

# St. John

LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Come and See**

January 17, 2026 at 5:30 PM

January 18, 2026 at 8:30 AM

*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 flowers on the altar today are given by Brad & Rachel Uffelmann in memory of Theordore James Uffelmann.*

## **Worship Leaders – Saturday, January 17, 2026 (5:30 pm)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Glenn Faikus
<b>Usher</b>	Joan Fry
<b>Piano</b>	Maureen McCoy
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Georgene Lange

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, January 18, 2026 (8:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Judy Wierman
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Linda Koerner
<b>Greeter</b>	Janel Eaton
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug Koerner, Marge West
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alison Morris, Sage Quiaoit
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Rob Doyle
<b>Livestream</b>	Rob Kornaus, Frank Norem
<b>Counters</b>	Frank Norem, Norm Roland
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Fry, Marge West
<b>Support Staff</b>	Jackie Mansholt
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Jill Doyle
<b>Wiggle Room</b>	Meghan Doyle
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jackie Mansholt & Linda Evans

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**St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**



**St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Prelude** (8:30)

“Prelude (Op. 89, No.3)”

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## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
the creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

C      Amen.

P      Let us confess to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P      Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**C      you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

P      The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C      Amen.

## \*Opening Hymn

**"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"**

**# 314, Vs. 1-4**

## \*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

*Refrain*

All

S 184

Ky - ri - e      e - lei - son,      on our world and on

our way.      Ky - ri - e      e - lei - son,

ev - 'ry day.

*To verses*      *Last time*

## Verse 3 & 4

For the peace in our hearts, for the peace in our homes, for friends & family;  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood;  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## \*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Reading****Isaiah 49:5-7**

**D** A reading from the book of Isaiah, the 49th chapter.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Our hearts are open.**

And now the LORD says,  
    who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
    and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
    and my God has become my strength—  
he says,  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
    to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
    and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
    that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,  
    the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
    the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
    princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
    the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**D** Word of God, Word of Life!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 40:1-5**

**D** A responsive reading from the book of Psalms.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Our hearts are open.**

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
    he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
**He drew me up from the desolate pit,**  
    **out of the miry bog,**  
**and set my feet upon a rock,**  
    **making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear  
and put their trust in the LORD.  
**Happy are those who make  
the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

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

### \*Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Gospel

**John 1:29-42**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”

I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

### **Children's Sermon (8:30)**

*After the Children's Sermon, parents with children of all ages, may bring them to the Wiggle Room Leader standing at the end of the center aisle. They will then take the children to the Wiggle Room. The children will return to the sanctuary during the Sharing of the Peace.*

### **Sermon**

Pastor Evan Mayhew

### **\*Hymn of the Day**

**"Lamb of God (Your Only Son)"**

**# 336, Vs. 1-3**

## **\*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**

*In the hope of God's grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.*

*Your prayer requests may be shared silently during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or completing the Prayer Request form at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org).*

**P As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.**

*Congregation sings the response:*

### **“Deep Peace”**

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**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 Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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 (8:30)** “They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” Hayes

### **Commitment to Community**

*Today we celebrate the gift of God's love for the world.*

*In turn, we share that love by giving what we can.*

*We pray that whatever we offer of our time, money, and talents will be used by the Holy Spirit to create a more purposeful world of love and belonging for one another.*

*Financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests may be placed in the offering plate that can be passed along.*

*May God bless your generous heart!*



*Now Accepting*



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## \*Offertory Response

# 454, Vs. 1-2

### “Remember and Rejoice”

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#### Verse 1

Remember and rejoice,  
Renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
That time cannot erase.

