

St. John Lutheran Church

Senior Pastor, Robin E. Caldwell
Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



One in Christ

May 17th, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning Sunday, May 24th


5:30 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday

Congregational Forum & Meeting

Forum: TODAY, May 11th at 9:45 AM, Trinity Room

Meeting: Sunday, May 18th at 9:45 AM, Sanctuary

Men's Ministry invite you to



PUB THEOLOGY

at Catcher's Tap
1723 N. Center St. Crest Hill, IL

**SUNDAY
MAY
18TH
1 PM - 4 PM**

Are you ready for a night of Cubs/White Sox, fellowship, and informal faith discussion? Join us for Pub Theology Night!

Men of the congregation and their significant others are welcome!

Questions? Contact Mark Frost, 815-353-5002

St. John Lutheran Church



MAY SPECIAL OFFERING HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Adopt a Youth!



Help our high school youth make it to Kentucky this summer by supporting our Mission Trip financially! We will be building new houses for those who lost their homes in the Kentucky floods this Spring, and any amount you can donate will help make this trip affordable!"

Any amount adds up!
\$150 - 1/3 of cost.
\$225 - Half of cost
\$450 - Full scholarship

Donate by using the blue envelopes located in the Narthex or use the QR code to donate online!

GIVE NOW





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 flowers on the altar today are given by Pam Atkinson in honor of granddaughter, Samantha's 17th birthday.

Worship Leaders – Saturday, May 17, 2025 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Yvonne Welsh
Ushers	Joan Fry
Piano	Susan Yokubonis
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Counters	Jan Drish, Pat Block-Hay
Altar Guild	Jon Fry, Marge West

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St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL



St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of + the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C **Amen, amen, and alleluia!**

*Opening Hymn

"God is Here"

526, Vs. 1, 3, 4

*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

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a comma, and the second and third staves end with a period.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a period, and the second staff ends with a period.

*Hymn of Praise

"Now the Feast and Celebration"



Leader Verse 1

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Verse 2

Power and riches, wisdom and might,
All honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Verse 3

For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God; to make all things new.

Refrain (All)

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Redeeming God, you chose a child to prepare the way for you, giving knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of sins, and affirming the adoption of us all into your family. In your tender mercy, shine your light upon us that we may find your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our mighty and humble savior, we pray.

C **Amen.**

Reading *(Inclusive Translation)*

Galatians 3:6-9, 23-29

D A reading from the book of Galatians, the third chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

Recall that Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Realize, then, that those who believe are the children of Abraham. Because scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, it foretold this Good News to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed in you.” So then all who believe are blessed along with Abraham, who believed first.

Before faith came, we were under the constraint of the Law, locked in until the faith that was coming would be revealed. In other words, the Law was our monitor until Christ came to bring about our justification through faith. But now that faith is here, we are no longer in the monitor’s charge. Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ, you are the off-spring of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation

“Celtic Alleluia”

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***Gospel**

Luke 1:68-79

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.

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

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his child David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us, that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
in his presence all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Sydney Basham, Youth Pastor

***Hymn of the Day**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

807, Vs. 1 & 3

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

In the hope of God's grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.

Your prayer requests may be spoken during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or filling out the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

***My Soul is At Rest in God Alone
My Salvation Comes from Him***

The prayers conclude:

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

Offertory

Commitment to Community

In this Easter season, we remember the generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our salvation. In gratitude for this gesture of grace, we offer what we have to share the Good News of God's love with the world.

May new life be born through these gifts we offer!

Your offering of any amount fosters God's grace for the world through the ministry of St. John, in service to God, to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world. Thank you!!

*Financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests
may be placed in the offering plate.*



Now Accepting



*Offertory Response

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"Be Not Afraid"

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Repeat

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Risen One

C you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, 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 to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.
C Thanks be to God!

