

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 19, 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 — “Come, Holy Spirit”

Cathy Moglebust

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 786

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

*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

- ☐ Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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 — Acts 2:1-21

Spark Story Bible, page 502

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 104

Setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain: (first time: cantor, then all singing)

Send forth your spir - it, O God, send forth your spir - it, O God,
and re - new the earth, re - new the earth, send forth your spir - it, O God.

*O God, how countless are your works! By your wisdom you fashioned them all.
All the earth is filled with your creatures, oceans teem with the life you made.
All that lives looks to you in hope to give them their food in due season:
you open your hand, they feast on good things, you hide your face and they are lost.*

Refrain — all

May the glory of God endure forever and may God rejoice in all these works: God, who looks on the earth and it trembles; at the touch of God, the mountains smoke. I will sing to my God while I live; may the prayer of my heart please my Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul, praise the Holy One! Forevermore give praise to God.

Refrain — all

Second Reading — Romans 8:22-27

Pew Bible, page 919

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation — “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”** NJOO KWETO, ROHO MWEMA

Gra-cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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***Gospel — John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and

you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

- ☐ 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. 397

“Loving Spirit”

*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) "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

arr. Michael Helman

(10:45) "Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Libby Larsen

***Offering Hymn — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH**

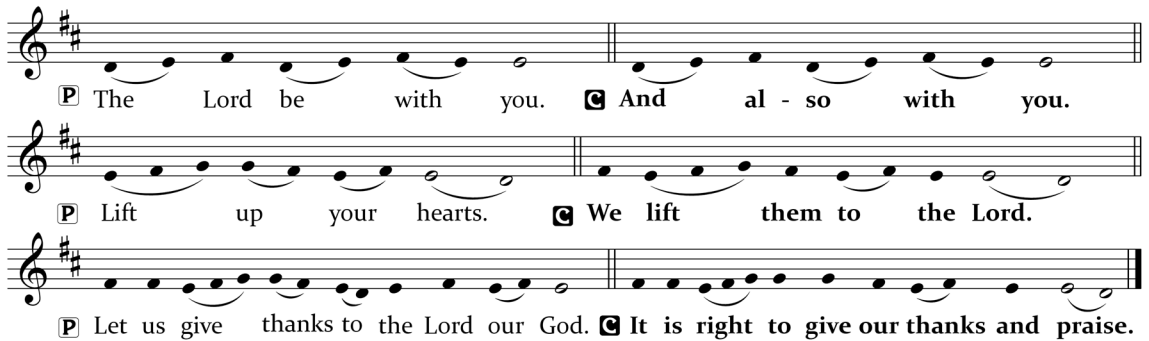
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offering Prayer

