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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lake Benton, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Erik Lund

Scripture Readings

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John 11:21-27

Congregational Hymns

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"What a Friend we have in Jesus" - Hymn 411

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