

St. John
Lutheran Church

WE
are the
Church

Do Justice.
Love Kindness.
Walk Humbly.



Sunday, November 13, 2022

8:30am

NOW Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags Available
Stop at the table in the Narthex for a tag and info. sheet! Also at stjohnjoliet.org.

Fair Trade Products 9:45-10:45am, Narthex Sunday

Norman Rockwell Calendars Available in Narthex, grab one. Free!

Crosses After worship, take your All Saints Day Cross; available Mon. in church office.

Sign Up Open for:

11/23 Pie Night!! Thanksgiving Eve followed by Pie Night is a week from Wed.
Sign up & let us know you're coming. We want to have enough seats, pie, etc.

11/27 Church Decorating Event, Noon After worship on Sunday, Nov. 27th,
we're putting up Christmas decorations. Sign up to join us! *Adults only, please.*

THIS WEEK

Mon 14 New Member Class, 7pm
Pastor Robin hosts class on Monday. New members received at 11am next
Sunday, November 20th. Lunch follows.

IN NOVEMBER - Special Offering is Helping Hands

Wed 23 Thanksgiving Eve & Pie Night!!
Worship at 7pm. Pie Night follows, please sign up for Pie Night!

Closed:

11/24 & 25 - Church Office, 11/26 - Food Pantry

Sat-Sun 26-27 First Saturday/Sunday of Advent
Join us for worship to officially start the Christmas season!

Sun 27 Church Decorating Event, Noon
Many hands make for light work! *Adults only, please.*

Tues 29 Giving Tuesday
Kindly recommend St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry as a Giving
Tuesday recipient at your work. See Pastor Robin for more information.

IN DECEMBER

Thurs 01 Advent Evening Prayer, 7pm
Thursdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th space to recenter, refocus, and relax.

**Sun 04 Sunday School Christmas Program and
Light Up the Night**

4pm Sunday School Christmas Program

4:30pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols in the parking lot

5pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting in the parking lot

**Sun 18 Christmas Cantata, 8:30am & 11am
Longest Night, 7pm**

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 in memory of John Manifold by his aunts and uncles.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.



Worship Leaders – Sunday, November 13, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Rachel Yergler
Communion Assistant	Meghan Doyle, Pam Murray
Greeter	Jackie Mansholt
Ushers	Mark Collins, Bob Makowka, Glenn Smith
Acolytes	Aubrey Morris, Sam Thomas
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Handbell Director	Sarah Wernli
Audio Board	Bill Jensen, Mike Pragit
Livestream Team	Rob Kornaus, Frank Norem
Counters	Pat Block-Hay, Cathy Hawkins
Altar Guild	Karen Becker, Joan Nunemaker

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“How Wondrous and Great”

Johnson

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.

“We Are Called”

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Verse 1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

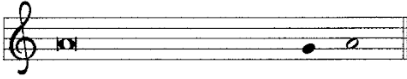
Verse 2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love. **Refrain**

***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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



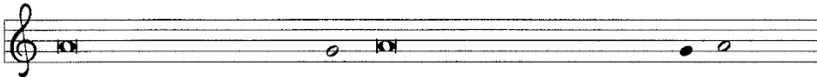
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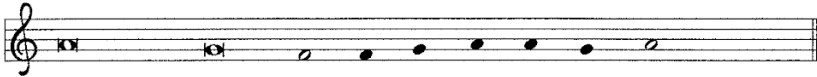
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister

S 149



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. 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. God of mercy, you sent your prophet Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a conflicted world. Give us voices of mercy, so that the lost feel the kindness of your grace, and the self-righteous know the strength of humility. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Special Music

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
St. John Handbell Choir

arr. Eithun

Reading

Micah 6:1-8

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 God has told you, O mortal, what is good,
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice and to love kindness
 and to walk humbly with your God?

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation**

S 151a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel**

Matthew 9:10-13

P The gospel according to Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

715, Vs. 2-5

"Christ, Be Our Light"

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Verse 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Verse 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Verse 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

***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

P In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all
of God's creation.

Congregation sings this response:

"Lord, Be Glorified"

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Verse 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petitions

Verse 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petition

Instrumental

Prayer Petition

Verse 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The prayers conclude

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you,
O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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

“I Worship You, Almighty God”

Corbett-Wood

All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God. In response to God’s generosity, we offer these gifts to our neighbors and the world through our time, possessions, and money.

The Offertory is an invitation to be a part of the mission, ministry, and outreach of Christ through St. John Lutheran Church. Together, there is enough for everyone.

Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer concerns in the offering plate when it comes to you and pass it on to the person next to you or behind you with the assistance of the usher. Thank you for your generosity!