Distribution

*We believe Jesus Christ is the host of this table,
his true presence is in this meal,
and you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of resurrection.*

*If you prefer your child to receive a blessing,
place your hand upon their head or their hands.*

Communion Instruction

- You will be invited forward by the usher or pastor.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when at the rail.
- 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, and return to your pew via the side aisle.
- If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, communion pods are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you broke the bonds of sin and of death:
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

“Borning Cry”

732, Vs. 1-3

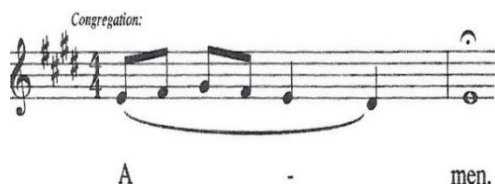
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

815, Vs. 1-3

***Prayer after Communion**

- D** Let us pray. God of the mountain, the valley, and every step in between, make this meal a fresh start. Make this moment, the start of something new. And, may your love cling to us as we leave here, that we may share it with your wounded world. In the name of the living one, we pray.
- C** Amen.

***Benediction**



***Sending Hymn**

677, Vs. 1 & 3

“This Little Light of Mine”

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Verse 1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

***Sending**

- D** Go in peace. Live in love.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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3RD ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE PARKING LOT PICNIC

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
BAGS, BINGO, & A BOUNCE HOUSE
FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!

JUNE 8TH, 2025

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
AFTER CHURCH

SIGN UP




**B.Y.O. BEVERAGE
& CHAIR!**





HOSTED BY THE 4:12 MINISTRY

HONORING OUR NEIGHBORS FAITH



A Joint Conversation with
Local ELCA Churches

Please join us for a series of joint conversations between the ELCA churches of the Joliet area, as we learn more about the different faith traditions of our neighbors and reflect together on what it means for us, as ELCA Lutherans, to be good neighbors in faith.

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**Mondays: June 2nd, June 9th,
June 16th, June 23rd**

6:30pm - 8:00pm
Free Snacks Provided

Free!

Questions? Contact the St. John Lutheran Church Office at 815-439-2320

sign up here!



SCAN

St. John

Vacation Bible School

Different Bodies, Different Gifts

Free
Event!!

Volunteer
Here!



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Register
Here!



"I praise you, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made"

Ages 4 through entering 6th Grade.
Snack will be served.

Sunday, June 22nd
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

May

SUNDAY, MAY 18

8:30am - 9:30am
9:45am - 10:15am
10:15am - 10:45am
11:00am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 4:00pm
4:30pm - 7:00pm

(Monthly Special Offering: High School Mission Trip)

Worship: Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
Sunday School: Sanctuary
Worship: Sanctuary (Sunday School Sings & Faith Milestones)
Men's Ministry Pub Theology: Off Site
Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

MONDAY, MAY 19

11:00pm - 1:00pm
1:00pm - 3:00pm
5:30pm - 7:00pm
5:30pm - 8:00pm
6:30pm - 8:30pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
8:00pm - 8:30pm

Staff-Robin Trueblood Farewell Luncheon: Trinity Room
Staff-Calendar Meeting: Trinity Room
4:12 The Next Chapter
A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
Handbell Choir: Sanctuary
Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MAY 20

1:00pm - 3:00pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Youth Room
Council Meeting: Trinity Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

8:30am - 12:00pm
7:00pm - 8:15pm
8:15pm - 9:15pm

Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
Confirmation: 9th Grade Writing Workshop: Trinity Room
High School FIRE: Youth Room

THURSDAY, MAY 22

9:00am - 11:30am
9:00am - 1:00pm
2:00pm - 7:00pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
8:00pm - 9:00pm

Coffee with Friends (Women): Youth Room
Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
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A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
St. John Chorale: Choir Room
Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MAY 23

8:30am - 12:00pm
9:00am - 11:00am
9:00am - 10:30am

Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
Quilters: West Wing 5
Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost

SATURDAY, MAY 24

7:00am - 11:00am
8:00am - 10:00am
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex/Karin Johnson Hall
Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
Worship: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 25

9:30am - 10:30am
10:45am - 12:30pm

Worship: Sanctuary (Lambert Baptism)
Lambert Baptism Party: Narthex/Trinity Room

MONDAY, MAY 26

(Memorial Day: Church Office Closed)

*Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.