

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 Theodore James Uffelmann.

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

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

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

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

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St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude (8:30)

“Prelude (Op. 89, No.3)”

Goltermann

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, ✠ 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 ✠ 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

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*

Verses 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!**

Psalms 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

S 188

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.

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



"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**

S 152

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

S 191

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,
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 ⚡

CHILI 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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**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**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



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@julielcall.com)

Cost: \$65
Includes
Lunch and
Snacks

Make checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church

RSVP by March 16th





January

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30am - 9:30am
9:45am - 10:45am
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9:45am - 10:45am
11:00am - 12:00pm
12:30pm - 2:30pm
5:00pm - 6:30pm

(Monthly Special Offering: Daybreak)

Worship: Sanctuary
Coffee Hour: Jackie Mansholt & Linda Evans
Congregation Q&A Forum: Trinity Room
Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Choir Room
Sunday School: Sanctuary, Karin Johnson Hall, West Wing
Worship: Sanctuary
Men's Ministry Meeting: Trinity Room
Spanish Worship: Sanctuary

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

5:30pm - 8:00pm
6:30pm - 8:30pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
8:00pm - 9:00pm

(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed)

A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
Handbells: (Recess)
Handbell Ensemble: (Recess)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

1:00pm - 3:00pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Youth Room
Council Meeting: Trinity Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30am - 12:00pm
7:00pm - 8:30pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
Confirmation: Building
Parent Care Group Meeting: Trinity Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00am - 11:30am
9:00am - 1:00pm
2:00pm - 7:00pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
6:45pm - 8:00pm
8:00pm - 9:00pm

Coffee with Friends (Women)
Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
St. John Chorale: Choir Room
Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30am - 12:00pm
9:00am - 11:00am
9:00am - 10:30am
9:30am - 11:30am

Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
Quilters: West Wing 5
Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County
MOMCO Meeting: Narthex & West Wing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00am - 11:00am
8:00am - 10:00am
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Karin Johnson Hall
Food Pantry Distribution Drive: Parking Lot
Worship: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30am - 9:30am
9:45am - 10:45am
9:45am - 10:00am
9:45am - 10:45am
11:00am - 12:00pm
12:15pm - 2:30pm
12:15pm - 2:30pm
12:15pm - 2:15pm
4:00pm - 7:00pm
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Worship: Sanctuary
Congregation Meeting: Sanctuary
Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Recess
Sunday School: Karin Johnson Hall, West Wing (No Opening)
Worship: Sanctuary
High School FIRE: Youth Room
Tween GO!: Karin Johnson Hall
VBS Meeting: Trinity Room
Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall
Spanish Worship: Sanctuary

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