

St. John

Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30am



The Dwelling Places of God



Commitment
to Community

St. John Epiphany Worship & Events

Sunday School Winter Break Extended! No Sunday School 1/16/22.

NOW Food Ministries

Have a few hours on your hands? Sign up at stjohnfood.org to volunteer at the pantry on Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening, or Saturday morning.

If those times don't work, try volunteering at Meals on Wheels or Daybreak. See Pastor Robin for details and to sign up!

**FEB
06**

Stewarding God's Gifts: Budget Forum

On Sunday, February 6th at 10am we'll have a forum in the Trinity Room to talk about the 2022 budget & answer questions. *Note the date update.*

**FEB
13**

Celebrating God's Gifts: Winter Congregational Meeting

We will meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 13th at 10am. On the agenda: church business, 2022 budget vote, raffle. Questions? Come to the Budget Forum on Feb. 6th. *Note the date update.*

Celebrate, Remember, & Honor with Altar Flowers

Family

Anniversary

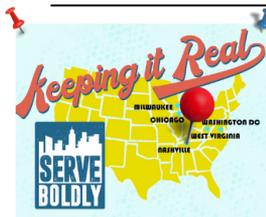
New Baby

Birthday

Friend

Memorial

Place your order at stjohnjoliet.org or at the church office! Thank you!



Save the
Date



July
9-16

2022 H.S. Youth Mission Trip

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 today are given by Pastor Jen Beamsley in thanksgiving for the Altar Guild, and by Sharon Sullivan in loving memory of her father-in-law, Richard Sullivan. To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, January 16, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Sandy Smith
Communion Assistant	Wendy Eklund
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Joe Aincham, Jon Blomquist, Matt Markwell
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Audio Board	Gino Incaudo
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Counters	Frank Norem, Norm Roland
Altar Guild	Joan Fry, Joan Nunemaker

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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“A Voluntary”

Gibbons

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God who creates us, redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved people. We have turned our faces away from
your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected
your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to
show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our
repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left
undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive
us and lead us, that we may trust in the glory of your Son born
among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of
Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven people
of God.

C **Amen.**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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Verse 1

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Verse 2

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Verse 5

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'n-ly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

*Kyrie

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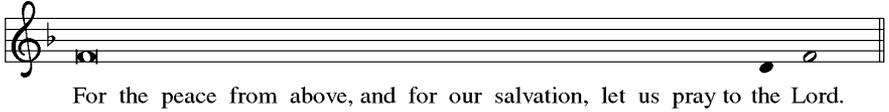
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C

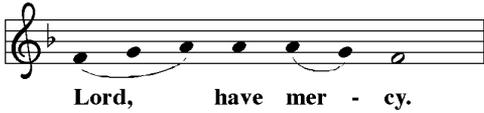
And also with you.



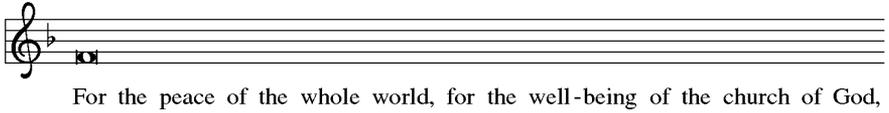
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



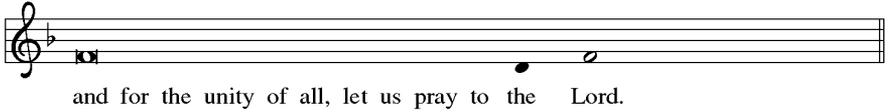
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



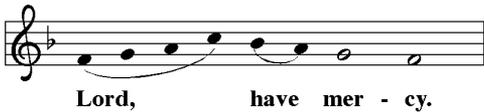
Lord, have mer - cy.



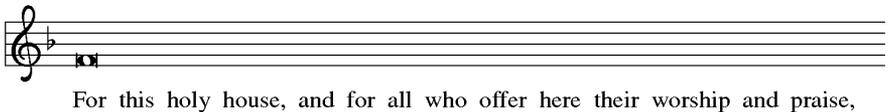
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Refrain 5 11

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

D A reading from the book of Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open**

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 36:5-10

D A responsive reading from Psalm 36. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
C **Our ears are open.**

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

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.

*Gospel

John 2:13-25

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Temple leaders then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Temple leaders then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

*Hymn of the Day

652, Vs. 1 & 3

"Built on a Rock"

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Verse 1

Built on a rock the church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling --
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

Verse 3

Christ builds a house of living stones:
We are his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
Granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
He in their midst will show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

***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.**

Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.
You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

Prayers of the Church

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**P The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are
bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.**

Response (sing):

**What we need is here.
What we need is here.**

The prayers conclude:

- P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these
and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ
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. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting.

*Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving,
and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.*

Offertory

“Brethren, We Have Met To Worship”

Curry

Commitment to Community

Jesus told the disciples, “Come and see,” so they could experience healing and hope for themselves and others. We are also being invited to come and see a deeper life of faith. One of the ways we can say yes is by giving what we are able to give of our time, money, and/or talents. We say “yes” to this invitation, together.

Let us give with grateful hearts.

***Offertory Response**

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“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God. **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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. 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. 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 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 Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.
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

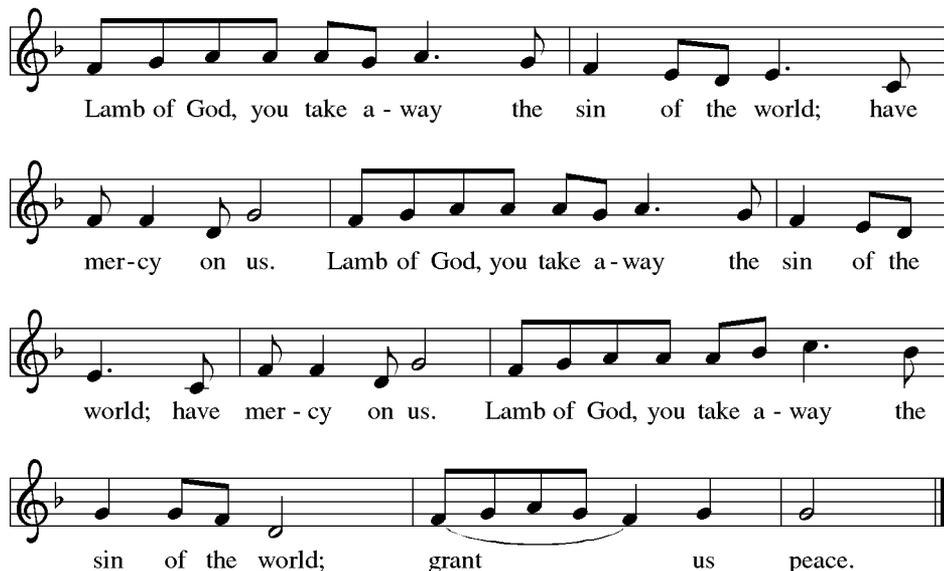
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

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 plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the wafer and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *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
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.

Communion Music

779 Vs. 1-3

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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- Verse 1** Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
- Verse 2** ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!
- Verse 3** Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;,
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

“Holy Ground”

Davis

*Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Holy God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your joy, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
- C **Amen.**

*Benediction

- C *Sing* **AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

*Sending Hymn

314, Vs. 1 & 4

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

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Verse 1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today.

Verse 4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

*Sending

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

Postlude

“Psalm 38 from the Tablature Book”

van Noordt