



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 2, 2024 † 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** — Galliard on “Gather Us In”

James Biery

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 532

“Gather Us 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

- ☐ Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

**First Reading** — Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

*Antiphon: Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.*



<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to | God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, | and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,  
a law of the | God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of Egypt,  
where I heard a voice I | did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder | from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you  
at the wa- | ters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:  
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!"** *Antiphon*

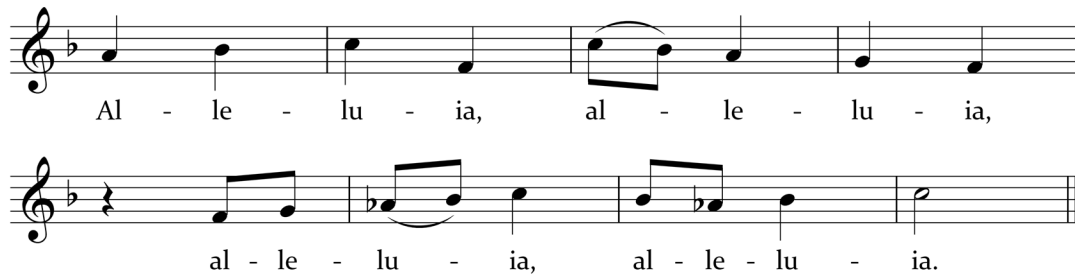
**Second Reading** — 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Gospel — Mark 2:23—3:6

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>31</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

<sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Nora Klaers  
Clara Menssen

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 524

“What Is This Place”

## \*The 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.

## \*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*

Sarabande and Gavotte from *Holberg Suite*

Edvard Grieg

**\*Offering Hymn — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** OLD HUNDREDTH

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

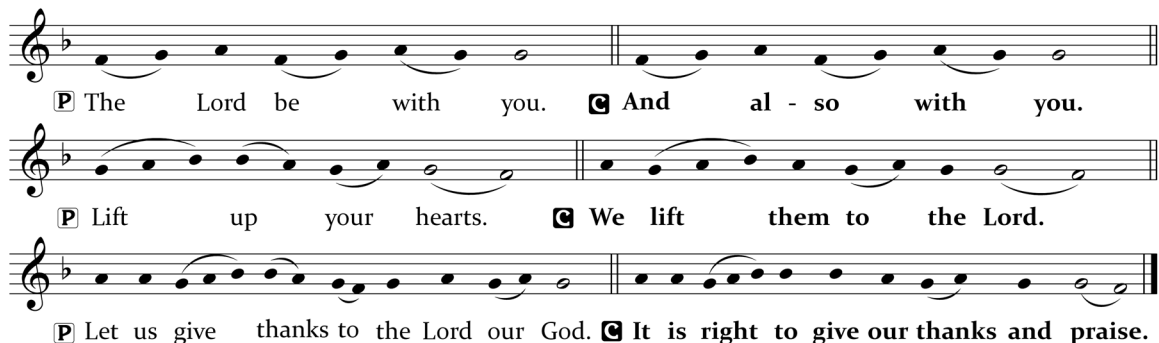
**\*Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

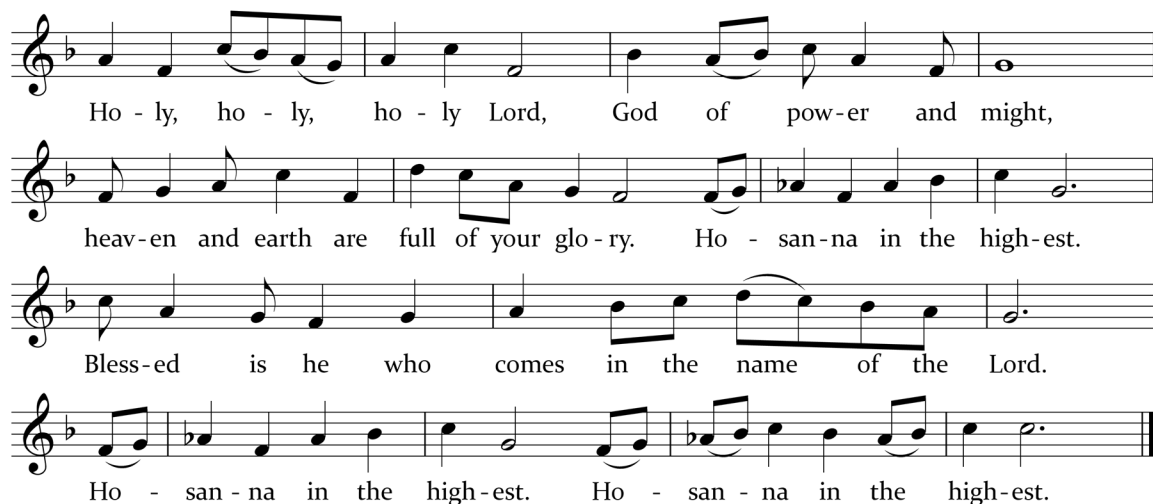


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*Words of Institution





**\*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 and Sending of High School Seniors

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 543

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.*

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — Voluntary in F Major

F. Melius Christiansen



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

Preaching	Nora Klaers and Clara Menssen
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	High School Graduates
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Kristin Partlo
Communion Service	Gerri Licke, Judy Smith
Greeters	Mary Ellen North
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson, Karen Schuette
Refreshments	Gordie and Dodie Mickelsen
Nursery	Emma Kmoch
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, David Nitz
Ushers	Cindy Clauson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow

