

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 17, 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 — “Raise the Songs of Harvest”

Lloyd Larson

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 693

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 94

***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**

☐ Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 1 Samuel 1:4-20

⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” ¹⁵But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” ¹⁷Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” ¹⁸And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us ap-

proach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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.

*Gospel — Mark 13:1-8

Spark Story Bible, page 346

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 948

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

*The 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 and Gathering of Pledges

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) "Meditation on 'Beautiful Savior'"

Cathy Moglebust

(10:45) "Gigue on 'Now Thank We All Our God'"

Franklin Ashdown

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

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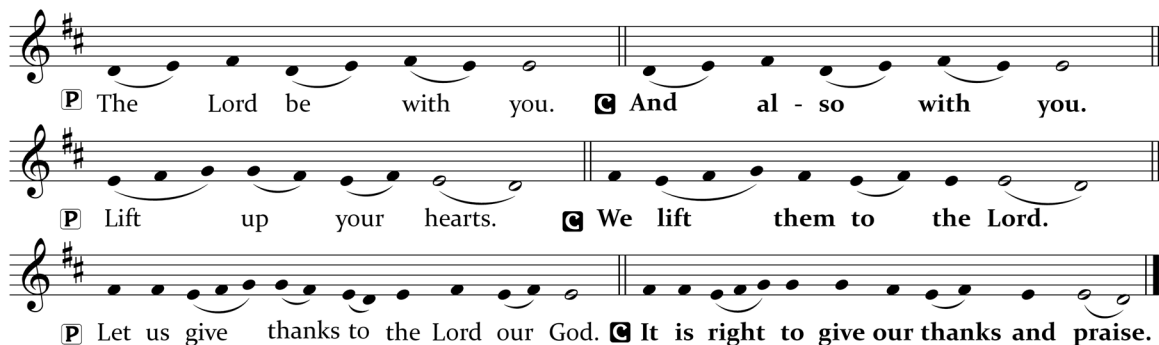
*Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. As we gather these gifts and give thanks, we remember and care for all you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

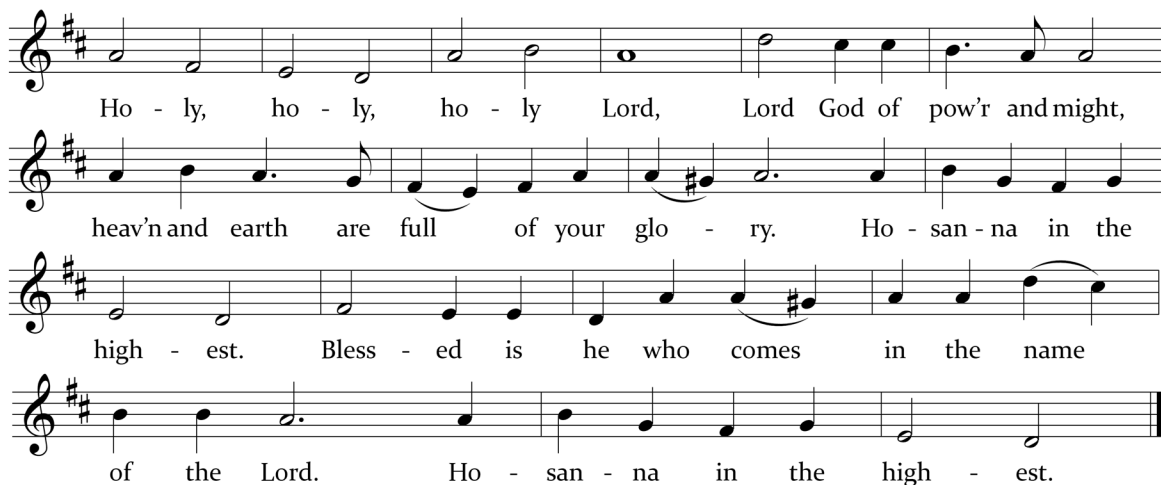


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 the 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.

Hymn — ELW No. 467

"We Place upon Your Table, Lord"

Hymn — ELW No. 695

"As Saints of Old"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of
your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 840

“Now Thank We All Our God”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfried Karg-Elert



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Susan Canon
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers, David Sims, director
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Communion Cleanup	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	(8:30) Craig Schultz (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson, Leif Knecht
Treats	Deb Christensen, Rhonda Reece, Sandra Nyvall
Counters	David Becker, Janell Martin, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Ruthie Neuger, John Ophaug (10:45) Chuck Cannon, Ruth Dahl, Doug O'Leary

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 17)

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)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Building Tour (10:00–10:30 a.m.)

Next Week (November 24)

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)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Audrey and Bruce Moe in memory of their daughter Carolyn Moe Buzza. 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: December 8, 15, 22, 25 & 29.

