

St. John Lutheran Church

WE
are the
Church

Walking God's Path



Sunday, November 20, 2022

8:30am



New Members

Justin & Kristina Andorfer
 Gordon & Judy Butler
 Tom, Karin & Josephine Cranmer
 Nancy DeBoer
 Marcia Dowling
 Glenn Faikus
 John & Laurie Gustafson
 Carol Tatro
 John Wood

This weekend we welcome all of our new members into the St. John faith community.

Commitment Cards - It's not too late!

Thank you to everyone who turned in their 2023 Commitment Cards or submitted it online. This helps us to plan & prepare our 2023 budget. You can still turn in your Commitment Card to the church office or online! Cards available in your pew, at the welcome center & at stjohjoliet.org.

Coming Up: November 21 - 27

Monday 11/21

9:30 – 11:30am PDO Fall Break all week
 6:15 – 7pm Ensemble: SA
 6:30 – 8pm Small Group: TR
 7 – 8pm Handbells: SA
 7 – 8pm A.A. Women: KJ Hall
 7 – 8pm Al-Anon: WW 3&4

Tuesday 11/22

9:30 – Noon Staff Meeting: TR
 7 – 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH

Wednesday 11/23

6 – 6:45pm Worship Sound Check
 7 – 8pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 8 – 9pm Pie Night

Thursday 11/24



Friday 11/25 Building Closed

Saturday 11/26

First Saturday of Advent

5:30 – 6:30pm

Food Pantry Closed
 Worship: SA

Sunday 11/27

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 – 9:30am

Worship: SA

9:45 – 10:45am

Sunday School PJ Day!

11am – Noon

Worship: SA

Noon – 2pm

Christmas Church Decorating
 Event, *Adults only, please*

CR - Choir Room KJH - Karin Johnson Hall
 NX - Narthex SA - Sanctuary
 TR - Trinity Room. WW - West Wing
 YR - Youth Room

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We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

Today the altar flowers are given by Brian and Meghan Joyner in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Thank you to our Youth Adult Ministry (YAM) for Coffee Hour this morning.



Worship Leaders – Sunday, November 20, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Jim Eklund
Communion Assistant	Cheryl Lovell
Greeter	Ron Crabb
Ushers	Jon Blomquist, Erik Hoffman, Marge West
Acolytes	Henry Bay, Cayden Eklund
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Bill Bromer, Kristen Vorrier
Livestream Team	Matt Markwell, Frank Norem
Counters	Frank Norem, Norm Roland
Altar Guild	Cheryl Lovell, Maricay Miller

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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**
 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Van Hulse

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we are learning God's gracious ways.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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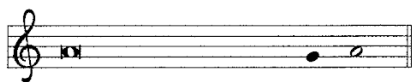
Verse 1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Verse 2 Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

*Kyrie



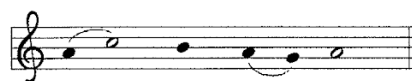
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



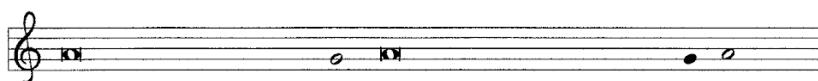
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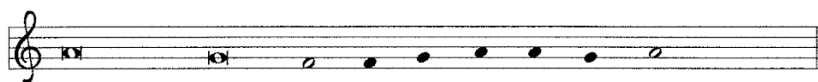
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



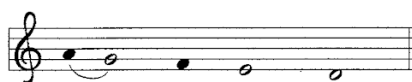
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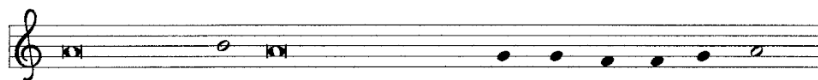
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



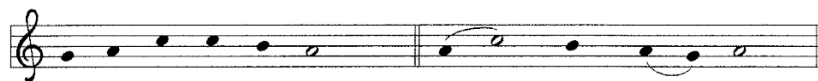
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

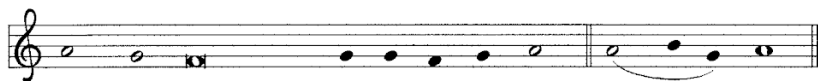


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister

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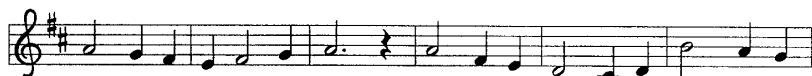


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

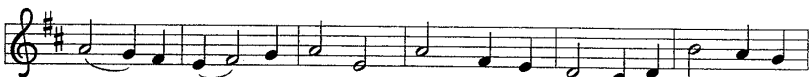
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P God of peace, deliver us from whatever deceives us, leading us away from the hopeful future you have in store. Teach us your ways, so we may be faithful to your path. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Special Music

“Crown Him Lord of All!”
St. John Chorale

arr. Parks

Reading

Isaiah 2, 36, 37 (various verses)

D A reading from the book of Isaiah. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. The king of Assyria sent the field commander with a great army to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem.

Then the field commander stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, “Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! Thus says the king: Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the Lord by saying, ‘The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.’ Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me; then every one of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.”

When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord. And he sent the palace manager, the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.

Isaiah said to them, “Say to King Hezekiah: Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. I myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.”

