



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 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** — Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 733

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## \*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

- ☐ Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace  
with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower  
us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Pew Bible, page 113

*After the reading:*

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **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 9:38-50

Spark Story Bible, page 326

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

<sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**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 — ACS No. 1086

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

## \*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) "Come, Thou Fount"

arr. Eric Nelson

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.* – Robert Robinson

*St. John's Chorale*

*Conducted by Abby Carter, Church Music Intern*

(10:45) "Come, Thou Fount"

Edwin Childs

\*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" (Old Hundredth). It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. 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 first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

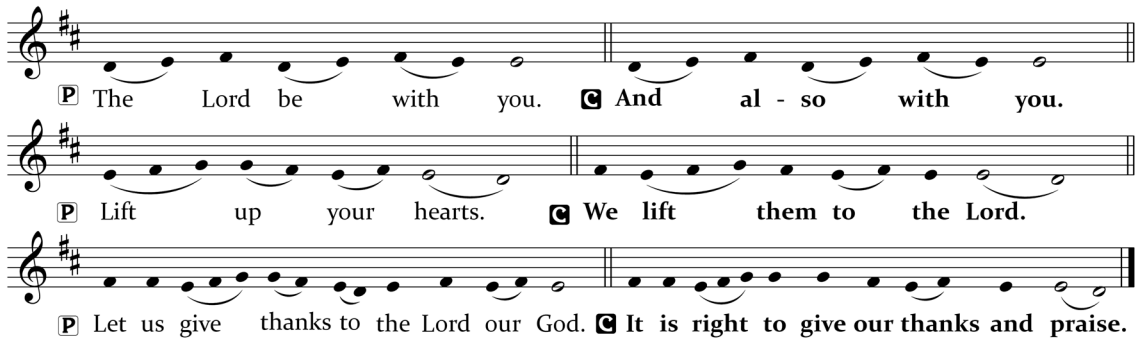
## \*Offering Prayer

**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

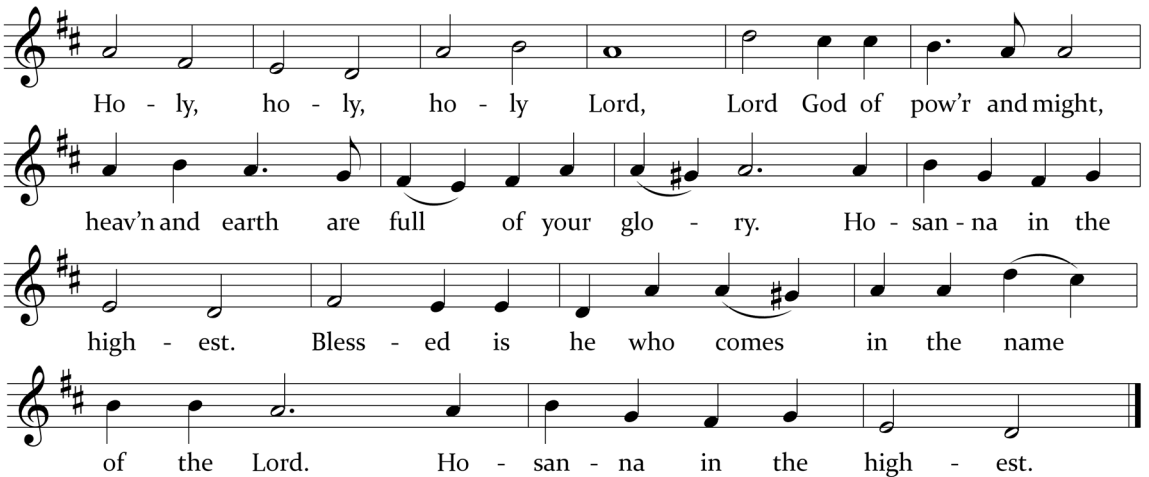


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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** — “I Will Arise”

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

**Hymn** — ELW No. 802

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

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

☞ Gracious God, as you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, so bless those who go forth from this table to share this sacrament with the homebound. In your love and care nourish those who receive it.

☞ Amen.

**\*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. 807

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**\*Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — on NETTLETON

Marilyn Biery



### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 6):**

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 2:18-24 † Psalm 8 † Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 † Mark 10:2-16

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

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Preaching          | Pastor Jonathan Davis   |
| Presiding          | Pastor Pam Fickenscher  |
| Assisting Minister | Mark Rydberg  |
| Organist           | Nathan Proctor  |
| Choir              | (8:30) St. John's Chorale   |
| Greeters           | (8:30) Pam Groves-Gaggioli<br>(10:45) TBD   |
| Communion Service  | Sandi Gerdes  |
| Coffee Service     | Doug Johnson, Karen Schuette, Craig Schultz   |
| Refreshments       | Pam Groves-Gaggioli   |
| Counters           | Marilyn Calcutt, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer   |
| Ushers             | (8:30) Jon and Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin,<br>Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb<br>(10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie |

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## **Children and Youth**

### **Sunday School for PreK–Grade 5**

St. John's uses a lectionary-based classroom style of learning, which makes it easy for kids to make connections between what they learn in Sunday school and what they learn in the worship services by using the same bible readings. This Sunday's lesson for PreK–K is from Mark 9:28-50 and Grades 1–5 from James 5:13-20.