***Offertory Response**

691, Vs. 1 & 3

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

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Verse 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

Verse 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us Pray. Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving** *(sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

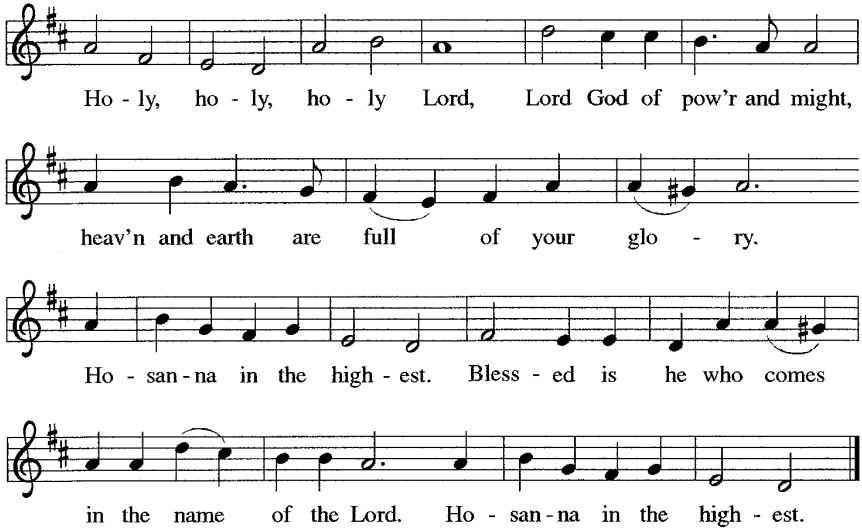
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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 Christ invites us to this table! Come, taste, and see.
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.*
- *Gluten free 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 that the acolyte brings to you 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, grant us peace.

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

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Verse 1 For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

Verse 2 By the promise that you love us,
By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heav'n above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

Verse 3 With the saints who now adore you,
Seated at the heav'nly board,
May the church still waiting for you
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

Verse 4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which you send us
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

697, Vs. 1-2

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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Refrain Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord; Lord, let it be

Verse 1 I am weak, but thou are strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee. **Refrain**

Verse 2 Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **Refrain**

*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

888, Vs. 1-2

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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Verse 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Verse 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might”

Gehrke

St. John
 Next Week:
 November 14 - 20

Commitment Cards - It's not too late!

Thank you to everyone who turned in their 2023 Commitment Cards or submitted it online. This helps us to plan & prepare our 2023 budget. You can still turn in your Commitment Card to the church office! Cards available in your pew, at the welcome center & at stjohinjoliet.org.

Monday 11/14

- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 6:15 - 7pm Ensemble: SA
- 6:30 - 8pm Small Group: TR
- 7 - 8pm Handbells: SA
- 7 - 8pm A.A. Women: KJ Hall
- 7 - 8pm AI-Anon: WW 3&4
- 7 - 8pm New Member Class: CR

Tuesday 11/15

- 9:30 - Noon Staff Meeting: Zoom
- 9:30 - 11:30am PDO
- 7 - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH
- 7 - 9pm Council Meeting: TR

Wednesday 11/16

- 8am - 2pm Food Bank Delivery: KJH
- 9:30 - 11:30am PDO
- 6 - 7pm Youth Choir: SA
- 7 - 8:15pm Care Group Leaders: TR
- 7:30 - 9:15pm Senior Choir: CR/SA

Thursday 11/17

- 9 - 11:30am Coffee with Friends: TR
- 9:30 - 11:30am PDO
- 10:30 - Noon Altar Guild Harvest Set up: SA
- 11am - 3pm FP Delivery: KJH
- 4 - 5pm Property Committee: TR
- 5 - 7pm FP Packing: KJH
- 5 - 6pm Green Team: NX
- 6:30 - 8pm Martha Circle: TR
- 7 - 8pm Praise Team: SA
- 7 - 8pm AA Men: Zoom
- 7 - 9pm Youth Service Team: NX

Friday 11/18

- 9 - 11am Quilters: WW5
- 9 - 10:30am Meals on Wheels

Saturday 11/19

- 8 – 10am FP Distribution Drive
Thru: NX & KJH
- Noon - 4:30pm Confirmation Care Group
7a Service Opportunity: KJH
- 5:30 – 6:30pm Worship: SA

Sunday 11/20

- 8:30 – 9:30am Worship: SA
- 9:45 – 10:45am Sunday School
- 11am – Noon Worship (New Members
Rec'd): SA
- Noon - 1:30pm New Member Luncheon: TR

CR - Choir Room
 KJH - Karin Johnson Hall
 NX - Narthex
 SA - Sanctuary
 TR - Trinity Room
 WW - West Wing
 YR - Youth Room

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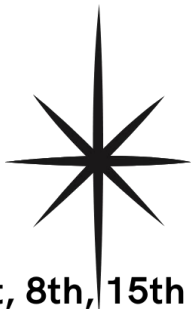
Wednesday, November 23th at 7pm*

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

and Pie Night Returns!

Let us know you're coming,
sign up at stjohnjoliet.org

11/24 - 25 - Office Closed
11/26 - Food Pantry Closed



December 1st, 8th, 15th

7:00pm *Advent Evening Prayer Service*



December 4th

4:00pm Sunday School Christmas Program



December 4th

4:30pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols

5:00pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting



December 18th

8:30am & 11am Christmas Cantata



December 18th

7:00pm *The Longest Night Service*



St. John

We're happy you
found us!

New member class
Tomorrow, 11/14
7pm

New Members Received
next Sunday, November 20th
Luncheon to follow

If you missed the first class and still want
to join the St. John faith community,
contact the church office or Pastor Robin.
815-439-2320