

St. John  
Lutheran Church

God's World Wide Web



of Creation

The Sounds and Sights  
of God's Goodness

5:30pm  
Saturday  
August 13, 2022



Commitment  
to Community



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# Sunday SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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Sunday School begins Sun., September 18th.

*Open!*

## This Sunday, August 14th

### 10am Outdoor Worship

**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
- Reminder: This is the last summer 10am service
- *8:30am worship in the Sanctuary as usual*

### 6-9pm High School Mission Trip Return Dinner

Join us at 6pm to see and hear what the HS students did on their mission trip to Wisconsin. It will be a nice evening of food and sharing.

## Music for Everyone, Sign up online



At St. John, music is for everyone! We can teach you how to read music to sing or play handbells.

Sept. 7th, Youth Choir at 6pm, St. John Chorale at 7pm

Sept. 12th, Handbell Choir

### Sneak Peak...HAM



Support Us. Serve with Us during Hunger Action Month in September with special family volunteer events each Thursday night. Details soon.

### 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!

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



## **Worship Leaders – Saturday, August 13, 2022 (5:30 pm)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Kimberly Jensen
<b>Ushers</b>	Joan Fry, Jim Yokubonis
<b>Piano</b>	Susan Yokubonis
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

## Prelude

## 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.**

## \*Opening Hymn

# 835, Vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

### “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

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**Verse 1**            All creatures, worship God most high!  
                          Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:  
                          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
                          Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
                          Sing, sister moon and stars at night:  
                          Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse 2**            Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
                          You grow the gifts of fruit and grain:  
                          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
                          Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
                          Make music for your Lord to hear:  
                          Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse 3**            Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;  
                          Drive far the shadows, join the throng:  
                          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
                          Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
                          Praise God in colors bright and rare:  
                          Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse 6**            O sisters, brother, take your part,  
                          And worship God with humble heart:  
                          Alleluia! Alleluia!  
                          All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
                          And Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
                          Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## \*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. God of majesty, in the midst of your marvelous creation you sought us out, crowned us with glory and honor, and tasked us with the care of your many mysterious works on this planet. Enable us to steward our earth with humility, that all creation may radiate your splendor, and we may be filled with wonder in return. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Psalm 8**

D A responsive reading from Psalm 8. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

D Word of God, Word of Life!

**C Thanks be to God!**

## Reading

**Job 37:1-5, 14-17, 21-23**

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

**C Our ears are open.**

Elihu spoke to Job, "At [these wonders] my heart trembles and leaps out of its place. Listen, listen to the thunder of his voice and the rumbling that comes from his mouth. Under the whole heaven he lets it loose, and his lightning to the corners of the earth. After it his voice roars; he thunders with his majestic voice, and he does not restrain the lightnings when his voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.

Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God. Do you know how God lays his command upon the sky and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine? Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of the one whose knowledge is perfect, you whose garments are hot when the earth is still because of the south wind?

Now, no one can look on the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind has passed and cleared them. Out of the north comes golden splendor; around God is awesome majesty. The Almighty—we cannot find him; he is great in power and justice, and abundant righteousness he will not violate."

D Word of God, Word of Life!

**C Thanks be to God!**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

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

## \*Gospel

**Mark 4:35-41**

P The gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

Fireflies and Crickets

**Sermon**

Pastor Evan Mayhew



**“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”**

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**Verse 1** Joyous light of heav'n-ly glory,  
Loving glow of God's own face,  
You who sing creation's story,  
Shine on ev'ry land and race.  
Now as evening falls around us,  
We shall raise our songs to you.  
God of daybreak, God of shadows,  
Come and light our hearts anew.

**Verse 2** In the stars that grace the darkness,  
In the blazing sun of dawn,  
In the light of peace and wisdom,  
We can hear your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with wonder,  
Love that warms the weary soul,  
Love that bursts all chains asunder,  
Set us free and make us whole.

**Verse 3** You who made the heaven's splendor,  
Ev'ry dancing star of night,  
Make us shine with gentle justice,  
Let us each reflect your light.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
Gentle Christ who lights our way,  
Loving Spirit of salvation,  
Lead us on to endless day.

**Rite of Confirmation** *(see insert)*

Nadia Christina Megan Kardadi

**Gratitude for the Work of our Green Team & Youth Service Team**

# 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

### \*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

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Presider' and 'Congregation'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also 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 God thanks and praise.' The second staff is labeled 'Presider' and 'Congregation'. The third staff is labeled 'Presider'. The fourth staff is labeled 'Congregation'. The fifth staff is unlabeled but continues the melody.

*Presider* *Congregation*  
The Lord be with you. And also with  
*Presider* *Congregation*  
you. Lift up your hearts. We  
*Presider*  
lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
*Congregation*  
thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God 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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
you are the way of mer-cy and love:  
you break the chains of hat-red and fear:



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Music

# 487, Vs. 1-3

### “What Feast of Love”

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- Verse 1** What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
- Verse 2** What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!
- Verse 3** What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

## \*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



## \*Sending Song

# 671, Vs. 2

### “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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**Chorus** Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

**Verse 2** As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: **Repeat Chorus**

## \*Sending

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

## Postlude

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# 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

## End of Confirmation Bonfire at St. John



THIS Wednesday, Aug. 17th  
7pm

*HS FIRE on recess*

## Rite of Confirmation Sanctuary

NEXT Sunday, Aug. 21st  
8:30am and 11am

Fall worship  
time begins



Both 8:30am and  
11am services will  
livestream