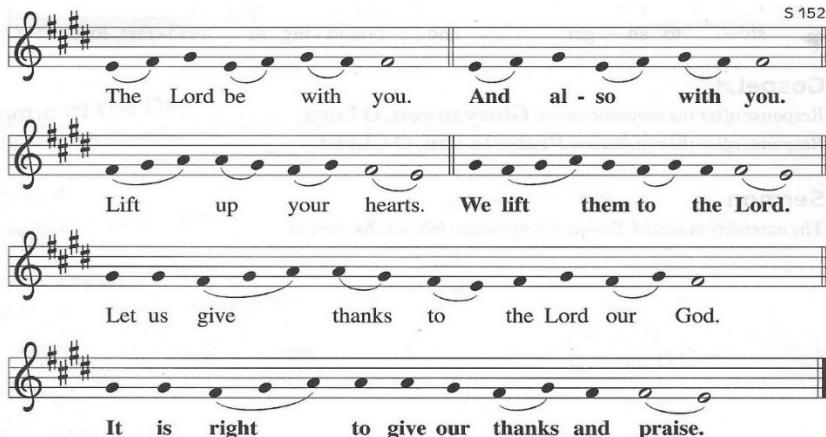
#### Verse 2

In life, in death, we trust  
In God's most holy name,  
Forever traced by water sign,  
And sealed by Spirit flame.

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray.  
C **God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
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. By the leading of a star, he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, 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** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Distribution

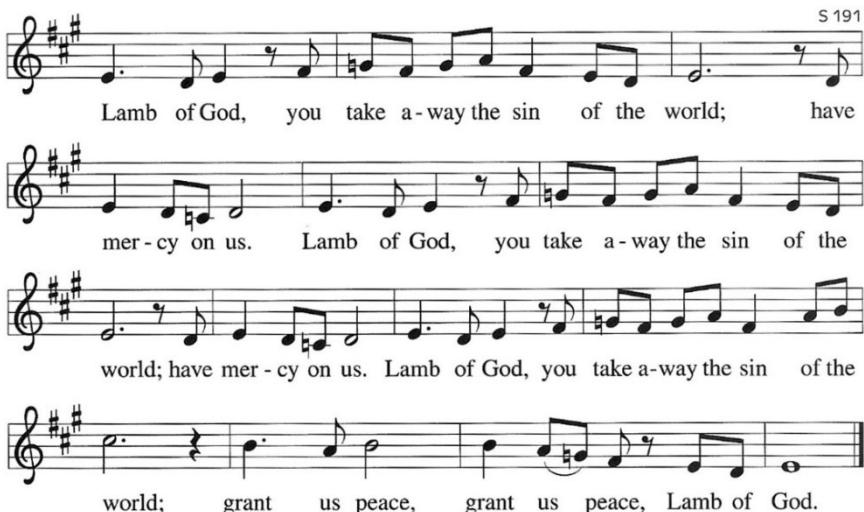
*We believe Jesus Christ is the host of this table,  
his true presence is in this meal, and you are welcome here!*

*If you prefer your child to receive a blessing,  
place your hand upon their head or their hands.*

### Communion Instruction

- You will be invited forward by the usher or pastor.
- To receive communion, hold your hands open to receive the bread in your palm.
- Gluten-free/vegan 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, and return to your pew via the side aisle.
- If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, communion pods are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion.

## Lamb of God



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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, Lamb of God.

## Communion Music

**“Come to the Table”**

**# 481**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**# 779, Vs. 1-5**

**\*Blessing (8:30)**

**C      Amen.**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**D**      Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the sacrament of bread and wine, the sign of your sacrifice and our eternal life. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C      Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn**

**# 546, Vs. 1 & 4**

### **“To Be Your Presence”**

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**Verse 1**      To be your presence is our mission here,  
To show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
To be your heart of mercy ever near,  
Alleluia!

**Verse 4**      We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
To serve your people is our call and choice,  
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
Alleluia!

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Do Justice. Love mercy.  
C Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

“To Be Your Presence” (reprise)

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## January Special Offering:

# DAYBREAK

Your donations will be used to support  
the monthly meal that St. John volunteers provide  
at the Daybreak Shelter in Joliet, IL.



### Donate Now!

Use the Blue envelopes in your pew,  
go online & click "Give" at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org),  
or scan the QR code!



