

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 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 — “Processional”

Grayston Ives

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 873

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — all in harmony

Stanza 3 — treble voices; Refrain — all

Stanza 4 — bass voices; Refrain — all

Stanzas 5 & 6 — all

*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 and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 93

Antiphon: Friedrich Samuel Riegel

Antiphon: See God to heaven ascending in triumph to his throne, great shouts of tumult blending with trumpets' thrilling tone! Sing praises to your Lord! Sing praises, bring ovations, to Christ, the king of nations, the God of hosts adored!



¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty and [|] armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- [|] not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has [|] been established;
you are from [|] everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted [|] up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their [|] pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the
breakers [|] of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who [|] dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are [|] very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- [|] evermore. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and

freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

- 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 — John 18:33-38a

Spark Story Bible, page 474

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 727

“Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth”

(8:30) *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.

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

The Triune God proclaims Samuel Walker Shumway as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Samuel's parents are Aaron and Brittany Shumway, and his sponsors are Eleigh Fritz, Kyra Corrado, Bradley Schiller, and Holly Dahlin.

Presentation

P People of God, do you promise to support Samuel
and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

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

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



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

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(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)

***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

Ⓔ Lord, in your mercy, ☩ **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

Ⓔ The peace of Christ be with you always. ☩ **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

(8:30) “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need to light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

– Revelation 22, adapt. Ruth Manz

St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “We Praise You, O God”

Emma Lou Diemer

***Offering Hymn** — “For the Fruit of All Creation” *stanza 3*

AR HYD Y NOS

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

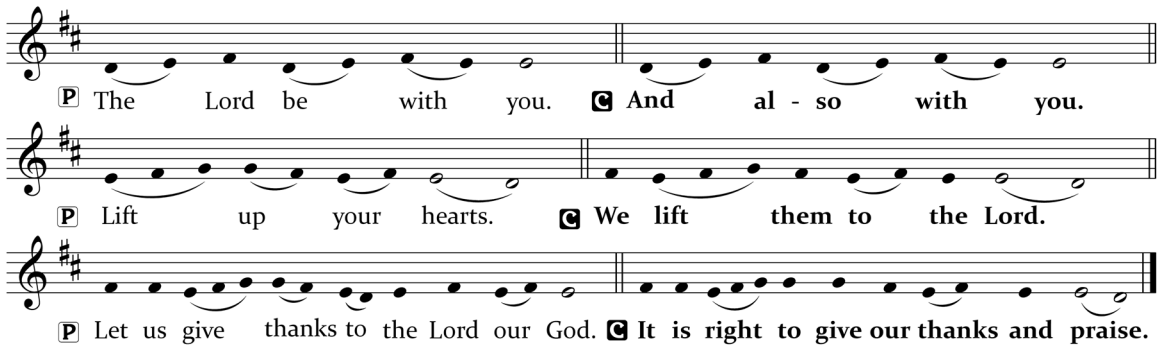
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C 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

