



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

REFORMATION SUNDAY † CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2025 † 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.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Today we rejoice in the gifts of baptism: the promise of God's faithfulness and forgiveness, the enlivening power of the Holy Spirit, and life together in the body of Christ.

At the 10:45 service, our 10th graders take part in Affirmation of Baptism—claiming God's promises for them at this moment in their lives. They have been through a long journey of catechesis in the faith, and many family members, teachers, and mentors have been part of this formation with them. We rejoice that they are ready to publicly claim God's promises as they state their intentions to continue in the faith: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's word and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. They are:

Jonah Brownlee
Alarya Rose Cook
Micah Hassanally

Wyatt Norrie
Trevor Volkert
Candice Volkert

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Fanfare”

William Mathias

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”

adapted from Psalm 89:1

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 413

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

Stanzas 2 & 3 may be sung in harmony.

***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

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message / (8:30) Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 642

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible, page 915

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschier

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 648

“Beloved, God’s Chosen”

(8:30) ***Apostles’ Creed**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

(10:45) **Affirmation of Baptism and Rite of Confirmation**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 234

Presentation and Prayer

Profession of Faith

Following each article of the Apostles’ Creed:

P Lord, we believe.

G **Help our unbelief.**

Intent to Continue in Our Baptismal Covenant with God

Promise of the Assembly

- P** People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?
C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer of Invocation

- P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **C** Amen.

Confirmation through Laying On of Hands and Prayer

Pastors, parents, sponsors, and mentors lay hands on the Confirmand's head and pray:

- + Jonah Brownlee
- + Alarya Rose Cook
- + Micah Hassanally
- + Wyatt Norrie
- + Trevor Volkert
- + Candice Volkert

- P** Stir up in *-name-* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C** Amen.

Celebrating with the Confirmands

- P** Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.
C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Response Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

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

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

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***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) "Aria"

Flor Peeters

Ian DiMundo, trumpet

(10:45) "The Kingdom"

André Thomas

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost, that's the kingdom of God. Don't you want to be a part of the kingdom? Come on everybody! Oh, yes, there's joy in the kingdom! Oh, yes, there's peace in the kingdom! Oh, yes, there's love in the kingdom! The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. We are part of the earth, and it is a part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters; the deer, the horse, the great eagle: these are our brothers. All things are connected. Rivers our brothers, earth our mother. The earth is the Lord's. That's the kingdom of God!

– based on Romans 14:17, Helena Barrington

St. John's Chorale

***Offering Hymn — "For the Fruit of All Creation" stanza 1**

AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

**For the sowing, tending, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping.
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

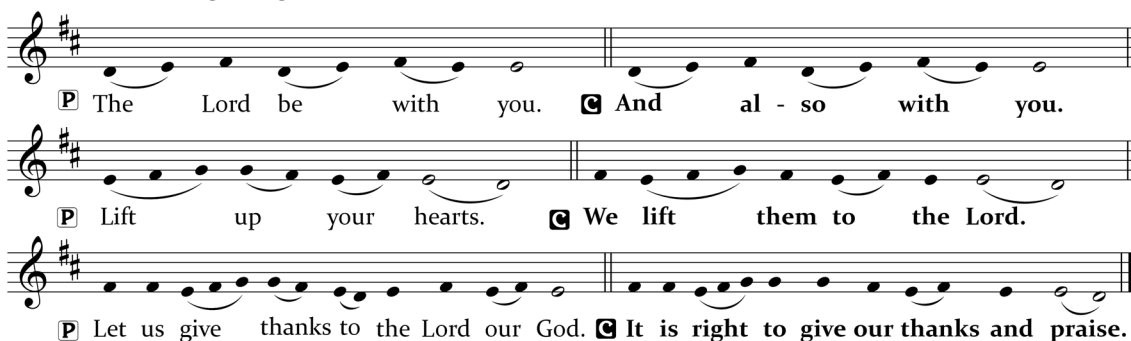
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

