



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025 † 9:30 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** — “Festival Fanfare on IN DIR IST FREUDE”

Brenda Portman

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 933

“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”

## \*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

- ☐ Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you  
promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word,  
that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world  
you have made, 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

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 67

Antiphon: Carl Schalk

*Antiphon: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.*



<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to <sup>|</sup> us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face <sup>|</sup> shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known <sup>|</sup> upon earth,**  
**your saving health a- <sup>|</sup> mong all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>|</sup> you, O God;  
let all the <sup>|</sup> peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and <sup>|</sup> sing for joy,**  
**for you judge the peoples with equity**  
**and guide all the na- <sup>|</sup> tions on earth. Antiphon**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>|</sup> you, O God;  
let all the <sup>|</sup> peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought <sup>|</sup> forth its increase;**  
**God, our own <sup>|</sup> God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God <sup>|</sup> give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth <sup>|</sup> stand in awe. *Antiphon*

## Second Reading — Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**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.

## \*Gospel — John 14:23-29

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy

Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 582

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

*The Triune God proclaims **Addison Violet Monson** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Addison’s parents are Holly and Mark Monson, and her sponsors are Joanna and Mark Bolick.*

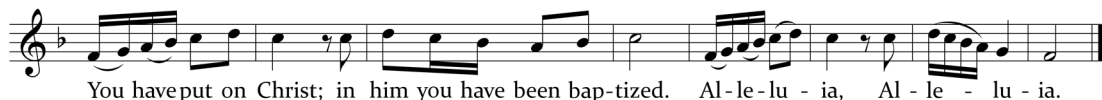
### Presentation

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

**C** We do.

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

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



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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:*

- ℒ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☞ **hear our prayer.**

#### \*Peace

- ℒ 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*  
“Pasticcio”

Jean Langlais

#### \*Offering Hymn — “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

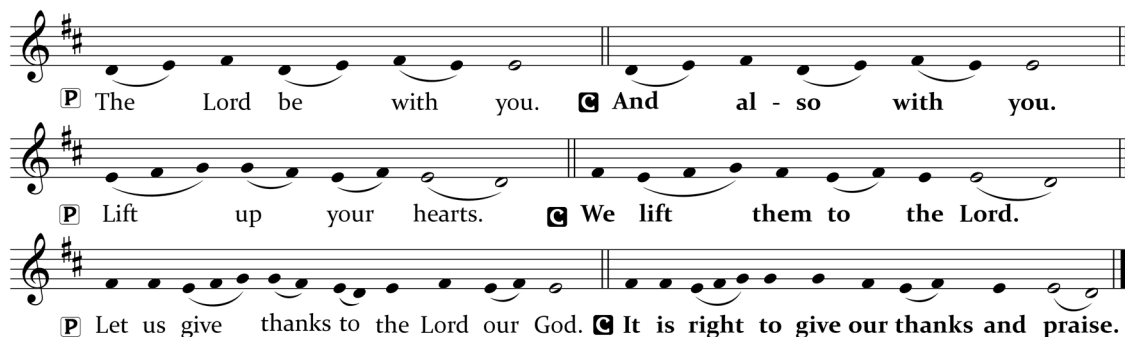
**Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav’nly blessed sing:  
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!” Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### \*Offering Prayer

