

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 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 — “Fanfare and Processional”

Lynn Trapp

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “Arise and Welcome Now the Year”

PUER NOBIS



A - rise and wel - come now the year with joy and
Though years bring heart - ache and dis - tress, though trou - bles
When truth is mocked, and neigh - bor scorned, when sing - ing
Let peace and par - don be our way; let joy and
God's love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds the vol - ume



gra - ti - tude sin - cere. Re - joice! Re - joice! with
grow and fears op - press, they can - not with - er
stops and deaths are mourned it grieves the heart, but
jus - tice fill each day. For this shall be, what -
of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re - joice! with



thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of God's good grace.
or e - raise an - oth - er year of God's good grace.
can't ef - face an - oth - er year of God's good grace.
e'er we face, an - oth - er year of God's good grace.
thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of God's good grace.

Text: W. Bruce Benson; Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius

*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

P O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, page 594

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 116, "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Voice"

TALLIS' CANON



I love the Lord, who heard my voice, and
Oh, what can I do to good re - turn for
I lift sal - va - tion's cup from which you
The rec - om - pense for what is mine is



an - swered my most ear - nest plea; when snares of death my
all the boun - ty from your store? Seen with your grace, my
had me drink to seal my vow; and in the sight of
to ex - alt your name al - ways; my heart with thanks should



life would take, e'en then, O God, I call on thee.
high - est prize is naught, what can I give you more?
all a - round, I hon - or my com - mit - ment now.
ne'er run dry, nor tongue re - fuse to sing your praise.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: Thomas Tallis

Second Reading — James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L The word of the Lord.

G 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 — Mark 8:27-38

Spark Story Bible, page 322

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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. 886

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*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:

(8:30) "God, You Made All Things for Singing"

arr. John Ferguson

God, you made all things for singing, even canyons carved from stone. Thunder sets the hard rock ringing with the hymn the skies intone. Alleluia! Yours the praise and yours alone. As the clap and roll of thunder give the rocks their notes to start, Spirit, free the songs of wonder waiting in the thankful heart. Alleluia! Help each voice to sing its part. Join with us in all our singing. Make our music, Lord, your own. Be the bass note deeply ringing. Be the highest overtone. Alleluia!

Yours the praise and yours alone.

—Thomas Troeger

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) Suite in D Major

attr. Leonardo Vinci

*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.**

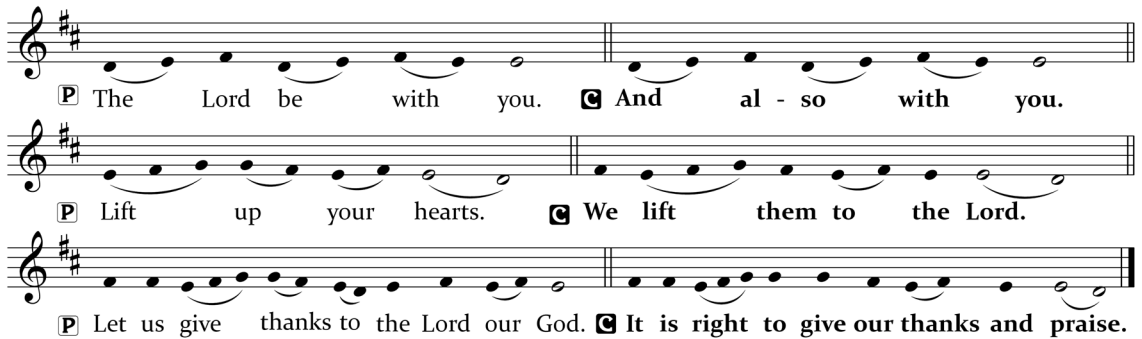
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