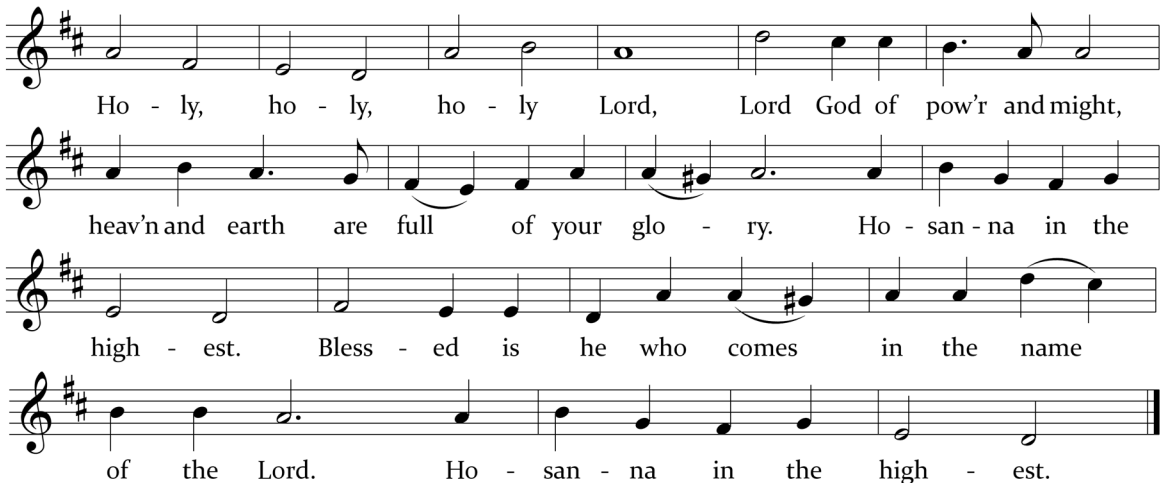


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.***

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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** — “We Praise You, O God”

arr. Carolyn Jennings

(10:45) **Hymn** — ELW No. 870

“We Praise You, O God”

Hymn — ELW No. 434

“Jesus Shall Reign”

***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. 826

“Thine the Amen”

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Reflections on ‘E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Peter and Lori Skoglund (10:45) Brenda Nelson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Trumpet	(8:30) Lexi Cucchiaro
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	TBA
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Dennis Rinehart, Rod Christensen (10:45) Jennifer Edwins, Kristin Partlo
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson (10:45) Craig Schultz
Coffee Service	Stewardship Board
Treats	Stewardship Board
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Reed Hagberg
Ushers	(8:30) Leif Knecht, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Todd Menssen, Bob Nyvall, Mark Rydberg, Eric Sponheim

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (December 1)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Bob Scholz by Cora Scholz 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: December 25 & 29.

Join Us in Celebrating Julie and Sally

November marks work anniversaries for Julie Brehmer, 20 years as our Director of Children's Ministry, and Sally Lindell, 5 years as our Parish Nurse. Between services we will take time to recognize their work with a reception in St. John's Hall.

Reflections from Pastor Pam's Trip to Colombia

Today, 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.

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.

Advent Book Read

All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings has arrived and will be available for sale between the services. If you have signed up to purchase either the regular edition of the book or the children's edition, please stop by the Welcome Desk and pick up your copy today or next Sunday. Additional copies of the regular edition are also available for purchase. The regular edition is \$15; the children's edition is \$18. The book is structured as a daily reflection on the wintering habits of animals in the upper Midwest as they prepare for new life in the spring. We'll meet during the education hour each Sunday of Advent from 10:00–10:30 a.m. to share our responses to this book (December 1, 8, 15 & 22). Next Sunday we will read and reflect on the selection for that day. Come join us as we begin this journey into our season of waiting.

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.



We will take a break from programming next week. No Wednesday programs on November 27 and no Sunday School on December 1.

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!

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"

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.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, Genevieve Quarberg, Carol Schoen, Kathy Vang

Those celebrating the baptism of

Samuel Shumway, son of Brittany and Aaron Shumay

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Paul Klinefelter

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Cynthia Neubecker,
Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Craig Schultz, Kathy Vang

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, VaLois Mandsager

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 (December 1):

First Sunday of Advent

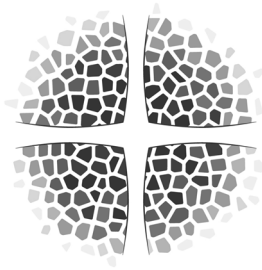
Jeremiah 33:14-16 † Psalm 25:1-10 † 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 † Luke 21:25-36

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. 25	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Nov. 26	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.	Visitation - Paul Klinefelter, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Paul Klinefelter, Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Nov. 27	10:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	10:45 a.m.	Communion at NRC, Offsite
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	5:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service Choir Rehearsal, St. Peter's
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, St. Peter's
Thursday, Nov. 28		<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
Friday, Nov. 29		<i>Thanksgiving Break - Church Off and Building Closed</i>
Saturday, Nov. 30		<i>No Scheduled Events</i>
Sunday, Dec. 1	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

 <p>Wednesday Night MEALS</p>	<p>Served from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, November 27: <i>No Meal - Thanksgiving Break</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
<p><i>Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents. Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!</i></p>	



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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.*