



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 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** — “Adagio” from BWV 1060

J. S. Bach, arr. Charles Peery

*Elinor Niemisto and Jeanette Pelletier, harp*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 1068

“The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe”

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**G Amen.**

**P** Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**G** you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and  
follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

**P** You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**G Amen.**

## \*Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Genesis 18:1-10a

Pew Bible, page 12

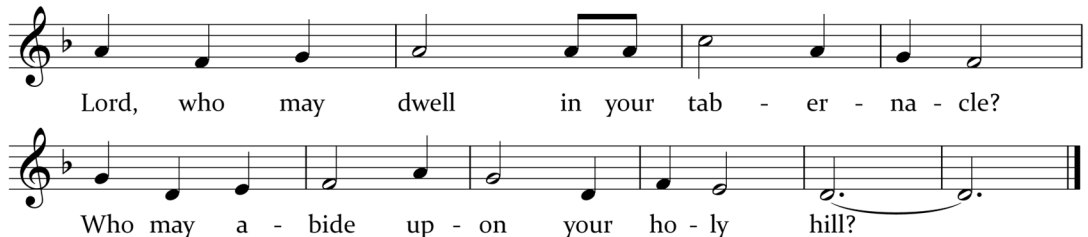
*After the reading:*

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

**Psalmody** — Psalm 15

setting by Carolyn Jennings

**Refrain** — first time: cantor, then *all singing*



*Psalm Settings for the Church Year, © 2008 Augsburg Fortress.*

*Cantor: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.*

**Refrain** — *all*

*Cantor: They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.*

**Refrain** — *all*

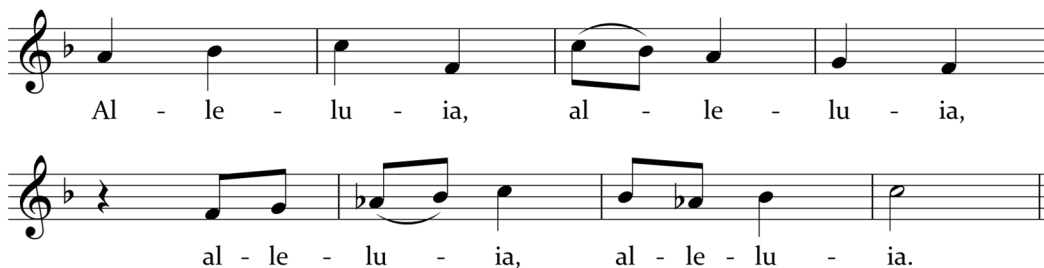
## Second Reading — Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup>[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation



## \*Gospel — Luke 10:38-42

Spark Story Bible, page 366

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschier

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 770

“Give Me Jesus”

*Verses 3 and 4 may be sung in harmony.*

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

*The Triune God proclaims **Aidan James Thoma** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Aidan's parents are Corin and Kyle Thoma, and his sponsors are Nicholas Reisenauer and Kayla Thoma.*

## Presentation

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Aidan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- C** We do.

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

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

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'You Have Put on Christ'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.

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

Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy © 1969; Music: Howard Hughes © 1977

*(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:*

- 🔊 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*

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Louise Trotter

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

## \*Offering Prayer

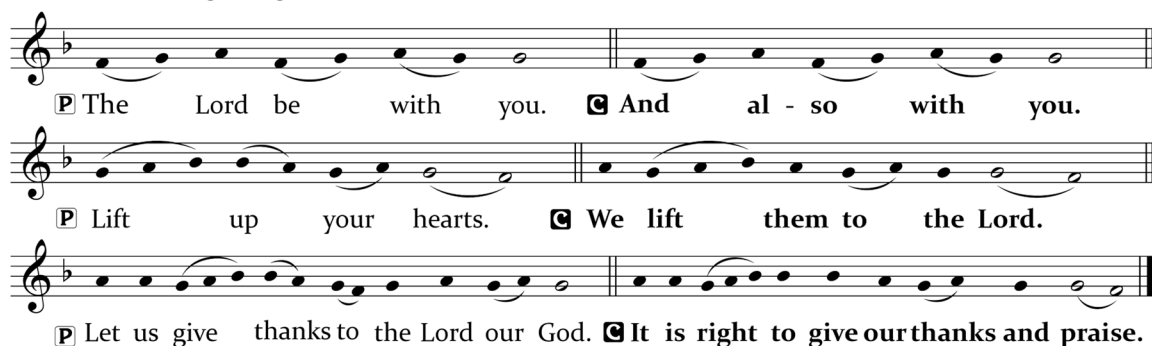
**L** Let us pray.