### **Congratulations to Our Graduating High School Seniors!**

*William Becker, Erik Boehning, Natalie DeGrego, Madison Hansen,  
Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson, Nora Klaers, Simon Lippert,  
Ava Little, Evan Loe, Cora McBroom, Clara Menssen,  
Katherine Organ, Samuel Swedin, Jake Tanghe, Mason Vatter*

These seniors will be honored at a lunch following the service today.  
We are proud of all of their accomplishments and  
wish them grace and peace for their journeys ahead.

St. John's High School Graduates receive a quilt from St. John's.  
We hope that each time they use their quilts they  
remember how much their St. John's family loves them!  
Thank you to Sue Brockman, Tricia Peterson, and Julie Brehmer  
for helping construct the quilts.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Gordie and Dodie Mickelsen in celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as members of St. John's. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available dates: June 23 & 30 and August 18 & 25.

**After the worship service, please join Gordie and Dodie for coffee and cake in the Commons.**

## **Church Softball League Games**

**Tonight, 7:05 p.m., Sechler 2**

***St. John's vs. Methodist***

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

## **Pub Theology Summer Theme—*Humbler Faith, Bigger God***

**Beginning Tomorrow, June 3, 6:30–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow**

Pub Theology will return to its weekly schedule (except for a few here and there) on Mondays. This summer we will walk through the topics of Sam Wells's new book *Humbler Faith, Bigger God: Finding a Story to Live By*. In this book, Sam Wells tries to speak to the skepticism and doubts of people by addressing ten difficult questions about Christianity. Questions like: *Is Christianity just a fairytale for the young? Can faith and science co-exist? Why is there so much suffering in the world? Is Christianity just one faith path among many?* Each week we will discuss these questions. Reading the book for each week is not a requirement, but it might help. If you would like to purchase this book, please reach out to Content Bookstore. If you would like to be added to our Pub Theology e-mail list, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **St. John's Summer Suppers are Back**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board will organize gatherings of 6–10 people connected with St. John's on Sunday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 24. Summer suppers are a relaxing way to grow your connections in the congregation over a meal in the home or backyard of the hosts. Look for sign-up opportunities for both hosts and guests in early June.

## **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.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **St. John's Building Tour**

**Sunday, June 9, following Worship (10:30 a.m.), Meet in the Commons**

Have you ever wondered about the location of various rooms in our church such as the Sunday School classrooms, the Youth Room, Fellowship Hall, the Game Room, the choir and music rooms, or the even the 42-seat movie theater and what they look like? Are you interested in viewing and learning more about the numerous works of art we have decorating our spaces? Or in seeing the rope that's pulled to ring the giant bell on Sunday morning? Would you like to know where all of those hallways and stairs in our building lead? All who are curious are invited to join Pastor Pam on a tour of our spacious, multi-level church building! An elevator is available to access all 3 levels.

## **Summer Choir Invitation**

This summer you are invited to two summer choir opportunities. 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.

- Sunday, June 23
- Sunday, August 18

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

## **Summer Fun Event for Youth**

Youth from St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's get together in the summer months for some fun and service work. Here is the June event:

- What: Feed My Starving Children
- Who: All Youth (Grades 6–12)
- When: Thursday, June 20, exact time TBA (start around 4:30 p.m.)
- Where: We'll carpool and will send out an RSVP as the date gets closer

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Friday, June 21, from 12:00–5:00 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.

**The next book in the *Courageous Conversations* series is *The Politics of Persecution: Middle Eastern Christians in an Age of Empire* by Mitrì 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](mailto: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.

## 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, Roberta Morse, David Sponheim

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Karin Norgaard

*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*

VaLois Mandsager, Richard Olson

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

## Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 9):

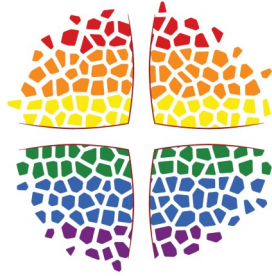
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 3:8-15 † Psalm 130 † 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 † Mark 3:20-35

# 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, June 3</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow Northfield Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, Undercroft Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 4</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Faith & Health Board, Fireside Room Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library NAMI (Northfield Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 5</b>	11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee, Undercroft St. Olaf Storytelling Project, St. John's Hall Evening Knitters, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, June 6</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Girl Scout Troop #27485, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, June 7</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, June 8</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, June 9</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  2:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall St. John's Building Tour, Commons Girl Scout Troop #27500, Undercroft



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*  
Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*  
Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*  
Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*  
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*  
David Sims, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the  
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.  
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*