

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE of Christ

I've been
meaning
to ask...
where does it hurt?

Sunday,
August 22

8:30am

Sunday SCHOOL

Now - It's still open! Take the Sunday School survey!
It's on our website, stjohnjoliet.org, or call 815-439-2320.

September 12th - Sunday School Starts!

This Wednesday

**new
member
class**

August 25 & September 1
6:30 - 8:00pm
please plan to attend both
sessions and let us know
you are coming!

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*Farewell
for Ellen*

**NEXT
SUNDAY
AUGUST 29
8:30AM
11AM**



Join us outside for fellowship time by *the 3 trees* at the back of the parking lot for lemonade in the shade and some treats as we celebrate Ellen's time at St. John. Bring your coffee and a lawn chair.

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 are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.
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

Deacon	Jill Doyle
Communion Assistant	Lynne Smith
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Judy Dachman, Bob Makowka
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Audio Board	Nick Jakusz
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Prelude

“Diapason Movement”

Green

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P We are gathered today in the name of the holy Trinity, † one God.

C **Amen.**

P If we were to call the prayer of confession by another name, I would call it a moment for truth telling- a moment to pause, to reflect, to be honest about the places we want to grow, and the way we need God’s help.

P Family of faith, there is power in honesty. We worship a loving and gracious God. Join with me as we pray to God, together.

P Gracious God,

C **We speak without listening.**

P We assume without knowing.

C **We offer without asking, and rush without waiting.**

P You know when we are careless with our thoughts, words, and deeds.

C **We do not always love what you love.**

P You are God. We are not.

C **Forgive us for assuming and rushing.**

P Forgive us when we are careless with 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, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting: you are † forgiven!

P Hear the good news of the gospel:

C **Every day is a new day for love.**

We are claimed.

We are forgiven.

We are invited into relationship.

Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end! Amen.

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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Vs. 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Vs. 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who make us one.

***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. Holy God, we don't always know how to pray, but you find us
anyway. We don't always know how to listen, but you are speaking, all the
same. We don't always know how to believe, but you surround us with
beauty. You hold us together in love. Sometimes, our lives are full of
distractions and noise. Come to us in this space. Be in the words we hear
today, and in the way we listen to one another.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 34:15-22 (*read responsively*)

D A reading from the 34th Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the Lord is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord rescues them from them all.

**He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

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

Mark 5:21-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fifth chapter.

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

After Jesus crossed over by boat, a large crowd met him at the seaside. One of the meeting-place leaders named Jairus came. When he saw Jesus, he fell to his knees, beside himself as he begged, "My dear daughter is at death's door. Come and lay hands on her so she will get well and live." Jesus went with him, the whole crowd tagging along, pushing and jostling him.

A woman who had suffered a condition of hemorrhaging for twelve years—a long succession of physicians had treated her, and treated her badly, taking all her money and leaving her worse off than before—had heard about Jesus. She slipped in from behind and touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, "If I can put a finger on his robe, I can get well." The moment she did it, the flow of blood dried up. She could feel the change and knew her plague was over and done with.

At the same moment, Jesus felt energy discharging from him. He turned around to the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"

His disciples said, "What are you talking about? With this crowd pushing and jostling you, you're asking, 'Who touched me?' Dozens have touched you!"

But he went on asking, looking around to see who had done it. The woman, knowing what had happened, knowing she was the one, stepped up in fear and trembling, knelt before him, and gave him the whole story.

Jesus said to her, "Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague."

* * *

While he was still talking, some people came from the leader's house and told him, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?"

Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, "Don't listen to them; just trust me."

He permitted no one to go in with him except Peter, James, and John. They entered the leader's house and pushed their way through the gossips looking for a story and neighbors bringing in casseroles. Jesus was abrupt: "Why all this busybody grief and gossip? This child isn't dead; she's sleeping." Provoked to sarcasm, they told him he didn't know what he was talking about.

But when he had sent them all out, he took the child's father and mother, along with his companions, and entered the child's room. He clasped the girl's hand and said, "*Talitha koum*," which means, "Little girl, get up." At that, she was up and walking around! This girl was twelve years of age. They, of course, were all beside themselves with joy. He gave them strict orders that no one was to know what had taken place in that room. Then he said, "Give her something to eat."

P The gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon: Back to School Blessing

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

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Refrain

Healer of our ev’ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with you peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Refrain

In the pain and joy beholding
How your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision, God of love.

Refrain

Give us strength to love each other,
Ev’ry sister, ev’ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Refrain

You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

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.**

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 Trusting in Christ, sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Response (sing):

**Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.**

The prayers conclude:

P We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; 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. 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

“Awesome God”

Mullins, arr. Keveren

Each week in our worship you are invited to give to the mission and ministry of this church, by your involvement and/or your financial gifts. When you give, you are not only supporting this congregation, but you are offering to the broader community--leaning in, asking the hard questions, choosing connection, choosing generosity.

It is these small acts of care, connection, and love that can help heal the hurt in the world. You may place your offerings and attendance sheets in the basket as you come to communion, or at the doors of the Sanctuary when you leave worship.

Let us give with our grateful hearts.

*Offertory Response

674, Vs. 2

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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Verse 2 Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.

Refrain Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Twice Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. **God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our 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 Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life!

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 pastor.*
- *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

"Reflection"
"I Love You, Lord"

Hayes
Klein arr. Keveren

***Blessing**

*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Benediction

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

*Sending Song

545 Vs. 1

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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Verse 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Fuga”

Pachelbel



A 5-part worship series for curiosity, courage, & connection

We believe everyone is beloved, shaped from the dust of the earth and the breath of God. Everyone has a story to tell. Our stories are messy and beautiful, painful and hopeful—being written and rewritten over time. We commit to disrupting our assumptions and staying curious.

Aug. 7-8 Where are you from?

Aug. 14-15 What are you looking for?

Aug. 21-22 Where does it hurt?

Aug. 28-29 What do you need?

Sept. 4-5 Where do we go from here?





- **Inbox**
- **Mailbox**
- **stjohnjoliet.org**

Find launch dates, registration information & sign up details in upcoming emails and the **September Messenger Newsletter**

Returning this Fall

St. John Chorale, Sunday School, MOPS, Small Groups, New Member Class, Confirmation, Praise Band, H.S. Ministries FIRE/FIRE2, Youth Choirs, Daybreak, Blessing of the Backpacks, Hunger Action Month, Bells, Fair Trade Products, Blessing of the Quilts, PDO, Food Pantry, Thanksgiving Eve...and so much more!



Connect.
Make Contact.
Share Our Worship Link.