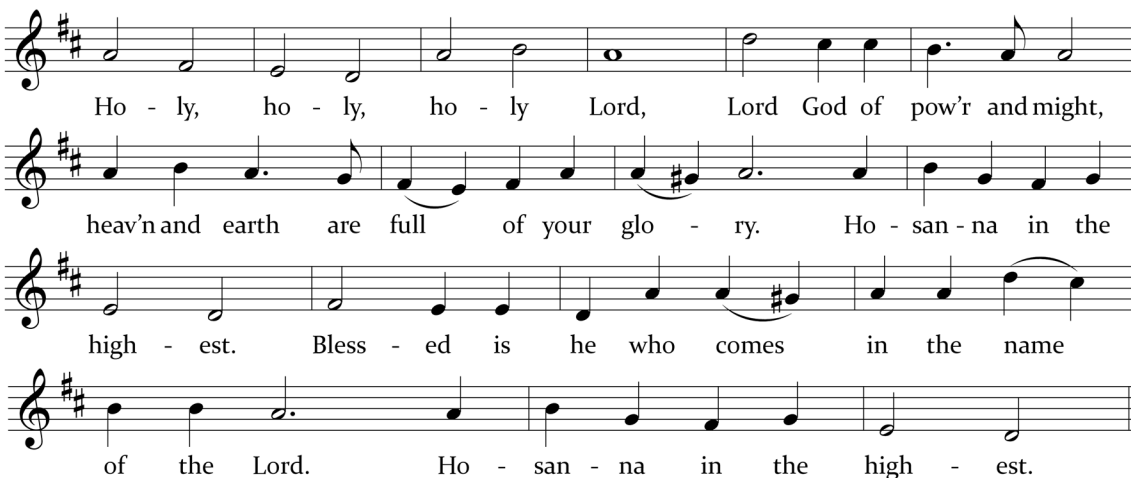


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Lord, Here Am I"

Stephen Paulus

*Lord, here am I, to walk in your wonder, run in your river, wash in your water,
feast in your freedom. Holy is the Lord of host and the whole earth is full of his
glory. Lord, here am I, to go in your glory, eat in your Easter, cry in your Christmas,
sing in your silence. Lord, here am I, to hope in your heaven, mind in your mercy,
serve in your Spirit, joy in your Jesus.* — Herbert Brokering

Hymn — ELW No. 574

"Here I Am, Lord"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. ☩ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn — ELW No. 504**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — on EIN FESTE BURG

Charles Ore



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Julie Zdenek (10:45) Confirmands
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Trumpet	Ian DiMundo
Choirs	(8:30) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director (10:45) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(10:45) Elizabeth Chen
Percussion	(10:45) Ryan Van Gundy
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring, Dawn Tommerdahl
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Judy Smith; (10:45) Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Counters	Brenda Bultman, David Nitz, Pippa Younger
Ushers	(8:30) Leif Knecht, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Bob Nyvall, Kent Rommereim, Mark Rydberg, Eric Sponheim

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVING THEIR BIBLES TODAY INCLUDE:

*James Bennett, Etta Dimick, McKenzie Erickson, Frances Kaiser,
Cora Nelson, Eloise Paulsen, William Toov*

Bibles are gifted from the Johnson Bible Fund.

VOICES OF ST. JOHN'S

On Giving & Receiving

the Gospel, reaching out to those in need, and welcoming all who are seeking a relationship with God and with other Christians. I have found many meaningful ways to be active at St. John's over the years, and made friends of all ages. I feel that the donations I make are wisely used. Being a part of the Church and its mission are essential to me.



Giving to St. John's has always been meaningful to me. St. John's is a vibrant part of our local community, bearing witness to the power of



- Anonymous

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Karl Hella in honor of Dao Hella's birthday and the 50th anniversary of her baptism. 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), contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: December 7, 14, 21 & 28.

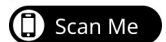
Come Have Lunch

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you for a lunchtime conversation on Sunday, November 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in St. John's Hall. As part of our fall series on responding faithfully to climate change, the focus of our conversation will be that morning's presentation on *Laudato Si'*, the message Pope Francis wrote "to every person living on this planet," about how we can and should be caring for our common home. Our speaker for that day, Dr. Colleen Carpenter, will launch the discussion which will give us the opportunity to imagine faithful, practical responses to climate change. We will need RSVPs for lunch. Sign-ups continue through Sunday, November 2. Look for the sign-up table in the Commons.

