520

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²sing-

ing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 10:22-30

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 669

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

*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) "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

Sung in loving memory of Dr. Kenneth Jennings on his 100th birthday.

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

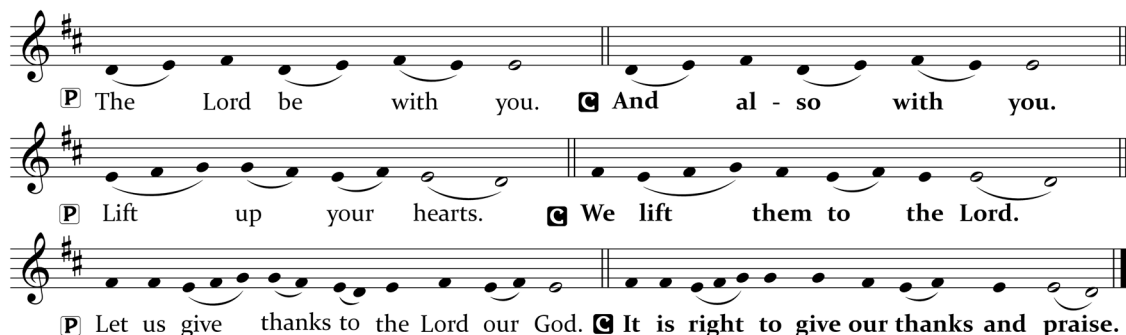
☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Risen One,**

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

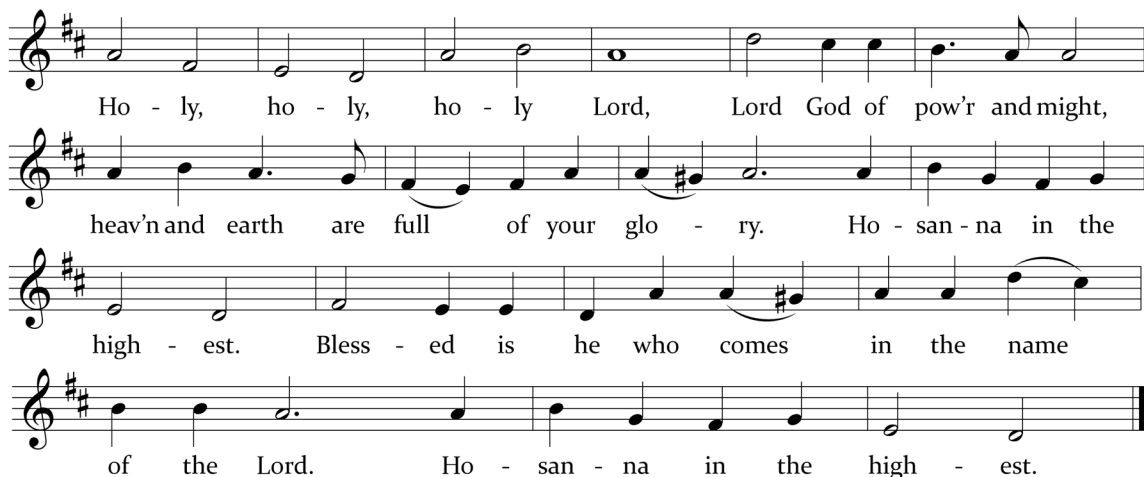


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 — “Beati Quorum Via”

Charles V. Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.
Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
– Psalm 119:1

Hymn — ELW No. 851

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Hymn — ELW No. 764

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☞ **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. 502 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Stanza 1 — all
Stanza 2 — treble voices
Stanza 3 — bass voices
Stanzas 4-6 — all

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Finale” from *Das Holsteinische Orgelbüchlein* Hans Micheelsen



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Julie Zdenek (10:45) Pippa Younger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (8:30) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director (8:30) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Soloist	(8:30) Abby Carter, Church Music Intern
Communion Prep	Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Vicki Otis
Greeters	(8:30) Gerri Licke and Patrice Nordstrand (10:45) TBD
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Dan Franklin, Janell Martin
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 18):

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 † Psalm 148 † Revelation 21:1-6 † John 13:31-35

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (May 11)

“Spring into Summer” Event, 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 18)

Debt-Free St. John’s Celebration, Outdoors at St. John’s

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Mark and Terry Rydberg. 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), contact Leah Garlie. Next available dates: June 1 & 8 and July 20 & 27.

