



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026 † 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 — “Folk-Tone”

F. Melius Christiansen

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 887

“This Is My Song”

*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.

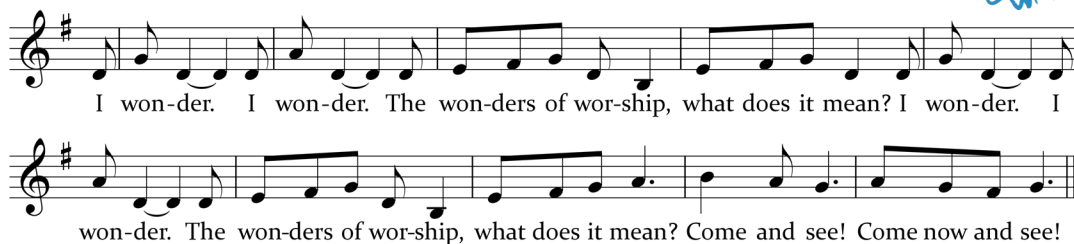
*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song: "I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!". The notes are simple, suitable for children's voices.

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 145, “I Will Ever Sing Your Praises”

NETTLETON



I will ev - er sing your prais - es, for all time, your name I'll bless;
You are gra - cious, full of mer - cy, slow to an - ger, quick to love;
with - out peer is your great glo - ry, lim - it - less your right - eous - ness.
saints be - low may glimpse your king - dom in the loft - y skies a - bove.
Each new gen - er - a - tion num - bers all your bless - ings as their own;
In this life, the best we sa - vor is but com - mon fare to thee;
to the earth's most far - flung re - gions is your maj - es - ty made known.
all the rich - es earth can har - vest can - not match your maj - es - ty.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999, *Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press

Second Reading — Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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

*Gospel — Matthew 11:16-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be

more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 368

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

*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:

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

***Peace**

- ℙ 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

“Down a Country Lane”

Aaron Copeland

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

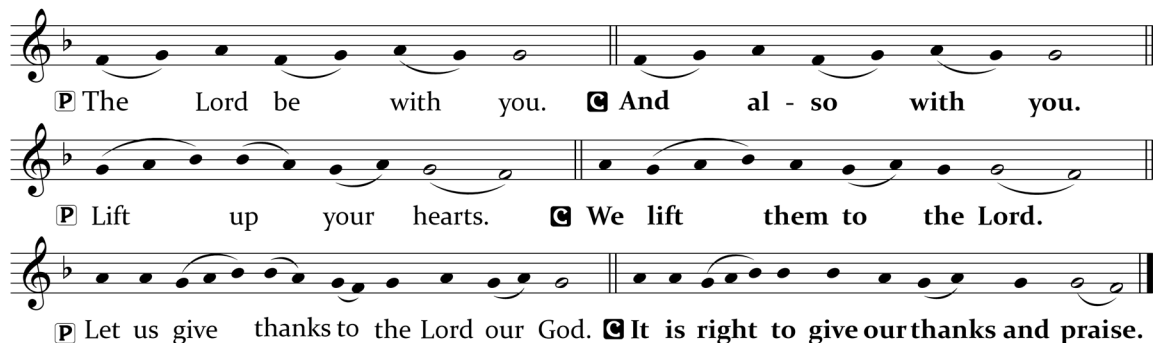
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offering Prayer**

- ℒ Let us pray.
- ☞ **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

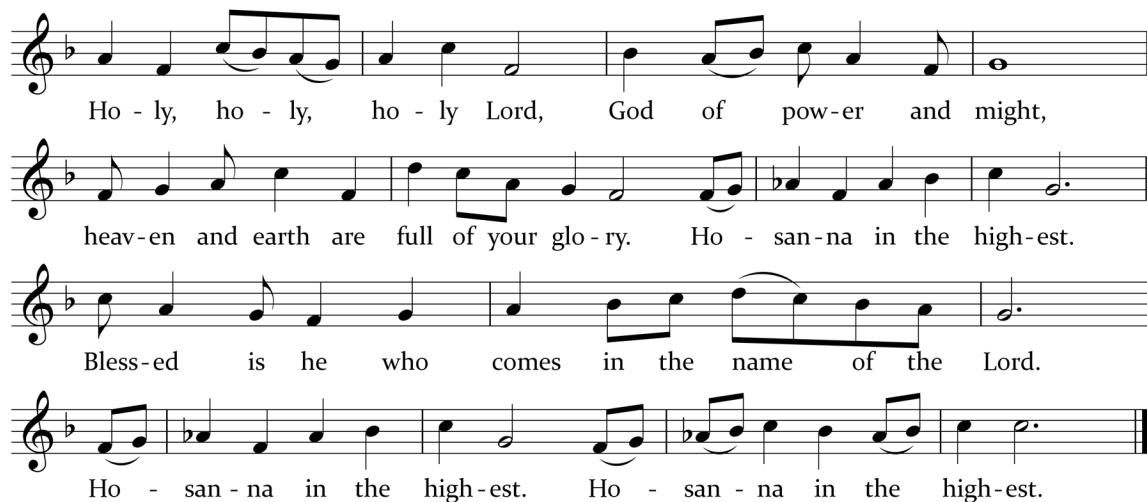


P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

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

*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"



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". Each staff is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first two staves end with a fermata over the final note, while the third staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 471

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymn — ELW No. 790

"Day by Day"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

*Prayer after Communion

- L** Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
- C** Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

- C** Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “Our Country, 'Tis of Thee”

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Our coun - try, 'tis of thee we sing for lib - er - ty
Our coun - try, 'tis with thee we cease our slav - er - y
An - ces - tor's faith in - spire voic - es to join the choir
Our coun - try, 'tis from thee we re - ceive beau - ty free

one com - mon song. Wel - come di - ver - si - ty, stand for e -
to greed and hate. We'll de - bate what to do, ways that we
in songs of hope. Hope to be hun - ger free, with op - por -
from shore to shore. We'll strive for clean - er air, wa - ter, and

qual - i - ty, cel - e - brate u - ni - ty, be kind and just.
can pur - sue see - ing the prom - ise through to help and heal.
tu - ni - ty in strong com - mu - ni - ty to learn and grow.
soil to share, for all the chil - dren here to play and thrive.

