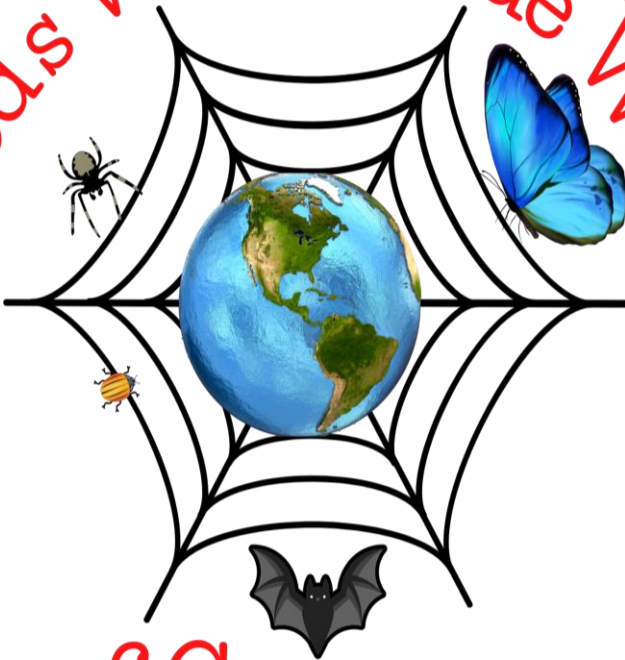


St. John  
Lutheran Church

God's World Wide Web



of Creation

God's Relief In The Night

8:30am  
Sunday  
July 31, 2022



Commitment  
to Community



Sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)



## God's World Wide Web of Creation

### 10am Outdoor Worship Sunday 8/14

**Come as you are! Bring a friend! Enjoy God's creation!**

- Location: In the back of the parking lot in the shade
- Bring: A chair to sit on

### This Sunday: Kids Paint & Craft During Worship

**Who:** Children

**What:** Paint bird, bat, butterfly, and/or honeybee houses; crafts

**When:** 8:30am & 10am services; after the children's sermon

**Where:** Karin Johnson Hall. They can stay for the remainder of the service or join their families again during communion time.

**Wear:** Comfy crafting clothes



Remember to keep coloring and even putting together new Busy Bugs; find them in the Narthex at the easel

### This Wed. 8/3: High School Youth BBQ at 6:30pm

Sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) for an evening of food, games, sports & contests from 6:30-9:30pm at St. John! All youth who will be in high school in a few short weeks, we look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend if you'd like!

### June & July Special Offering

Use a blue envelope or visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) to give a gift to St. John Youth - Camps and Trips. Thank you!

### Summer Connections

- **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS!** See Nicole Adams or Pam Kornaus in the office, or a Pastor, to usher, deacon, greet, etc.
- **DAYBREAK OPPORTUNITIES!** Sign up to help prepare, transport, and/or serve dinner on Aug. 4th at Daybreak. See Pastor Evan.
- **MUSIC!** Share your gifts during worship. See Tori Hicks or a Pastor.
- **VOLUNTEER AT OUR FOOD PANTRY!** Families, individuals, scouts and groups welcome. Distribution on Saturdays via drive thru.

### Food Pantry Reopens Saturday, August 6th!

### Young Adult Fellowship time at Craft'd in Plainfield 8/6, 5pm

Young adults in their 20's & 30's, RSVP to Meghan at (815) 341-8481 or Anna at (319) 575-2875 by July 31. You can also RSVP on the YAM Facebook Group. Find a link at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org).

