

*St. John*  
Lutheran Church

**UNFINISHED:**



DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL IN THE NOT YET



120 Years  
Commitment  
to Community  
1903-2023

Wednesday, March 1, 2023  
7pm

Visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) for all sign ups

**This Saturday, March 3 ~ 6:45pm**



Taste of St. John is our largest youth fundraiser and your support makes this a successful event! It's back this Saturday after a 3-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Tickets available at the door!

If your youth/family has not signed up yet, visit the website & do it today! We need a few more sign ups for set up on Saturday from 10:30am - 12:30pm and from 5:30 - 6:30pm. We also need a good amount of sign ups for Saturday clean up from 8:30 - 9:30pm.

Thank you to all of the chefs who have signed up to donate food, drinks, money, and other things! Looking to donate? There are still a few slots open!



*Women's Retreat*

**Deposit deadline is this Sat., March 4th**

*Owning Our Stories & Loving Ourselves: The Women of Jesus' Family Tree*

The 2023 Women's Retreat is only 3 weeks away on March 24th - 26th at Lutherdale Conference Center in Elkhorn, WI. Pastor Robin is the weekend presenter and we still have a few rooms available. All non-refundable deposits are due by March 4th and the balances are due by March 20th.

	Total	Nonrefundable Deposit due 3/4	Balance due 3/30
Single room	\$295	\$150	\$145
Double room	\$195	\$100	\$ 95
Triple room	\$195	\$175	\$ 85



**High School Mission Trip, July 8 - 15**

**Deposit deadline is March 13th**

**Destination: Nashville, TN**

Providing youth the opportunity to accompany and serve their neighbor while deepening an understanding of God's presence in their lives. This mission trip is available to students finishing 9th grade through 12th grade. Full details on the sign up page. Questions? See Pastor Evan.

*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of Lenten worship and reflection on God's love for the world.*



## **Worship Leaders – Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (7:00 pm)**

<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Ron Crabb
<b>Organ &amp; Piano</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Bill Bromer
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Matt Markwell, Frank Norem

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## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Gathering Hymn

# 569, Vs. 1, 2, 5

#### "The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended"

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**Verse 1**      The day you gave us, Lord, has ended;  
The darkness falls at your behest.  
To you our morning hymns ascended;  
Your praise shall hallow now our rest.

**Verse 2**      We thank you that your church, unsleeping  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world its watch is keeping,  
And never rests by day or night.

**Verse 5**      So be it, Lord; your realm shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
But stand and grow and rule forever,  
Till all your creatures own your sway.

## Bible Drama

### Jonah: A Salty Prophet and A Faithful God Episode One: Man on the Run

Narrator	Pastor Robin Caldwell
Jonah	Jim Eklund
God	Jackie Mansholt
Susie	Diane Barnes
Town Gossip 1	Ken Swanson
Town Gossip 2	Janet Blomquist
Captain Philly	Chuck Cortese
Various	Pastor Evan Mayhew

## Special Music

“Lenten Meditation”  
*Keith Drupek, Kyra Drupek, Rachel Yergler*

Althouse

## St. John Tonight: 120 Years of Faith Stories

Special Guests: Nancy Kautz, Frank Norem, and Anita Freehauf

### \*Hymn

# 561, Vs. 1-3

### “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.

## Offering, Prayer, and Meditation

- *During this time, you may lift up someone you know in need of prayer, or simply offer a time to listen to God.*
- *You may pray in silence, and you may sing the songs.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip when you come forward, and place in offering basket.*
- *You may light a candle and kneel at the altar rail and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

## Meditation and Candle Lighting

# 751, Vs. 1-2

### “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

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**Verse 1**      O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
Come and listen to me.

#### *Instrumental*

**Verse 2**      The Lord is my song,  
The Lord is my praise:  
All my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song,  
The Lord is my praise:  
God, the well-spring of life.

#### *Instrumental*

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O Lord, hear my prayer:  
When I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
Come and listen to me.

“**How Beautiful**”  
*Janet Blomquist, Piano*

Paris

## \*Closing Prayer

*After a time of brief silence, the congregation stands for the closing prayer.*

P Let us pray,

C **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Lord's Prayer *(sung by congregation)*

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*(musical interlude)*

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \*Benediction

C *sing* **AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

## \*Sending

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”

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Palm Sunday Worship April 1, 5:30pm  
April 2, 8:30am\* and 11am  
Maundy Thursday Worship April 6, 7pm\*  
Good Friday Worship April 7, 7pm\*  
Prayer Vigil follows Worship Sanctuary 8pm - Midnight  
YouTube 8pm - 9am

# Easter

Easter Saturday Worship April 8, 5:30pm  
Easter Sunday Worship April 9, 6:30am\*  
8:30am\*  
*Easter Alleluia Coffee Hour* 9:30 - 10:45am  
11am\*

Office Closed April 10



\* Concurrent Livestream begins  
5 minutes before worship



- Call the church office or visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) to order your Easter lilies! Scroll down to "Details & Sign Ups" and click on Altar Flowers ~ Scroll down to April 9th.
- Cost is \$15 per plant. Please bring payment to church office.
- Please submit your orders by April 2nd to be included in Easter worship bulletins.