### **Looking for Adult Small Group Helpers for Confirmation**

If you are an adult and you have a middle schooler in your life, then you are qualified to be a small group leader for confirmation on Wednesdays. We are looking for a few more regular and back-up adult helpers. Parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends: all are wonderful additions to our weekly space of community and care. Please let Kristin Partlo know if you or someone you know would be interested in serving in this way.

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Tony Becker and Beckie Judge. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available dates: October 27 and November 3 & 10.

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

**Today, 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.

## **Courageous Conversation: *Faith in Democracy? - Christian Nationalism***

**Thursday, October 3, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

The Rev. Angela Denker is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a veteran journalist. Her first book, *Red State Christians*, was the silver winner in political and social sciences for the 2019 Foreword Indies Book of the Year awards. She is a columnist for the *Minnesota Star Tribune* and has written for many publications, including *Sports Illustrated*, the *Washington Post*, and *Fortune* magazine. She has also appeared on CNN, BBC, SkyNews, and NPR. *Courageous Conversations* is free and open to the public. Pastor Denker lives with her husband, Ben, and two sons in Minneapolis, where she is a sought-after speaker on Christian nationalism and its theological and cultural roots. Content Bookstore will be selling *Red State Christians* by Angela Decker at this event.

## **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 today between services, or on Wednesday, or ask a staff member to connect you with the Nominating Committee.

## **Quilters and Bandage Rollers Need More Sheets**

Cotton, cotton blends, and flannel only (no microfiber, polyester, or jersey). Any color and size sheet is welcome. Put donated sheets next to the wicker basket in the Commons, or leave in the quilter's closet in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Evening Knitters**

Join the evening knitters/crocheters on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Some of us are making blankets, sweaters, and hats for babies. Feel free to join us, bring your own project/craft, or just hang out.

## **Wellspring Circle**

Wellspring meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Wellspring is a women's circle primarily focused on Generation-X (born 1965–1980). We welcome all women who are Gen-X or close to Gen-X age. We use the ELCA Faith Lens blog to guide our discussion. You do not need to do any prep work. Join us whenever you can. If you would like to be added to the email list, send an email to: [women.stjohns500@gmail.com](mailto:women.stjohns500@gmail.com).

## **Needed: 3 More Ushers**

We currently have a shortage of ushers on two usher teams, and we could also use a few people who are willing to be on a list of “subs” who can be contacted when another usher is unable to serve for a particular service. We invite anyone in the congregation who is able and willing to help in this way! Ushers help our services run smoothly. No prior experience is required—there are simple instructions and you will be shown what to do! You could serve monthly, or just periodically as needed. If ushering is something you are willing to try, please check out the Shared Ministry table in St. John's Hall today, where you'll find information including a basic list of usher duties and a Q & A sheet that might answer any questions you have, along with the current list of our usher teams, who is on them, and where the shortages are. We encourage you to write your name on this sheet if you'd like Angie Gehring to reach out to you about joining an usher team or the sub list. Thank you!

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.



## **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, Fred Huemoeller, Erik Maakestad,  
Diane Melbye, Genevieve Quarberg, Micah Sponheim

*Those celebrating the ordination of*  
Devon Ames

*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, Mary Ellen North, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin,  
Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*All who are homebound, including*  
David Halsor, Lois Pearson

*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.

# Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m.  
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, October 2:  
*Totchos with Fixings*  
(Vegetarian Option Available)

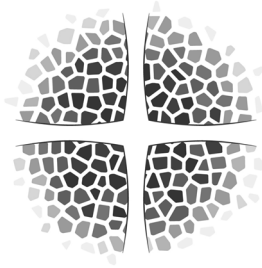
**All are welcome!**

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.  
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

# **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, Sept. 30</b>  | 12:00 p.m. | Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom   |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct. 1</b>   | 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   |
|                          | 6:30 p.m.  | Wellspring Circle, Fireside Room  |
|                          | 7:00 p.m.  | NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room<br>Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library |
| <b>Wednesday, Oct. 2</b> | 11:00 a.m. | Personnel Committee, Undercroft   |
|                          | 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  |
| <b>Thursday, Oct. 3</b>  | 7:45 a.m.  | Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall  |
|                          | 9:00 a.m.  | Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall   |
|                          | 9:30 a.m.  | Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite  |
|                          | 10:30 a.m. | Communion at Benediction Living Community, Offsite  |
|                          | 6:00 p.m.  | Rejoice Ringers, Balcony  |
|                          | 7:00 p.m.  | Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall                                   |
| <b>Friday, Oct. 4</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall  |
|                          | 7:00 p.m.  | NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room   |
| <b>Saturday, Oct. 5</b>  |            | No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed   |
| <b>Sunday, Oct. 6</b>    | 8:30 a.m.  | Worship, Sanctuary  |
|                          | 9:30 a.m.  | Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  |
|                          |            | Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons  |
|                          | 9:45 a.m.  | 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.*