

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

*Call To Worship:

L: Let us worship God with our hearts and our souls and our minds!

P: Let us know love for one another, for Christ, and for all the world!

L: Let us proclaim God's glory as we take Christ's love to the world.

P: Let us share the love of Christ in all that we do and wherever we may go.

L: Let us lift our hearts in praise and song for God's mercy and grace.

P: Praise be to Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #526 UMC & #585 St. J.

*Opening Prayer:

O God, in Your infinite wisdom You have shared with us how love is a better source of spiritual guidance than laws. Help us to remember this lesson as we live and relate to others. Thank You, holy Lord. We pray all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90:1-2

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Soldiers of Christ Arise"

Message: "Learning To Love Ourselves"

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #557 UMC & #433 St. J.

Offertory

*Doxology

#95 UMC & #46 St. J.

*Offertory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* #402 UMC & #589 St. J.

*Benediction:

As we leave this holy place today, may the God who is now and always will be go with us. May we be aware of God working in our world this week through the love that has been created in our hearts and souls and minds. And may the glorious power of our Lord be upon us and bless the work of our hands as we live in His holy name. And now let us go into the world to love and serve our Lord. Amen.

(*Please stand as you are able.)

Postlude

Our Shared Ministry

NUMC:

Organist

Flutist

Craig Keller
Jennifer Bailey

St. John's:

Organist

Greeters

Craig Keller
Alan and Sharon Meyer

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, Oct. 25

9:00am-NUMC

10:30am-SJ

Sunday School at St. John's at 9:30

St. John's Choir at 9:50

Wed., Oct. 28

WW 1pm-5pm-N

Fri., Oct. 30

Pastor Day off

Sat., Oct. 31

Wed. Wear 9am -noon

Trick or Treat at NUMC from 5:30 to 7pm.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 31st Trick or Treat at NUMC from 5:30 to 7pm.

Sunday, November 1st St. John's Council meeting at 7pm

Sunday, Nov. 1 Holden All Saints Dinner 12-2 and 4:30-6:30

Wednesday, November 18th-Nerstrand UMC Administrative Board meeting, at 11am.

Sunday, November 22nd-Memorial Sunday Worship Services(Last Sunday of the Church year)

Wednesday, November 25th-Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, at 7pm at St. John's Church.

Sunday, November 29th-Nerstrand UMC Charge Conference meeting at Little Prairie UMC, at 7pm.

December 5th-Christmas dinner and concert

Sunday, December 20th-Nerstrand UMC Christmas Brunch, following worship.

Thursday, December 24th-Christmas Eve Worship Service at Nerstrand UMC, at 5pm.

Thursday, December 24th-Children's Christmas Eve Program at St. John's Church at 7pm.

Friday, December 25th-Christmas Day Worship Service at St. John's Church at 10am.

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Sunday Oct. 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



NUMC 9:00 am

St. John's UCC 10:30am

God is still speaking!

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