

*St. John*  
Lutheran Church



**Loved by God**

CALLED TO SERVE

*God Looks Into the Heart*



Sunday, October 24th  
8:30am

Commitment   
to Community

# St. John This Weekend

## It's Commitment Weekend Oct. 23-24



Commit online  
at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)

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### College-Age Care Package Item Sign Up

Stop by the table in the Narthex and pick up a tag if you'd like to donate an item for the college-age care packages we will be creating this month! Thank you for your support.

### Sign Up Deadline is **Sunday** for H.S. Fall / Winter Retreat

November 12-14  
Lutherdale, Elkhorn, WI  
Sign up [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)



Cost is \$150  
**\$50 deposit due This WEEKEND**  
balance due Nov. 7th

- Register at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)
- High ropes, rock wall, zip-lining, archery, devos, bonfires, GaGa ball, board games, late night outdoor games, movie night, time to relax & hang out with friends & more!
- Partial & full scholarships available by request, see Pastor Evan
- More details at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)

*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 Judy Mihavics-Dachman in celebration of Mike Mihavics' 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday and also in celebration of the marriage of Marianne Holmer and Billy Butler.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex or call the church office.*

***Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.***

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am**

<b>Deacon</b>	Meghan Doyle
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Linda Koerner
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Jon Blomquist, Ron Crabb
<b>Piano</b>	Susan Fick
<b>Audio Board</b>	Nick Jakusz
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Elliott Liss, Dawn MacGregor
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude**

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Larson

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P We are gathered today in the name of the Father, Son, and † Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Family of faith, we have all been in the place where we've hurt others and God's creation, sometimes without awareness, and sometimes with reactions that spring from pain or defensiveness. This is part of being human.

P God invites us to acknowledge our humanity and learn from our mistakes, letting forgiveness change our hearts. In this time of confession, we seek to learn God's gracious ways.

P Holy God,

C **We react because we see suffering, we do not understand.**

P We are skeptical because we know heartbreak that does not seem fair.

C **We withhold attention because sacrifice only feels real when it's our own.**

P Forgive us when we forget that you created the heavens and earth.

C **Forgive us for withholding our pain from you.**

P Forgive us for failing to love the things you love.

C **Help us learn from our mistakes.**

P Help us to forgive others with the mercy you show us.

C **Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, this is a new day. God is here. God is at work among us. We are † forgiven! Let us worship the God who calls us to love and serve one another.

C **Amen!**

**“Change My Heart, O God”**

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**Verse 1**      Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.  
You are the potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

**Verse 2**      From my heart, O God, let me live anew.  
From my heart, O God, let me love like you.  
Give us the freedom of serving you.  
No longer fearful, but trusting you.  
From my heart, O God, let me live a new.  
From my heart, O God, let me love like you.

**Verse 3**      Bind our hearts, O God, make your people one.  
Bind our hearts, O God, room for everyone.  
Make us a family, healed by your Son.  
Give us the courage to live as one.  
Bind our hearts, O God, make your people one.  
Bind our hearts, O God, room for everyone.

**Prayer of the Day**

**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.**

**P**      Let us pray. Let us pray. Faithful God, you believe in us before we believe in ourselves. Open our ears to your voice, so that we may look into the heart, and know our full potential when we live for you.

**C**      **Amen.**

**Psalm 51:10-14**

**D**      A responsive reading from Psalm 51. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C**      **Our ears are open.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
**Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.**  
Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

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

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

## **Anthem**

“I Will Give My Heart to the Lord”  
Youth Choir

Patterson

## **Reading**

## **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

**D** A reading from the book of First Samuel, the sixteenth chapter.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Our ears are open.**

God addressed Samuel: “So, how long are you going to mope over Saul? You know I’ve rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your flask with anointing oil and get going. I’m sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I’ve spotted the very king I want among his sons.”

“I can’t do that,” said Samuel. “Saul will hear about it and kill me.”

God said, “Take a heifer with you and announce, ‘I’ve come to lead you in worship of God, with this heifer as a sacrifice.’ Make sure Jesse gets invited. I’ll let you know what to do next. I’ll point out the one you are to anoint.”

Samuel did what God told him. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the town fathers greeted him, but apprehensively. “Is there something wrong?”