Stewardship 2025 Appeal is Underway

Takk. Gracias. Danke. Shukran. Merci. Toda. The Stewardship Board extends our heart-felt thanks as you make your 2025 pledge to St. John's. Already submitted your 2025 pledge? Thank you! Need a pledge card? Check at the tables near the doors to the Sanctuary or scan the QR code. There is so much to be thankful for and proud of here at St. John's. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. Thank you is the best prayer that anyone can say. Thank you.



St John's Forum Series: *Rediscovering Genesis*

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

This fall, St. John's Forum has returned to the old, familiar stories of Genesis that many of us learned in Sunday School.

- Today: *Joseph—One Big Happy Family?* with Pastor Jonathan Davis

Advent Fair, Wednesday, December 4

Wednesday Night Meal at 5:15 p.m. and Advent Fair Activities from 5:45–7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to St. John's Advent Fair on Wednesday, December 4, in St. John's Hall. Come enjoy our Wednesday Night Meal and Advent activities for all ages. We encourage you to bring friends. The more the merrier!

Can you help with Advent Fair?

- Dinner—set-up, serve or clean-up
- Help with crafts/activities
- Food demonstrations—show us how to make your favorite Christmas treat!

Contact Julie Brehmer if you have questions at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Reflections from Pastor Pam's Trip to Colombia

Sunday, November 24, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

In October, Pastor Pam embarked on a trip to Colombia, accompanied by other ELCA members from across the United States. Their purpose was to build connections with the Lutheran church in Colombia, as well as to visit and gain insights into various ministry sites. At this forum, Pastor Pam will share personal stories and reflections from her trip.

Announcements (continued)

November Special Offering: ELCA World Hunger

This month there is a special envelope for contributions to ELCA World Hunger. Realize that ELCA World Hunger works with and through ELCA congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, overseas Lutheran churches, and other partners to reach communities in need. They provide health clinics, microloans, water wells, animal husbandry, community meals, and advocacy, etc. Your contributions to ELCA World Hunger help provide sustainable solutions that get to the root causes of hunger and poverty. Your support makes a difference. Please consider a gift to ELCA World Hunger during the November appeal. Use the specially marked envelope in your packet or use the St. John's online donation system. Make checks payable to St. John's, noting ELCA Hunger Appeal on the memo line. Thank you.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church

The three ELCA congregations of Northfield will again join together for worship on Wednesday, November 27. We will gather at St. Peter's Lutheran Church for a Service of the Word. Our joint offerings will benefit the food shelf of the Community Action Center and the Racial Equity Fund of the Minnesota Council of Churches, designated especially for indigenous communities in greater Minnesota. A pop-up choir will sing two pieces. Any singers are welcome to join in by coming at 5:30 p.m. to rehearse together. Pie fellowship will follow the service. Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!

St. John's Women Hands-on Service & Fellowship Opportunity

Were you inspired by the Global Health Ministries (GHM) presentation during Mission Morning in September? Do you want to see their operation in action? Join us to volunteer our hands at GHM in Fridley on Tuesday, November 19. We will spend three hours working at various tasks to help fulfill the mission of GHM, then have lunch together at a restaurant on the way back to Northfield. Meet at St. John's at 8:30 a.m., returning to Northfield around 2:30 p.m. For details and registration, send an email to Sara Bright at sbright8318@gmail.com. Last day to register is Sunday, November 17.

Christmas Cheer Tripled

Saturday, December 14, Fellowship Hall

Three fun WELCA events in one morning—participate in one or all of them. Christmas music will be in the air & plenty of coffee & hot cider!

- 9:00–10:30: Make Christmas Cards (materials supplied) & Assemble Cookie Boxes
- 11:00–Noon: Add the Cookies to the Boxes
- Noon: Deliver Cookie Boxes to Homebound

Sign up between services on December 1 & 8, or log in to St. John's CCB website, on the home page, scroll down the right side; choose "WELCA Event Needs;" choose "Christmas Cheer Tripled"

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, Sandi Gerdes, Fred Huemoeller, Erik Maakestad,
Diane Melbye, Genevieve Quarberg, Carol Schoen, Kathy Vang

Those mourning the lose of a loved one

Family of Joyce Revne Stofft

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

David Halsor, 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.

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 20:
Ham & Swiss Casserole
(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

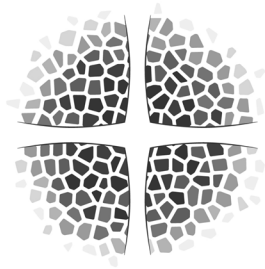
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Nov. 18	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, The Contented Cow
Tuesday, Nov. 19	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.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library and Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Nov. 20	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), Undercroft High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 21	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
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversation Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Sanctuary
Friday, Nov. 22	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Rehearsal—Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 23	3:00 p.m.	Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra Concert, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Nov. 24	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 24):

Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 † Psalm 93 † Revelation 1:4b-8 † John 18:33-37



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*