For, the word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem were:

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

D Word of God, Word of Life!
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**

Matthew 5:9-14

P The gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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Refrain

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verse 1

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

Verse 2

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

Verse 3

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

***Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Welcoming New Members

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Gordon & Judy Butler
Tom, Karin & Josephine Cranmer
Nancy DeBoer
Marcia Dowling
Glenn Faikus
John & Laurie Gustafson
Carol Tatro
John Wood

Prayers of the Church

P In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

Congregation sings this response:

“Lord, Be Glorified”

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Verse 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petitions

Verse 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petition

Instrumental

Prayer Petition

Verse 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The prayers conclude

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you,
O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You may share the peace of Christ with others.

Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional

All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. In response to God’s generosity, we offer these gifts to our neighbors and the world through our time, possessions, and money.

The Offertory is an invitation to be a part of the mission, ministry, and outreach of Christ through St. John Lutheran Church. Together, there is enough for everyone.

Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer concerns in the offering plate when it comes to you and pass it on to the person next to you or behind you with the assistance of the usher. Thank you for your generosity!

*Offertory Response

691, Vs. 1 & 3

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

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Verse 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

Verse 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us Pray. Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving *(sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

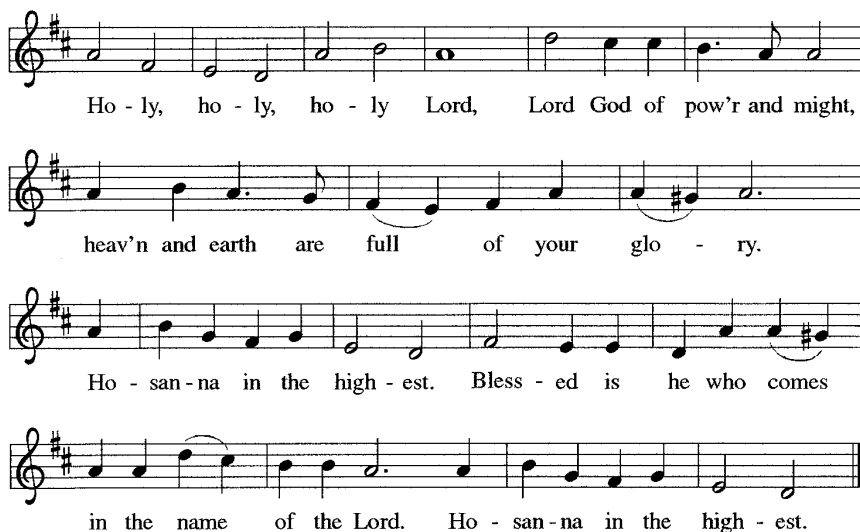
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy



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**

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**

P Christ invites us to this table! Come, taste, and see.
C Thanks be to God!

Distribution

*We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

There are two ways to receive communion today:

Receiving Communion in your pew

You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Red wine is on the outer rings of the tray; white grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket that the acolyte brings to you and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

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.

Communion Music

#502, Vs. 1, 2 & 5

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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- Verse 1

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.
- Verse 2

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- Verse 5

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

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- Verse 1** Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
- Verse 2** Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore; feed us with your love.
- Verse 3** Grant forgiveness in the feast – Jesus, feed us. –
For the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.
- Verse 4** Thank you for this gift we share. Jesus, feed us.
Save God’s children ev’rywhere; feed us with your love.

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

- D** Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into
your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your
table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our
heart, serve others with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have
made; through Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

***Benediction**

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Verse 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

***Sending**

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude “Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing” Hofland

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NOW

Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags Available

Stop at the table in the Narthex for a tag and info. sheet! Also at stjohnjoliet.org.

Norman Rockwell Calendars Available in Narthex, grab one. Free!

Crosses Pick up your All Saints Day Cross from the church office.

Events You Can Sign Up For:

Thursday Pie Night!! After worship on Thanksgiving Eve join us for Pie Night. Sign up & let us know you're coming. We want to have enough seats, pie, etc.

11/27 Church Decorating Event, Noon A week from tomorrow, we're decorating the church for Christmas ~ sign up to join us! *Adults only, please.*

THIS WEEK

Wed

23

Thanksgiving Eve Worship* & Pie Night!!

Worship at 7pm*. Pie Night follows, please sign up for Pie Night!

Thurs - Sat

24-26

Holiday Closings

Closed: 11/24-25 - Church Office, 11/26 - Food Pantry

Sat-Sun

26-27

First Saturday/Sunday of Advent*

Join us for worship to officially start the Christmas season!

Sun

27

Church Decorating Event, Noon

Many hands make for light work! *Adults only, please.*

IN NOVEMBER - Special Offering is Helping Hands

Tues

29

Giving Tuesday

Kindly recommend St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry as a Giving Tuesday recipient at your work. See Pastor Robin for more information.

IN DECEMBER

Thurs

01

Advent Evening Prayer, 7pm*

Thursdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th ~ space to recenter, refocus, and relax.

Sun

04

Sunday School Christmas Program* and Light Up the Night*

4pm Sunday School Christmas Program

4:30pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols in the parking lot

5pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting in the parking lot

Sun

18

Christmas Cantata, 8:30am* & 11am Longest Night, 7pm*

Sat

24

Christmas Eve Worship, 3pm*, 5pm* 11pm*

Candle lighting to *Silent Night* at all services.

Sun

25

Christmas Day Worship, 10am

One service on Christmas Day, no livestream.

* Livestream on YouTube & Facebook

WEDNESDAY IS THANKSGIVING EVE

7pm WORSHIP | 8pm PIE NIGHT

Church Decorating Event
Next Sunday, November 27th



Noon - 2pm

Adults only, please.

Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org

GET ONE BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!



angel
TAGS

**Narthex or
stjohnjoliet.org**



Bring your *unwrapped* gift to St. John on
Saturday, 12/3 from 5pm-7pm or Sunday, 12/4 from 8am-Noon.