“Nothing’s wrong. I’ve come to sacrifice this heifer and lead you in the worship of God. Prepare yourselves, be consecrated, and join me in worship.” He made sure Jesse and his sons were also consecrated and called to worship.

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Here he is! God’s anointed!” But God told Samuel, “Looks aren’t everything. Don’t be impressed with his looks and stature. I’ve already eliminated him. God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart.” Jesse then called up Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. Samuel said, “This man isn’t God’s choice either.”

Next Jesse presented Shammah. Samuel said, “No, this man isn’t either.”

Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel. Samuel was blunt with Jesse, “God hasn’t chosen any of these.”

Then he asked Jesse, “Is this it? Are there no more sons?”

“Well, yes, there’s the runt. But he’s out tending the sheep.”

Samuel ordered Jesse, “Go get him. We’re not moving from this spot until he’s here.”

Jesse sent for him. He was brought in, the very picture of health—bright-eyed, good-looking.

God said, “Up on your feet! Anoint him! This is the one.”

Samuel took his flask of oil and anointed him, with his brothers standing around watching. The Spirit of God entered David like a rush of wind, God vitally empowering him for the rest of his life.

Samuel left and went home to Ramah.

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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*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

John 7:24

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

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

[Jesus said] "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

### \*Hymn of the Day

# 798, Vs. 1, 2 & 5

#### **"Will You Come and Follow Me"**

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#### **Verse 1**

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my name be known  
Will you let my life be grown in you  
And you in me?

#### **Verse 2**

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you  
And you in me?

#### **Verse 5**

Lord your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same  
In Your company I'll go  
Where Your love and footsteps show  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you  
And you in me



## **\*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** God welcomes our prayers. Today, we bring what is needed to God,  
trusting we are heard.

*Response (sing):*

**Oh God, we call (repeat)  
From deep inside we yearn (repeat)  
From deep inside we yearn for you**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you.  
**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** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" arr. Hayes

## Commitment to Community

*We are committed to God's holy work at St. John. As we turn toward the year ahead, you are invited to give to the mission and ministry of our church. When we gather our financial resources we can:*

- *Reimagine our gatherings and invest in their purpose and direction*
- *Reconnect to deepen our relationship with Christ and each other*
- *Care for each other in inclusive ways, steadying ourselves for the ups and downs of our lives*

*You are invited to bring forward your 2022 Commitment Cards to support this holy work at St. John. You may bring your offerings, bulletin inserts, and your commitment card forward when you come to receive communion. If you are receiving communion in your pew today, you can use the offering plates outside the Sanctuary doors.*

*Thank you for giving your resources to our shared ministry.  
Let us give with our grateful hearts.*

## \*Offertory Response

**# 465, Vs. 1**

### "As the Grains of Wheat"

#### **Refrain**

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
Were gathered into one to become our bread;  
So may all your people from all the ends of earth  
Be gathered into one in you.

#### **Verse 1**

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst  
May we share the presence of your love.

#### **Repeat Refrain**

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## \*Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

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 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 Come, you who have much faith, and you who have little.  
Christ will meet us here!
- 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 elements of bread 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.*

## **Communion Music**

“I Give You My Heart”  
“Lord, You Have My Heart”

arr. Larson  
arr. Smith

## **\*Blessing**

## \*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## \*Benediction

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

## \*Sending Song

# 857

### “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

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- Verse** Lord, I lift your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life,  
I'm so glad you came to save us.

- Chorus** You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

### **Repeat Chorus**

## \*Sending

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

## Postlude

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

arr. Berry

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# Flute Accompanist Opportunity for All Saints Sunday, Nov. 7

*If you are an advanced or accomplished flutist, consider accompanying the St. John Chorale.*



Contact: Tori Hicks  
for details & music

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Order your altar flowers at  
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or by calling the church office  
at 815-439-2320.



HAPPY  
Anniversary  
DAY

LET'S  
CELEBRATE




# All Saints Day

Sunday, November 7th

Send or bring your  
decorated cross(es)  
to the church office  
on or before Nov. 5th.

*St. John*

We're happy you  
found us! 

**new member class**

**Saturday, November 13th**

**One Day**

9am - Noon

**let us know you're coming**

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