**C** 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

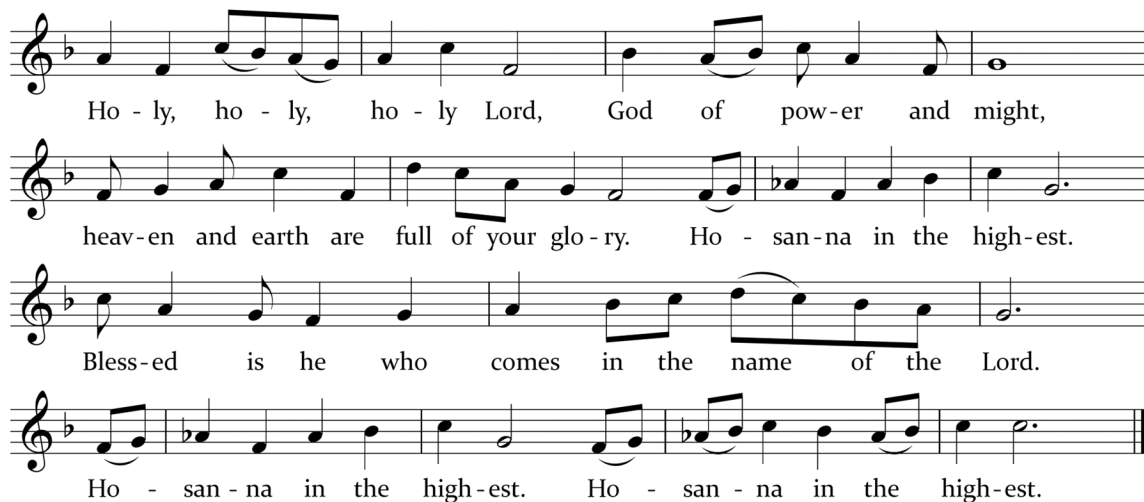


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, 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 begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first two staves end with a double bar line, while the third staff ends with a final double bar line. The lyrics are written 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. 765

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

Duet — on SLANE

arr. Rhett Barnwell

## \*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. 674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

**\*Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — “Poco vivace” from *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi* Hermann Schroeder



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

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Susan Canon
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Grant Aaseng
Harp	Elinor Niemisto and Jeanette Pelletier
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeters	TBD
Coffee Service	Tricia and Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Counters	David Nitz, Jane and Bill Rizzo
Ushers	Mike Bull, Chuck Cannon, John Ophaug



It's game time!  
Join in as we gather for a summer outing to

*Cheer on the St. John's Church  
Softball Team!*

WEAR YOUR ST. JOHN'S T-SHIRT

JULY <b>27</b> 2020	<b>BABCOCK PARK</b> 1080 MN Hwy 5 <i>St. John's plays Trinity Blue</i>	SUNDAY <b>8:10</b> PM
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POPCORN AND WATER PROVIDED

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries of Lydia & Dagfinn Moe and Rob Quanbeck & Dawn Tommerdahl. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Next available dates: September 7 & 21 and October 5, 12 & 26.

## **Church Softball League**

**Tonight, July 20, 8:10 p.m., Sechler 2**

***St. John's vs. Hosanna***

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

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

- **Come Cheer on Team St. John's! Next Sunday, July 27, Babcock Park, Game Time: 8:10 p.m.**

Join us for a fun summer evening of fellowship and friendly competition as St. John's Lutheran Church takes on Trinity Blue in church league softball! Popcorn and water will be provided for all fans. Let's show our support and enjoy a great night together!