"Spring into Summer" Event

Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

"Spring into Summer" with an intergenerational event to celebrate the last day of Sunday School. Including fun activities like building a birdhouse, creating seed bombs, boat racing, cotton candy, hiking sticks, games, and more! Plus, delicious strawberry desserts! Hope to see you there!

Lower Level Project Starts This Week

Tomorrow, work will begin to replace the tile on the downstairs level in classrooms and hallways (not the Fellowship Hall). Groups that use the lower level should be advised that entering Fellowship Hall will be easiest from the outside doors. If you use the elevator to the lower level, be mindful that accessibility can change from day to day until the project is complete. This is one of our Sustaining Grace projects to update the "new" wing of St. John's. Thanks for your support!

Celebrating a Debt-Free St. John's!

May marks the first month that St. John's will no longer be making a mortgage payment! We paid our last obligation to Thrivent in April for the loan that built St. John's Hall. To celebrate this milestone, you're invited to a brief outdoor celebration on **Sunday, May 18**. We'll give thanks for the vision that built St. John's Hall, the work to retire the second mortgage with the Unbinding Campaign, and the ongoing generosity of this congregation that has brought us to this day.

Church Softball League Double Header Next Sunday at Sechler 1

Sunday, May 18, 6:00 p.m., St. John's vs. St. Dominic White / 7:05 p.m., St. John's vs. Cornerstone

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, go to

<https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

Organ Recital at St. John's

Sunday, May 18, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Featuring organist Stephen May and soloist Abby Carter and music by Bach, Buxtehude, Scheidt, and Rheinberger.

Hymn Sing at NRC

Pastor Charles Anderson is celebrating his 65th anniversary of ordination on **Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m. at the Northfield Retirement Center Chapel**. All are invited to praise God with some favorite hymns together.

Announcements (continued)

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, May 25

This summer from Memorial Day, May 25, through Defeat of Jesse James Days, September 7, we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship following the service.

High School Senior Recognition Sunday – June 15

On Sunday, June 15, we will recognize our High School Seniors and bless them on their road ahead. Following worship, we will host a brunch for High School Seniors and their families. Please join us in worship on June 15 to celebrate and congratulate them!

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* (June 2025 Edition): Due by May 15

Children and Youth

Grades K–5 are invited to the YMCA on Wednesday, May 14, for our End of the Year Celebration!

The Wednesday after-school buses will pick up at the elementary schools as they normally do. Once kids arrive at St. John's, the bus will take us to the "Y." All kids are invited even if they did not participate in Wednesday after-school programs. Here's the plan:

- 3:40 p.m.: Bus leaves for the "Y" from St. John's (east side by the playground)
- 4:00–5:15 p.m.: Kids can play in the gym and/or the pool—bring your swimsuit!
- 5:15 p.m.: Parent pick up at the YMCA (1501 Honeylocust Dr.)

Please let Julie know if your child will not be attending if they usually ride the after-school bus. Parents, let [Julie Brehmer](#) know if you are willing to chaperone.

Road Trip: On the Go with God!

VBS is hosted by St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches and Emmaus Church.

When: Monday, June 9–Thursday, June 12, from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Ages: Entering K–Grade 3, Fall 2025

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/child; \$30/family, payable the first day of VBS

Scan the QR code to register.



5th and 6th Grade Bridge Event

Wednesday, May 28, 5:30–7:30 p.m., St. John's

As 5th graders prepare to move to middle school next year, they'll have lots of questions. They will also be moving from Children's programming at St. John's to Youth programming. Likewise, 6th grade students are finishing up a big year of changes. We'll get together with pizza, games, and a chance for 5th and 6th graders to connect around this time of transition.

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

Marie Benson, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ellen North, Kent Rommereim,
Jenn Cohorst, Lainey Smith (granddaughter of Dodie and Gordie Mickelsen)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, David Halsor

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

Contact one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

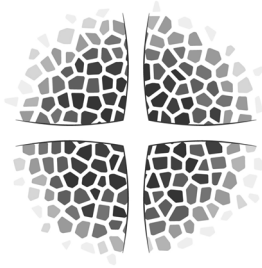
Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.



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 12	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, May 13	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
	5:30 p.m.	“Revelation Unveiled: An Enduring Hope” via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John’s Hall
Wednesday, May 14	9:00 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John’s Library
	11:15 a.m.	Personnel Committee, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John’s
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, May 15	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, May 16	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 17		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 18	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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Arturo Rosas, *Custodial Associate*
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.*