- ℒ 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

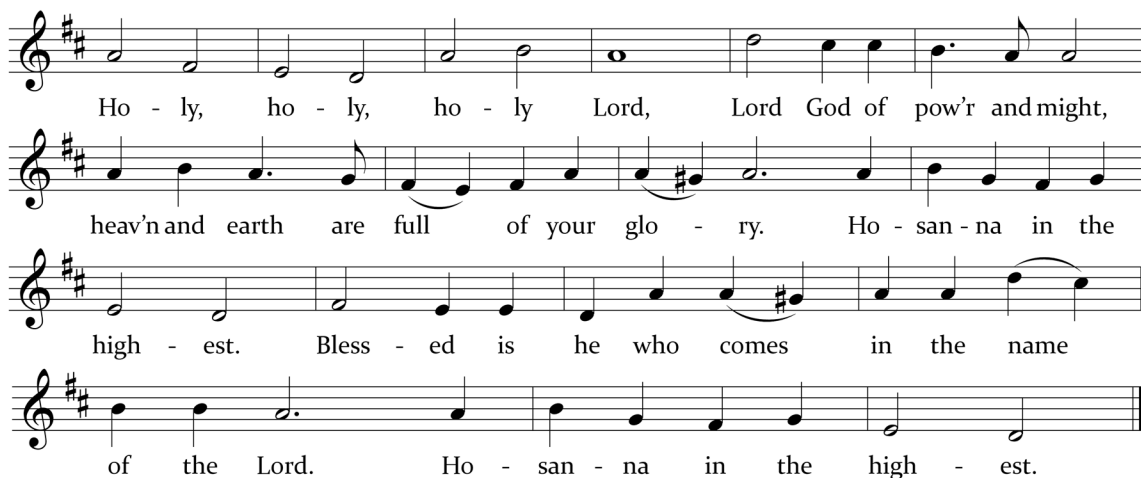


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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.

Hymn — ELW No. 423

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hymn — ELW No. 482

"I Come with Joy"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ 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

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ☞ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** — “Trumpet Tune in C Major”

David N. Johnson



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

Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Jenny Wright
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeter	Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Coffee Service	Doug Johnson, Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Kibby Errington, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	Leif Knecht, Todd Menssen, Mark Polzin, Rob Nutt

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# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Duane Benson by Marie Benson on our 60<sup>th</sup> 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), contact Leah Garlie. Next available dates: June 1 & 8 and July 20 & 27.

## **No Church Softball League Tonight**

**Next Game, Sunday, June 1, 7:05 p.m., Babcock**

***St. John's vs. River Church***

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

## **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!

## **Summer Choir Invitation**

This summer you are invited to a summer choir opportunity. On Sunday, June 15, come join your friends or try out the choir for the first time. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse and then sing for the 9:30 a.m. service. Anyone is welcome to participate! You don't have to be in the St. John's Chorale to join us.

Any questions, contact Nathan Proctor at [music@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:music@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Director of Ministry with Youth & Families Update**

Kristin Partlo is thrilled (along with staff) to share that she will be staying in the Director of Ministry with Youth & Families position for one year more than originally planned, through the 2025–2026 program year. She plans to begin her one-year internship after that in the fall of 2026 with hopes of ordination to follow. Kristin wants to thank everyone for the generous support St. John's has provided to her during her years in seminary and in her role with youth and families.

## **St. John's Pride Team—Volunteers Needed!**

St. John's will once again have a booth at the Northfield PRIDE celebration on Saturday, June 7, from 12:00–4:00 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 [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Monday, June 23, from 12:00–6:00 p.m.**

Please consider helping by donating blood at our upcoming blood drive. Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## **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* (July 2025 Edition): Due by June 15

## **Children and Youth**

### **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.

\*Volunteers Needed: Please email Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you can help.



### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bridge Event**

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

As 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are finishing up a big year of changes. We'll get together with pizza, games, and a chance for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to connect around this time of transition.

### **Drop-In Lunches at Hogan Brothers**

Youth are invited to join Kristin, one of the pastors, or another member of staff for lunch at Hogan Brothers, Wednesdays at noon, starting June 11. No sign-up necessary, but feel free to check in with Kristin. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older.

### **Contact information for Children and Youth**

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

## **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*

Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ellen North, Kent Rommereim,  
Kathy Applebee (sister of Craig Schultz), Jenn Cohorst,  
Lainey Smith (granddaughter of Dodie and Gordie Mickelsen)

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Addison Violet Monson, daughter of Holly and Mark Monson

*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*

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 1):**

### ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

**Acts 16:16-34 + Psalm 97 + Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 + John 17:20-26**

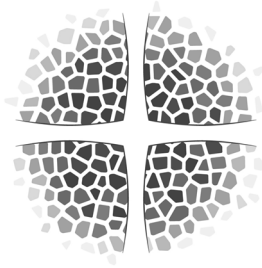
# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, May 26</b>		<i>Memorial Day - Church Office and Building Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, May 27</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 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 Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, May 28</b>	10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at NRC, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
<b>Thursday, May 29</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Book Buddies, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, May 30</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, May 31</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, June 1</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Girl Scout Troop #27500, Classroom 12 BSA Troop #7313, Fellowship Hall



**Church Building and Church Office  
will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 26,  
in observance of Memorial Day.**



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Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*  
Steve Harner, *Facility Manager*  
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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*  
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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.*