

## Gathering of the People

*A warm welcome to all guests and members. We pray this time of worship will be one in which you experience God's love and peace.*

THE PRELUDE

THE CHURCH BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME... CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Peace

\*Call To Worship:

L: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

**P: Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!**

L: Even though we fall, God lifts us up and places us on paths of peace.

**P: Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.**

L: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us!

**P: Praise be to Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn: *O How I Love Jesus* #170 UMC & #99 St. J.

\*Opening Prayer:

**We sing and speak Your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which You have loved us, healed us, and forgiven us. Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer love, healing, and forgiveness to others. Thank You, blessed Lord! We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Children's Message

Message: "Forgiveness"

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* #390 UMC & Insert for St. J.

Offertory

\*Doxology

**#95 UMC & #46 St. J.**

\*Offertory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn: *Freely, Freely* #389 UMC & Insert for St. J.

\*Benediction:

**As we go from this holy place today and as we have been forgiven once again, let us go now into a world that needs our forgiving. May our hearts truly bless, love, and forgive all those around us as we bring hope and peace to all who search for God in their lives. Thank You, holy Lord! Let us go now to love and serve our Lord! Amen.**

(\*=Please stand as you are able.)

Postlude

## Our Shared Ministry

NUMC:

Organist

Rolf Enger

Flutist

Jennifer Bailey

St. John's:

Organist

Craig Keller

Greeter

Jeff Kindseth

Pastor Gary's office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at St. John's UCC from 8:30-12noon with visits in the afternoon and Wednesdays at Nerstrand UMC from 1pm-5pm (to allow him to be at WW) with visits in the morning.

Please direct all prayer chain requests to Becky Tatge (507) 210-1214 or Mary Kindseth 507-789-6879/507-330-1578.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sunday, Sept. 13**

9:00am-NUMC

10:30am-SJ

### **Wed., Sept. 16**

WW 1pm-5pm-N

Coffee and Conversation, the Nerstrand UMC at 10am.

### **Fri., Sept. 18**

Pastor Day off

### **Sat., Sept. 19**

Wed. Wear 9am -noon

**Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**-Sunday School at St. John's resumes at 9:30

### **Upcoming Events**

**Wed., Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**-Hegre Swedish Meatball Supper

**Sat., Sept. 26** Big Woods Run at St. John's UCC, baked goods and produce are needed and welcome

**Sun., Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**- St. John's Choir begins at 9:50

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**-Fall Festival, at Nerstrand UMC from 10am to 1pm.

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**-Vang Lutheran Lutefisk and Norwegian Meatball Supper

**Oct. 12** Annual Flu Vaccine at Nerstrand Elementary School 4-5:30  
Bring Health card

**Oct. 11** SJ 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**-Christmas dinner and concert

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Sunday Sept. 13, 2026  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



NUMC 9:00 am  
St. John's UCC 10:30am  
*God is still speaking!*  
Nerstrand United Methodist/ St. John's  
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