- L** Let us pray.
- C** **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

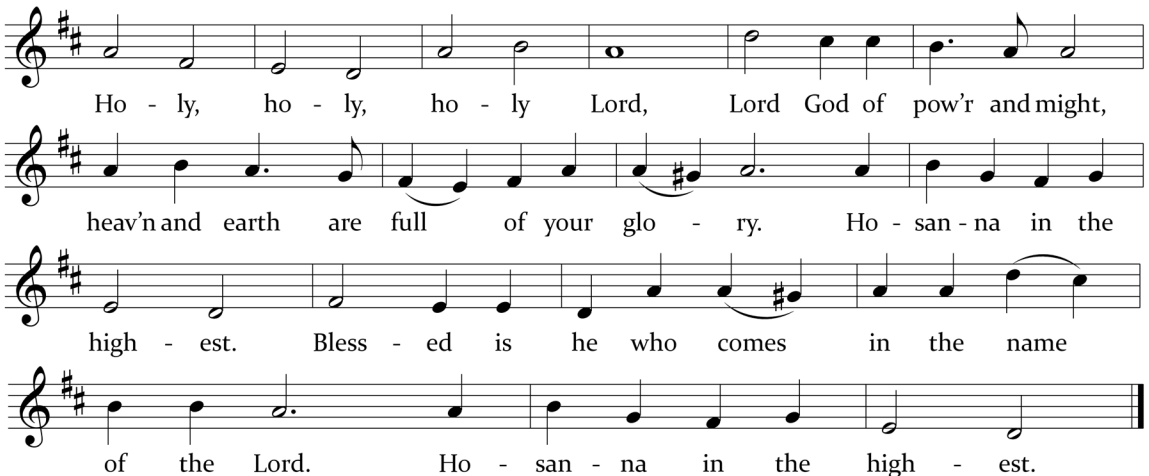


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

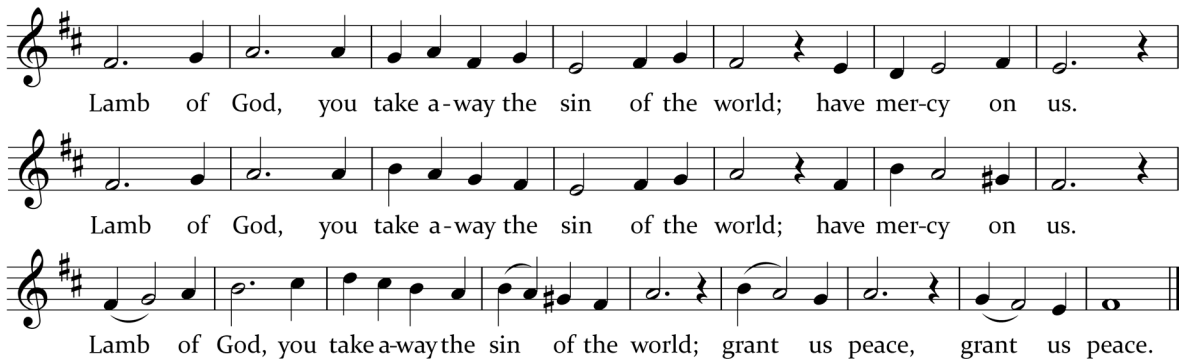
*The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Hymn — ELW No. 491

“Come, Let Us Eat”

Hymn — ELW No. 403

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

☞ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Spiritual, arr. Aaron David Miller



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Paul and Maribeth Beck (10:45) Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director Will Fecko, Music Intern
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Donna Hunecke
Counters	Reed Hagberg, Janell Martin, Vicki Otis, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

Thank You Rejoice Ringers!

Those ringing during the 2023–24 season:

Rod Christensen	Carrie Dauner
Dan Dauner	Alison Kavanaugh
Patsy Ophaug	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Jane Rinehart	Susan Rudser
Lisa Silkey	Julie Zdenek

Will Fecko, Music Intern
David Sims, Director

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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 memory Duane Benson by Marie Benson on what would have been their 58th wedding anniversary. 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. Available dates: June 23 & 30.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Next 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

Tonight, 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>.

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.



Announcements (continued)

From the Women of St. John's (WELCA)

Judy Swanson was honored Saturday, May 11, at the Cannon River WELCA Conference. Her symbol designed for WELCA has been adopted as our Synod's logo. That logo, the Water Lily, has been made into select sterling silver jewelry pieces. Today is the last day the jewelry will be available for sale. Stop by the WELCA table inside St. John's Hall between services to see the earrings, necklace, lapel pin, and charm pieces.

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.

St. John's Pride Team—Need Volunteers!

St. John's will once again have a booth at the Northfield PRIDE celebration on Saturday, June 1, from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, being at the booth during the PRIDE celebration, and taking down at the end. If you are willing to be part of St. John's presence at PRIDE this year, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at 507-645-4429 or jdavis@stjohnsnorthfield.org

A Message from the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Northfield CAC for Food Share month in March! Together, we raised well over \$10,000 to give to the food shelf. That is hope in action! May is the month we highlight our quarterly mission partner, Lutheran World Relief. LWR provides on-the-ground relief and care for those impacted by war, natural disasters and other emergencies. Right now, they have a mobile medical clinic in Ukraine serving those unable to evacuate the most war-damaged regions as well as a container home community in Turkey for those hardest hit by the earthquake in 2023. Please consider a gift to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!

The next book in the Courageous Conversations series is *The Politics of Persecution: Middle Eastern Christians in an Age of Empire* by Mitri Raheb.

The group will meet June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25 and August 8 from 4:00–5:30 p.m. on Zoom. The books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Cost is approximately \$24. Please contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to get the reading plan and Zoom link. As always, we will use the “three before me” format for our discussion.

Reminder of Deadlines

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

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, Brent Dack, Roberta Morse

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Elaine Hope

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

David and Pat Halsor, Lois Pearson

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 26):

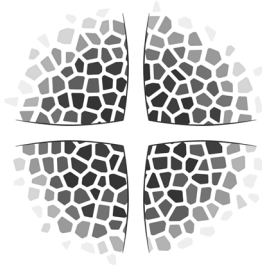
First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8 † Psalm 29 † Romans 8:12-17 † John 3:1-17

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 20	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow
Tuesday, May 21	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 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 Writing Group: "Inspired Pens", St. John's Library Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library Parents Grief Support Group, Fireside Room NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, May 22	10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
Thursday, May 23	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
Friday, May 24	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 25		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 26	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Monday, May 27		<i>Memorial Day - Church Office and Building Closed</i>



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*
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Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*
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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
David Sims and Will Fecko, *Directors 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.*