

*St. John*  
SHARING  
LOVE *of Christ*

## Season of Creation



*Mountain and Hill*

**Saturday, July 31, 2021 (5:30 pm)**  
**Sunday, August 1, 2021 (8:30 am)**

# 5-Part Worship Series

# I've been meaning to ask...

a series for curiosity,  
courage, & connection

**Begins next week**



*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.*

### **Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm**

<b>Deacon</b>	Steve Volkening
<b>Ushers</b>	Guy Gell, Norm Roland
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Bambule, Jan Drish, Maricay Miller
<b>Pianist</b>	Susan Fick

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

<b>Deacon</b>	Glenn Smith
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Linda Koerner, Lynne Smith
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Ron Crabb
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Janet Blomquist
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

## Prelude

(5:30)

“How Great Thou Art”

Hine, arr. Bock

(8:30)

“A Voluntary”

Gibbons

## \*Welcome and Greeting

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of stars and clouds;  
mountains and hills; oceans, rivers, and lakes; our planet and our home.
- C Amen.

## \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy  
and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured in the baptismal font.*

- P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your  
image and placed us in a well-watered garden.
- C **In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you  
gave us water from the rock.**
- P When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to  
still waters.
- C **Through your resurrection, you shower us again with the water of life.**
- P We praise you for your salvation through water. We praise you for the water  
in this font, and for the waters that flow through your nature around us!
- C **We praise you for the Des Plaines river, for the DuPage and Fox  
rivers, and for the Kankakee and Illinois rivers!**
- P Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love!
- C **Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give!**
- P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

**“This Is My Father’s World”**

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- Verse 1**      This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.
- Verse 2**      This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
He speaks to me ev’rywhere.
- Verse 3**      This is my Father’s world; oh, let me not forget  
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

**\*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. Creator God, you are made known on your holy mountain  
where you call us to see the world with new hope and perspective.  
Transform and renew us with authority to declare your vision for the earth  
and repair the damage done to your good creation. **Amen.**

**Psalm 48:1-11** (*read responsively*)

- D**      A reading from the 48th Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C**      **Our ears are open!**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God.  
His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the great King.

**Within its citadels God  
has shown himself a sure defense.**

Then the kings assembled,  
they came on together.

**As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;  
they were in panic, they took to flight;**

trembling took hold of them there,  
pains as of a woman in labor,

**as when an east wind shatters  
the ships of Tarshish.**

As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
in the city of our God,  
which God establishes forever.

**We ponder your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.**

Your name, O God, like your praise,  
reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Your right hand is filled with victory.

**Let Mount Zion be glad,  
let the towns of Judah rejoice  
because of your judgments.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Reading

## Isaiah 65:17-25

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

C **Our ears are open!**

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
 and delight in my people;  
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
 or the cry of distress.  
 No more shall there be in it  
 an infant that lives but a few days,  
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
 They shall not build and another inhabit;  
 they shall not plant and another eat;  
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
 They shall not labor in vain,  
 or bear children for calamity;  
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
 and their descendants as well.  
 Before they call I will answer,  
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
 They shall not hurt or destroy  
 on all my holy mountain,  
 says the Lord.  
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## \*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 3:13-19**

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

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

[Jesus] went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons. So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

**Pastor Evan Mayhew**

## Hymn of the Day

**"For the Healing of Creation"**

*Congregation will sing:*

**Response** God, renew.

**Refrain** For the healing of creation, we pray to you, O God.



## **\*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** Let us come before God in prayer.

*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 our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your faithful grace.  
**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

(5:30)

“O Worship the King”

arr. Keveren

(8:30)

“Meditation on ‘Nova Vita”

Powell

(In Memory of Harry Murray)

*During Communion, please bring your offering and attendance slip forward and place in the basket; or place them in the offering plates at the doors as you leave.*

## \*Offertory Response

**“Come, Thank the Lord”**

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Come, thank the Lord for He's the total giver.

He's the one who truly does deliver.

Come thank the Lord He's the one who does it all. (Praise the Lord!)

Sun, moon, and rain, trees and flowers are the gifts He gives.

The Lord does provide all we need to live.

Thanks, praise and love now we offer to the Lord our King.

He's the guider, provider, the giver of everything.

Sing Amen! Say it again. Sing Amen!

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine, and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to serve creation within our communities and in the world, 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. You speak all things into being; you plant trees and lift up mountains; you provide water and fill oceans. The foundations of our planet rest firmly in your hands. Our image is found in you and we delight in your glorious world. And so, with angels and archangels, with ancestors and descendants, with companions in nature and the galaxies which surround us, 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 Taste and see that the Lord is good!  
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.*
- *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.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*

## Communion Music

(5:30)

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

arr. Berry

(8:30)

“Here, at Your Table, Lord”

Sherwin, arr. Hayes

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Kocher, arr. Hayes

## \*Blessing

### \*Prayer after Communion

**D** Let us pray. Creator God, your hand satisfies the need of every living creature. Send us in gratitude for your loving providence, and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## \*Benediction



## \*Sending Song

# 836, vs. 1 & 3

### “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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**Verse 1** Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**Verse 3** Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

## \*Sending

**D** Go in peace to love God's good creation!

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

(5:30)  
(8:30)

“Indescribable/Morning Has Broken”  
“Duo du cinquième ton”

arr. Tornquist  
Boyvin



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## End of Confirmation



## Bonfire Parking Lot

Wednesday, August 11th  
7pm

## Rite of Confirmation Sanctuary

Sunday, August 15th  
8:30am and 11am

Fall worship  
time begins



Both services  
will livestream





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Aug. 7th

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August 21-22, 2021

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