Text: Rev. Christine Engstrom, 2026; Music: *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

***Dismissal**

- 📖 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- 📣 **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Festival Postlude in G Major”

W. Eugene Thayer



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	David Sims
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Livestream	Dave Zdenek
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeters	Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Mary Ellen North
Coffee Service	Bob and Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Gerri Licke
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Leif Knecht, Roger Van Veldhuizen



St. John's
SUNDAY FUN DAY

Sunday
July 19

Join us at Oddfellows Park
1016 Forest Avenue

NEW TIME: 4-6 p.m.

All ages are welcome.
Bring friends!
Food & drinks provided.

Games include water games,
cornhole, frisbee...

Hosted by the Adult Ministry
and Education Board

burgers,
hot dogs &
vegetarian

pop
corn

The poster features a grid of colorful icons: a soccer ball, a hot dog, a sun, a frisbee, a guitar, a cornhole board, popcorn, and leaves.

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Edgar Larson by Helen Larson and family. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office. Next available dates: July 12 and August 2, 9 & 30.

Lost & Found Items

Missing an item of clothing or a water bottle that you may have left behind? Check out the lost and found table in the Commons! All items not claimed will be donated. Thank you!

Pub Theology

Monday, July 6, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

We will complete our discussion of the pope's encyclical on AI with chapter 5, "The Culture of Power and the Civilization of Love," and the conclusion. Copies are available at the Welcome Desk, and you can find the full text of the encyclical here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>. If you'd like to be added to the Pub Theology email list, contact Pastor Jonathan at (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 8, 12:15–12:45 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church

Organist: Nathan Proctor

See the Community bulletin board in the Commons for the full recital schedule.

Lutheran Summer Music Fellow Sanctuary Recital

Saturday, July 11, 3:00 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church

Experience an afternoon of inspiring chamber music performed by Lutheran Summer Music Fellows in our sanctuary. Selected through a highly rigorous application process, LSM Fellows are accomplished collegiate musicians who serve as performers, mentors, and teaching assistants throughout the festival. Lutheran Summer Music is a month-long summer academy and festival featuring more than 40 free concerts and events at St. Olaf and in the Northfield community.

Thank You and Farewell for Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families

Sunday, July 12, 10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Join us for a reception thanking Kristin Partlo for her three years of ministry with St. John's. Kristin will be departing at the end of July to begin her pastoral internship at United Lutheran Church in Red Wing. Kristin is a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacrament and has only this last requirement to complete before ordination. Kristin will be preaching at the 9:30 a.m. worship service, and afterwards we will gather in St. John's Hall to give thanks for her ministry with stories. . . and cake!

Announcements (continued)

Church Softball League—No Game Tonight

Next Game, Sunday, July 12, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 1

St. John's vs. Emmaus

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

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

Summer Choir Invitation

Sundays, July 19 and August 23

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. Questions? Contact Nathan Proctor at music@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

There is now a newly installed alarm system at St. John's and we are in the process of learning the ins and outs of it. All staff have been equipped with key fobs and an app that allows for remote adjustments. If you need to enter the building when it is locked, please contact a staff member. There are now motion sensors in the hallways and Commons that will go off if the building alarm is armed.

Children and Youth

Good Earth Village is Bringing Summer Camp to Northfield

When: August 3–6, 8:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Who: Kids completing grades K–5

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church

Cost: \$70 / Camper (Scholarships Available)

Want to give your kids a faith-filled camp experience—without leaving Northfield? Good Earth Village Day Camp brings the energy, joy, and spiritual impact of summer camp to us! GEV summer staff lead a week of songs, Bible study, worship, crafts, games, and connection—all designed to help children grow in faith and friendships. We are teaming up with Bethel, St. Peter's, and United Methodist Churches! Register online at: <https://goodearthvillage.org/bethel-northfield/>

Summer Camp for PreK too! Snowball Mountain Challenge! (VBS)

Who: For kids age 3 by 9/1/26–age 5

When: August 3–6, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Scholarship Available)

Register by scanning the QR Code.



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

Marilyn Boschee, Barbara Dettle, Fred Huemoeller, Barbara Johnson, George Pinc

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of David Halsor

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, Greta Matzner-Gore, Lowell Johnson,
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Rachel Peterson,
Alice Rickert, John Walters, Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson, Carolyn Jennings

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.

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This Week At-a-Glance

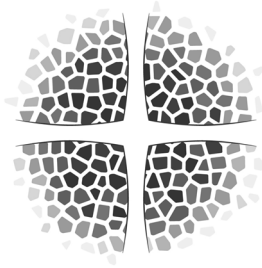
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, July 6	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
Tuesday, July 7	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
	7:00 p.m.	Alan Storey - From Now On, St. John's Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, July 8	12:15 p.m.	Nfld Noontime Organ Recital (Nathan Proctor), Sanctuary
Thursday, July 9	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
Friday, July 10	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 11	3:00 p.m.	Lutheran Summer Music Fellows Recital, Sanctuary
Sunday, July 12	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Reception for Kristin Partlo, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 12):

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13 † Psalm 65:9-13 † Romans 8:1-11 † Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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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.*