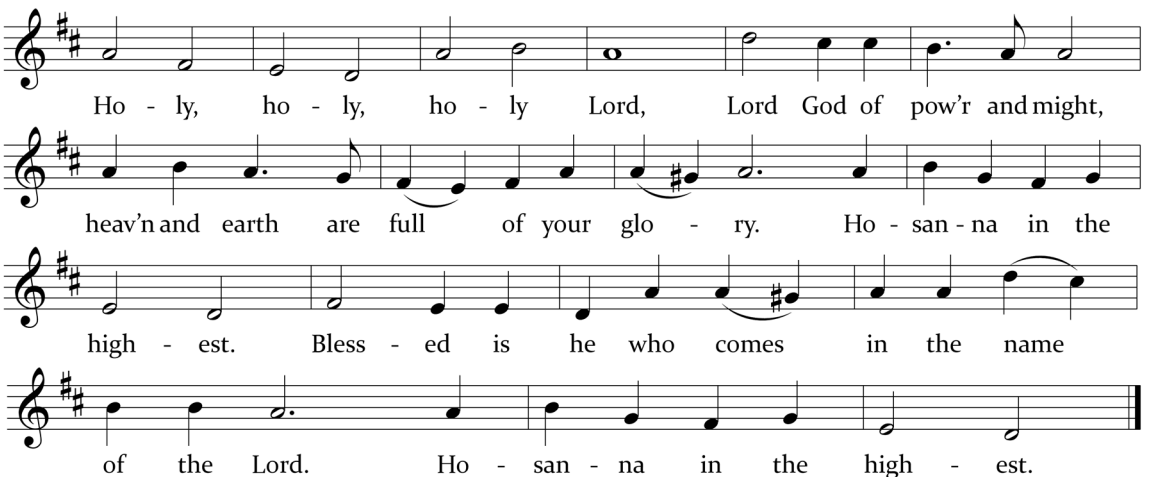


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Thee We Adore”

arr. Ralph Johnson

*Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be,
both flesh and Spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.
Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: cleanse us, unclean, with thy most
cleansing blood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace
which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: may what
we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the
vision of thy glory and thy grace. Amen.* —Thomas Aquinas

Hymn — ELW No. 759

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Tuba Tune”

Craig Seller Lang



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	(8:30) Loy Family (10:45) Charlotte Cox
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) David Sims
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
WelcomeFest Breakfast	St. John's Youth and Parents
Counters	Sue Brockman, Marilyn Calcutt, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

Children and Youth

Register for St. John's Children & Youth Programs for the 2024–2025 School Year

Check out St. John's website at: stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/. Click on "Children" or "Youth" to find out more about the programs available. Register by using this QR code or click on "Register" on our website.



Wednesday Programming Begins this Week

- "ROCK" Wednesday Afterschool Programming for Children (Grades K–5)
- Confirmation (Grades 6–8)
- High School Youth Group (Grades 9–12)

Sunday Programming Begins Next Sunday

- Sunday School (Preschool–Grade 5)
- Sunday Youth Group (Grades 6–12)

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Cora & Elmer Schultz and Ken Struss by Marie Struss and family. 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 or 507-645-4429. Available dates: September 22.

WelcomeFest 2024

Today Between Services:

WelcomeFest kicks off the start of the new school year at St. John's! All are welcome!

- **9:30–10:30 a.m.: WelcomeFest Breakfast, hosted by St. John's Youth.** Everyone is invited to St. John's Hall for a hearty breakfast of pancakes and sausages starting at 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
- **9:45–10:00 a.m.: Open House for the First Day of Sunday School.** Preschool (age 3 by 9/1/24) through grade 5 (accompanied by a parent) begins in the lower level with an Open House. Check out where your classroom is and connect with your classroom leaders and friends!
- **10:00–10:30 a.m.: Children's activities in St. John's Hall.** Cakewalk, Scavenger Hunt, Glitter Tattoos, and more!

Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Night Meals Return

September 18, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Potato Chips, Fruit or Veggies, and Dessert

Let's get together for dinner—come share a meal! It's a fantastic time for fellowship for all ages.