## Congregational Forum and Meeting

**Forum: Sunday, January 18th at 9:45 AM**

in the Trinity Room A & B

**Meeting: Sunday, January 25th at 9:45 AM**

in the Sanctuary

### Topics Include:

- 2026 Budget Review and Approval
- Ministry Updates
- Capital Improvements

4:12 MINISTRY PRESENTS

# CHILLI COOK-OFF & GAME NIGHT



Saturday, January 24th  
6:30PM-9:30PM

Questions? Call Nicole Adams at 815-603-5620

Scan the QR code  
to learn more  
& RSVP!

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St. John  
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OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW OPEN  
TO SERVE OUR  
WORSHIP COMMUNITY!

St. John actively *Shares the Love of Christ* all year-round, and we couldn't do it without the help of many volunteers.

Live out your faith as a Deacon, Usher, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Livestream Tech, or Sound Board Technician. We would greatly appreciate your help!



To learn more about these servant opportunities, please contact the church office at 815-439-2320 or email Nicole Adams at [Nicole.14Adams@gmail.com](mailto:Nicole.14Adams@gmail.com)



## ST. JOHN MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 21st, 2026  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. John Men's Ministry will be hosting a retreat for any person who identifies as a man at Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, IL.



Join us as we explore our theme with devotions, conversations, meditation, and worship. Bring your bible and your walking shoes!

Questions? Contact Mark Frost ([frost@juliecall.com](mailto:frost@juliecall.com))





# January

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 18</b>	<i>(Monthly Special Offering: Daybreak)</i>	
8:30am -	9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am -	10:45am	Coffee Hour: Jackie Mansholt & Linda Evans
9:45am -	10:45am	Congregation Q&A Forum: Trinity Room
9:45am -	10:00am	Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Choir Room
9:45am -	10:45am	Sunday School: Sanctuary, Karin Johnson Hall, West Wing
11:00am -	12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary
12:30pm -	2:30pm	Men's Ministry Meeting: Trinity Room
5:00pm -	6:30pm	Spanish Worship: Sanctuary
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 19</b>	<i>(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed)</i>	
5:30pm -	8:00pm	A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
6:30pm -	8:30pm	Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
7:00pm -	8:00pm	Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
7:00pm -	8:00pm	Handbells: (Recess)
8:00pm -	9:00pm	Handbell Ensemble: (Recess)
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 20</b>		
1:00pm -	3:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry: Youth Room
7:00pm -	9:00pm	Council Meeting: Trinity Room
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21</b>		
8:30am -	12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
7:00pm -	8:30pm	Confirmation: Building
7:00pm -	8:00pm	Parent Care Group Meeting: Trinity Room
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 22</b>		
9:00am -	11:30am	Coffee with Friends (Women)
9:00am -	1:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
2:00pm -	7:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
7:00pm -	8:00pm	A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
6:45pm -	8:00pm	St. John Chorale: Choir Room
8:00pm -	9:00pm	Praise Team: Sanctuary
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 23</b>		
8:30am -	12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:00am -	11:00am	Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am -	10:30am	Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County
9:30am -	11:30am	MOMCO Meeting: Narthex & West Wing
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 24</b>		
7:00am -	11:00am	Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am -	10:00am	Food Pantry Distribution Drive: Parking Lot
5:30pm -	6:30pm	Worship: Sanctuary
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 25</b>		
8:30am -	9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am -	10:45am	Congregation Meeting: Sanctuary
9:45am -	10:00am	Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Recess
9:45am -	10:45am	Sunday School: Karin Johnson Hall, West Wing (No Opening)
11:00am -	12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary
12:15pm -	2:30pm	High School FIRE: Youth Room
12:15pm -	2:30pm	Tween GO!: Karin Johnson Hall
12:15pm -	2:15pm	VBS Meeting: Trinity Room
4:00pm -	7:00pm	Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall
5:00pm -	6:30pm	Spanish Worship: Sanctuary

*\*Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.*