*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.*

*The altar flowers are given today by Tim and Pat Block-Hay in memory of Eileen Mikos.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*



## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, July 31, 2022 (8:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Glenn Smith
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Lynne Smith, Rachel Yergler
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Crabb, Marge West
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Nicole Adams
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Dawn MacGregor, Matt Markwell
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude**

“Four Pieces: No. 1 Plainte”

Boellmann

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C** **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we have turned from God this week.*

Let us pray. **Holy God, Creator of all that is, we confess to you that we have sinned. We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures. We have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful of the resources you entrusted to us. Polluted air and water, eroded soil and salty earth, birds and animals deprived of habitat, and neighbors left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness: all these cry out against us. We do not know how to restore what we have damaged. We repent in sorrow and distress. Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy. Give us grace to change our ways, to make amends, and to work together for the healing of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God promises a new creation. God's Spirit renews the hearts of God's people. God's Spirit moves over the face of the earth. God's Spirit calls us to action. We are free to choose a new way for us and God's creation! Therefore, I declare to you: your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**“Gather Us In”**

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**Verse 1**            Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

**Verse 3**            Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**Verse 4**            Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away –  
Here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**\*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.**

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

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**Verse 1** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

**Verse 4** Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, we lift to you the animal inhabitants of the earth. For those seen and unseen creatures who do their work behind the scenes to bring balance to creation, we ask your blessing. Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in these mysterious creatures and all the gifts they provide that we receive them with gratitude and care for them with love, to the honor and glory of your holy name.

C **Amen.**

**Psalm 19:1-10**

D A responsive reading from Psalm 19. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the  
commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music

“Cornerstone”

Liljero, Morgan, Myrin

*Keith Drupek, Kyra Drupek, Rachel Yergler*

## Reading

**Isaiah 46:3-4, 8-13**

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Listen to me, O house of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
who have been borne by me from your birth,  
carried from the womb;  
even to your old age I am he;  
even when you turn gray I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save.

Remember this and consider;  
recall it to mind, you transgressors;  
remember the former things of old,  
for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is no one like me,  
declaring the outcome from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, “My purpose shall stand,  
and I will fulfill my intention,”  
calling a bird of prey from the east,  
the man for my purpose from a far country.  
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;  
I have planned, and I will do it.

Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,  
you who are far from deliverance:  
I bring near my deliverance; it is not far off,  
and my salvation will not tarry;  
I will put salvation in Zion,  
for Israel my glory.

D Word of God, Word of Life!  
C **Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

# 512

### “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

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Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## \*Gospel

**John 14:8-11, 25-27**

P The gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.  
C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P The gospel of our Lord.  
C **Praise to you O Christ.**



Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

\*Hymn of the Day

# 823, Vs. 1-2

**“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”**

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**Verse 1**

Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;  
Praise him, angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
Praise him, gleaming stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance he has made.

**Verse 2**

Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;  
Never shall his promise fail.  
God has made his saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
Hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;  
Heav'n and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify his name!

**\*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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

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**P** Guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*Congregation sings the response:*

**Deep peace of the running waves,  
Deep peace of the flowing air,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**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**

“Here at Your Table, Lord”

Hayes

## \*Offertory Response

# 856, Vs. 1

### “How Great Thou Art”

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**Verse 1**            O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
                         Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
                         I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
                         Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**Refrain**            Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
                         How great thou art! How great thou art!  
                         Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
                         How great thou art! How great thou art!

## \*Offertory Prayer

D            Let us pray. Holy God, **you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, and growth in grace. Accept the gifts we offer here. Use them to nurture your church, this community, and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, 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 Taste and see that the Lord is good!  
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.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip forward and place in the offering basket or place in the offering baskets by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *The deep purple wine is on the outer rings of the tray; the golden grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

## Lamb of God

# 336

### **“Lamb of God; Your Only Son”**

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#### **Refrain**

Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God.  
Oh wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. **Repeat**

## “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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**Verse 1** All who hunger, gather gladly;  
Holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.  
Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
All around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

**Verse 2** All who hunger, never strangers;  
Seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
In communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

**Verse 3** All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
Live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

**“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!
- Verse 6**      And so, through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house forever.

**\*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.

## \*Sending Song

# 545, Vs. 1

### “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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#### Verse 1

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

“Fugue in C Minor”

Charpentier

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