2024 St. John's Ministry Fair

Next Sunday, September 22, 9:30–10:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Wednesday, September 25, 5:00–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

Have you ever wondered about all of the amazing work that goes on behind the scenes at St. John's? Would you like to learn more about the variety of opportunities to get involved? There is something for everyone! Come to St. John's Hall between services to enjoy a beverage and a treat while checking out the displays, gathering information, and talking with group leaders, board members, and volunteers about what each ministry has to offer!

Wondering How to Get Involved at St. John's?

The Nominating Committee of St. John's is responsible for forming the church boards and Church Council that lead our congregation. They begin their work this fall and will be reaching out to members in the coming weeks. To learn more about our ministries, attend the Ministry Fair on September 22 or 25 or ask a staff member to connect you with the Nominating Committee.

Announcements (continued)

Bible 101 Class

Sunday, September 22, 12:15–1:45 p.m., Fireside Room

What is the Bible? How did it come to exist? How do I read the Bible in my everyday life? How do Lutherans read the Bible? If you are asking these questions—you are not alone. The Bible is sometimes an intimidating and even scary book, even though we read from it every Sunday. Many of us just do not know where to begin with it. Pastors Pam and Jonathan would like to invite any and all people who are curious about the Bible to their Bible 101 class on Sunday, September 22, after the second service. We will meet in the Fireside Room and spend time learning and asking questions together. All are welcome!

St. John's Forum: *Opening the Creation Stories and Finding Meaning*

Sunday, September 29, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

This fall, St. John's Forum will be exploring the book of Genesis, focusing on some of the most well-known and least-well known stories. The series begins with an exploration of the creation stories in Genesis 1 and 2 that goes beyond the debate of "creation vs. science." Pastor Jonathan will help us consider the poetry of the creation stories and the deeper meaning for a troubled people.

Mission Morning

Saturday, September 28, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

St. John's women are invited to a morning of coffee, treats, kit packing, fellowship, and changing the world, one kit at a time. Special speaker: Kim Dickey, Global Health Ministries.

The next *Courageous Conversations* book selection is

***The Hundred Years' War on Palestine* by Rashid Khalidi.**

Books are available at Content. Discussions will take place on Thursdays from 4:00–5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Dates are September 19 & 26, October 10 & 24, and November 14 & 21. To sign up or for more information, contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.



A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

As another autumn begins, the routines of the school year return. Young voices and busy bodies fill choir rooms and classrooms. How do our children learn and grow in this place? With the help of many hearts and hands. We are teachers, singers, camp leaders and confidants. We are vacation bible school, prayer buddies, bus angels and afterschool safe spaces. From the nursery to confirmation. *We are St. John's*

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

Ingrid Alberding, Freya Breimhorst, Fred Huemoeller, Diane Melbye

Those celebrating the birth of

Jack Soren Ophaug (son of Erik & Solveig Ophaug, and grandson of John & Patsy Ophaug and David & Sue Hagen)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Dick Kleber

Family of Margaret Odell (mother of Maggie Odell)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Cynthia Neubecker, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, 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

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 (September 22):

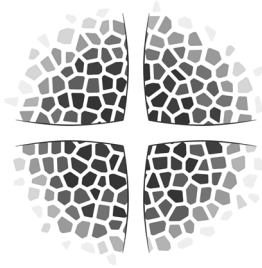
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20 † Psalm 54 † James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a † Mark 9:30-37

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Sept. 16	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall	
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, The Contented Cow	
Tuesday, Sept. 17	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	
	12:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Leader Meeting, Fireside Room	
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Dick Kleber, Commons Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room	
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Dick Kleber, Sanctuary	
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library and Fireside Room	
	6:45 p.m.	Troop #7313/#9313 Committee, Undercroft	
7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room		
Wednesday, Sept. 18	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's	
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall	
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, Fireside Room	
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), St. John's Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room	
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209	
Thursday, Sept. 19	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall	
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall	
	1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom	
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony	
Friday, Sept. 20	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall	
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room	
Saturday, Sept. 21		No Scheduled Activities	
Sunday, Sep. 22	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary	
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall	
	9:45 a.m.	Ministry Fair, St. John's Hall Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room	
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary	



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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*
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.*