

*St. John*  
Lutheran Church



# **I Believe**

Sunday, August 28, 2022

8:30am



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## This Weekend, August 27-28

Back to School Blessing & Music Ministry hosts coffee hour

## Fall Sign Ups Open at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)

Youth	Sunday School	Sept. 18 – First Day
Youth	4th-6th Gr. Chimers	Sept. 19 – First Day
Youth	Youth Choir	Sept. 21 – First Day
High School	7/8th Gr. Retreat 9/24	Sept. 05 – Deadline
High School	Confirmation	Sept. 14 – Orientation
		Sept. 21 – First Day
10th Gr & Up	Handbells	Sept. 12 – First Day
	St. John Chorale	Sept. 21 – First Day
	Praise Team	See Tori Hicks
	Sound Team	See Tori Hicks

### Youth Service Team This Week

High Schoolers meet up on Thursday 6-8:30. Just show up!

### August Special Offering: Helping Hands

Use a blue envelope or visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) to give a gift to St. John Helping Hands. Thank you!

## Food Pantry Hunger Action Month in September

Support Us. Serve with Us in September at special family volunteer events each Thursday night. Details soon.

## September 11th - RSVP By 9/1

# Celebration of Shared Ministry

## *Farewell Pastor Jen*

### 10am Worship

No 8:30am  
Worship on  
September 11th

### Party!

11am - 2pm  
Hors D'oeuvres  
Sign up to bring  
a dessert

### Invitation

Check your mailboxes  
this week & RSVP by  
Sept. 1 on our website

**Celebration Video** - Upload a fav. Pastor Jen photo/video to our website or bring it to the church office on/before Sept 1st.

*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 Alan & Marie Anderson in celebration of the marriage of Benjamin Anderson & Kayla Currans. To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*

*Thank you to Tori Hicks and our St. John Music Ministries for coffee hour this morning.*



## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, August 28, 2022 (8:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Glenn Smith
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Lynne Smith
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Erik Hoffman, Marge West
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Keith Maxwell
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Dawn MacGregor
<b>Counters</b>	Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude**

“Trio du troisième ton”

le Begue

## **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.**

## \*Opening Hymn

#324, Vs. 1-3

### “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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- Verse 1** In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
- Verse 2** When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- Verse 3** When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

## \*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.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

# 858, Vs. 1, 4

### “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. By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Psalm 112

D A responsive reading from Psalm 112. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast  
forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and  
pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

- D A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C **Our ears are open.**

[Paul writes,] For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

- 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 1:1-18**

P The gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

Back to School Blessing

**Sermon**

Pastor Evan Mayhew



**“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”**

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**Verse 1** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

**Verse 2** Christ is alive! No longer bound  
To distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now,  
And touching ev'ry place and time.

**Verse 5** Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
Good news to this and ev'ry age,  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
With joy, with justice, love and praise.

**\*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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Byrne

## \*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**

**“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

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**Verse 1**            Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow his example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
Trav'lers here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

**Verse 2**            Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy:  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
Help me there your joy to know.

**Verse 3**            Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death he conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
There to live with you on high.

**Verse 4**            Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
We are your own living members;  
Where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly,  
Living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
Life eternal grant to me.

**“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”**

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**Verse 1**            O Master, let me walk with you  
                         In lowly paths of service true;  
                         Tell me your secret; help me bear  
                         The strain of toil, the fret of care.

**Verse 2**            Help me the slow of heart to move  
                         By some clear, winning word of love;  
                         Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
                         And guide them in the homeward way.

**Verse 4**            In hope that sends a shining ray  
                         Far down the future's broad'ning way,  
                         In peace that only you can give;  
                         With you, O Master, let me live.

**\*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

# 583, Vs. 1

### “Take My Life, That I May Be”

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**Refrain**            Take my life, that I may be  
                          Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
                          Take my moments and my days;  
                          Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**Verse 1**            Take my hands and let them move  
                          At the impulse of thy love;  
                          Take my feet and let them be  
                          Swift and beautiful for thee. **Refrain**

## \*Sending

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

## Postlude

“Tambourin sur des Noels”

Charpentier