## **Fruit Sunday, July 27**

Mark your calendars for a well-loved summer tradition at St. John's—Fruit Sunday! Come enjoy an array of delicious fruit desserts during our coffee & fellowship time and perhaps share a recipe! We'll need several desserts, and we invite you to sign up to bring any fruit dessert of your choice. We also need a few helpers for serving and clean-up—many hands make light work, and it's fun! To sign up, email Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org), write your name on the paper sign-up in the Commons on Sundays, or sign up using the CCB link found in the weekly E-Voice.

## **School Supply Donations Requested for Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

Purchased supplies can be left in the cardboard School Bus in the Commons through Sept. 7. A list of needed items is at the School Bus. Cash donations are also welcome, and the WELCA team will make the purchases for you. Make checks to St. John's WELCA and write school kits on the memo line. Checks may be left in the church office or the offering plate on Sundays. Our goal is to pack at least 200 kits, so many supplies are needed (for example, 800 notebooks to put 4 in each bag). These kits make a huge difference to the children in developing countries who receive them. St. John's children in grades K–5 will pack the bags. Thank you for your support!

## **Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals**

**Wednesday, July 23, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Christiansen Music Hall, Studio A, St. Olaf College**

**Organist: Karen Olson**

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

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans**

**Monday, July 28, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and coffee will be ready and waiting for you. The first speaker will be Matt Wehling, who is an award-winning Northfield string bow maker. He will lead us through an interesting "bow making journey." Our second speaker will be Nancy Earhart Burt who is Amelia Earhart's 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin. "Amelia" will arrive in costume and share highlights of her amazing life story . . . when Amelia needs to leave, her cousin "Nancy" will step in to share "The Rest of the Story." To register, call 507-301-9094 or email [outnabouto22@gmail.com](mailto:outnabouto22@gmail.com) and specify if you plan to register for the speakers only or want to include lunch. Cost: speakers and refreshment break, \$15; speakers, refreshment break, and bag lunch from the Hideaway Vault, \$20.

### **Night to Unite**

**Tuesday, August 5, 5:00–7:00 p.m.**

St. John's will again be hosting this annual event which is part of a national program that encourages neighbors to come together in order to strengthen connections and increase safety in our neighborhoods. The celebration includes a picnic-style meal along with kid-friendly games and activities, and a chance to see emergency vehicles up close in our church parking lot! To make this night run smoothly we need helpers! You can sign up online or contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 / [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you can provide help with one of the following:

- Help set up tables, chairs, and other needed items outside beginning around 3:30 p.m.
- Help with clean-up beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## **Children and Youth**

### **Help Out at the Food Shelf**

**Who:** All St. John's Youth (parents welcome, too!)

**What:** Work a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf

**When:** Your choice of Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Once again this summer, 1–2 youth per week are invited to work for a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf. We'll be greeting and stocking shelves. Kristin will be there each week (except when another staff member fills in) to be a familiar face. Parents are welcome to sign up with their youth—those who did so last year reported that it was a meaningful way to spend a summer midday together. Sign up at [volunteersignup.org/RCYD4](http://volunteersignup.org/RCYD4)

### **Summer 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, on Wednesdays at noon. No sign-up necessary, but feel free to check in with Kristin. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older.

# **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, Ellen Ellickson, Herb Fick, Fred Huemoeller, Scott Nesbit, Kathy Applebee

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Aidan James Thoma (son of Corin and Kyle Thoma)

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Otto Ringle (brother of Suzanne Pfau)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,  
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

*All who are homebound, including*

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

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

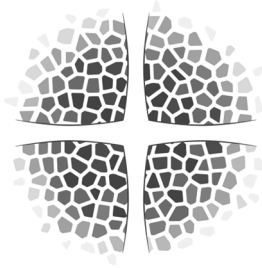
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, July 21</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Boy Scouts (Troop #9313), Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, July 22</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 Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, July 23</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, July 24</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, July 25</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, July 26</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Fruit Sunday with Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 27):**

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Genesis 18:20-32   †   Psalm 138   †   Colossians 2:6-15   †   Luke 11:1-13**



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Steve Harner, *Facility Manager*  
Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager / Finance Manager*  
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*  
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.*