Join the "ISAIAH at St. John's" Email List to keep updated on our work for racial, economic, and climate justice, and learn how you can help. To join, send an email to ISAIAH-of-StJohns-Northfield-MN+subscribe@groups.io, or stop by our table between services. ISAIAH MN is an interfaith organization striving for justice for all Minnesotans and coordinates with partners across the nation.

Stewardship 2026 Appeal is Underway

Members should have received a mailing including a pledge card, or you may respond electronically on the website, or use the QR code. As you prayerfully consider your giving intentions for next year, the Stewardship Board challenges you to consider increasing your giving over 2025 by 1% of your income.



Next Sunday, November 2, is All Saints Sunday, when the church gives thanks that all the baptized are sinners and saints, redeemed by God's grace. We will especially remember those who have died in the past year with candles, tolling of the bell, and a litany of remembrance at both services. On **Wednesday, November 5**, those who have lost a loved one within the past year are invited by the Faith & Health Board to a time of conversation from 7:00–8:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will have refreshments, sharing, and a brief time of prayer together.

Online Giving Goes to a New Platform

We have moved our online giving from the previous Vanco platform to Pushpay. Members who have been enrolled in automatic online giving through Vanco should have received an email from Pushpay to move their giving to the new platform. Please contact the church office if you want assistance navigating the new system.

Announcements (continued)

Wednesday Worship in November

Join us for worship on **Wednesday, November 5, at 6:15 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We'll gather in the middle of our busy week to breathe, pray, and join together in community. You are invited to have dinner first in St. John's Hall from 5:15–6:15 p.m. and then join us for worship. Children of all ages are welcome. We will pause and give thanks for all the saints who have been important parts of our lives.

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, October 27, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Our first speaker will be Kelsey Duffy, who will share information on how Healthy Community Initiative has been expanding education and economic opportunities in our community. Jeff Jarvis will be the second speaker of the morning. Jeff is a third-generation artist from Faribault who also enjoys history. Jeff will share his insight into the rise of flour milling in the Cannon Valley. Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 for speakers and refreshments or \$20 for speakers, refreshments, and lunch. This is payable the day of the event (cash or check only).

Courageous Conversations: *Creating Responsive Quality Healthcare in Our Community*

Thursday, November 6, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Charlie Mandile, Executive Director for HealthFinders Collaborative, will share their model for community engagement around health care that is responsive to our local needs. Open to the public. Refreshments provided.

Monday, November 3: No School Day!

Come in your pajamas to Breakfast and Movie Morning for grades K–5

9:00–11:00 a.m. at St. John's

We start the morning with breakfast in the Commons and then head up to St. John's movie theater for movie time! Feel free to bring friends! Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower or upper Commons or let Julie know by sending an email to children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Parent help is appreciated. Let Julie know if you can lend a hand.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 26)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12, (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Accompany (9:45–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Trunk-or-Treat (10:00–10:30 a.m.)

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

Fred Huemoeller, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Dagfinn Moe,
Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Kathy Vang

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, October 29:
Shepherd's Pie

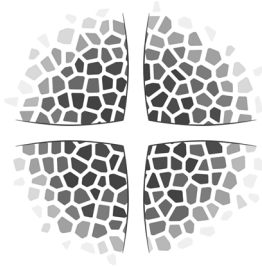
All are welcome!

*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.*

Monday, Oct. 27	9:00 a.m.	Out n' About: Conversations with Minnesotans, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	3:30 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Audit Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Oct. 28	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
	10:30 a.m.	Inspired Pens Writing Group, St. John's Library
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft ISAIAH and League of Women Voters, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 29	2:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	5:30 p.m.	9 th Grade Mentor Training, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group, Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Oct. 30	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
Friday, Oct. 31	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Laura Baker Services—Halloween Party, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	New Moms Network, Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 1		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Nov. 2	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.	Accompany, Undercroft
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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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*
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.*