

St. John
Lutheran Church

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Joy



Sunday, November 28, 2021
8:30am

Roadtrip: Choosing Directions

St. John Advent 1 Edition **Worship & Events**



Church Decorating Event

This Sunday, November 28th



6pm - 8pm

Please, adults only.

Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org



**NOV-
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Food Pantry Holiday Meal Kits

We are planning to give 600 holiday dinner kits to our hungry neighbors. If you'd like to donate, each one is \$18 and includes turkey or ham, fresh potatoes, sides, & a dessert.

**NOV
28**

Church Christmas Decorating - Sunday

Adults only, please. We have garland, wreaths, trees, and more to put up around the building, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org.

**NOV
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Giving Tuesday

If you or your employer are looking to give to an organization making a difference in our community, choose our Food Pantry.

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 Carolyn Wyss in honor of Roger's 70th birthday on December 5th.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

Deacon	Michelle Covert
Communion Assistant	Linda Koerner
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Jon Blomquist, Rick Franzen
Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Accompanist	Susan Fick
Audio Board	Gino Incaudo
Livestream Team	Elliott Liss, Matt Markwell
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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hayes, arr. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.
O Prince of Peace,
C **Keep our eyes fixed on your coming.**

P We gather together, resisting what threatens hope.
O Prince of Peace,
C **Keep our eyes fixed on your coming.**

P We stay present by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future,
awakening joy within us.
O Prince of Peace,
C **Keep our eyes fixed on your coming.**

P Prince of Peace, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this
candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter, and fills this place with the
glow of hope.
C **Amen!**

Anthem

"Advent Processional"
St. John Chorale

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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 know that you speak to us-- through strangers and friends, through sunrise and sunset, through random acts of kindness and feelings that awaken hope in us. We know that you speak through dreams and prayer, through prophets and peasants, and through bursts of overwhelming joy. Settle our spirits to hear you today. Gratefully we pray.
- C **Amen.**

Psalm 85:8-13

- D A responsive reading from Psalm 85. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C **Our ears are open.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

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

Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

- D A reading from the book of Jeremiah, the twenty-ninth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C **Our ears are open.**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare

you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

#253 Vs. 1

"He Came Down"

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Verse 1 He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

***Gospel**

John 14:27

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twenty-seventh chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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Verse 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Repeat Refrain

Verse 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Signs of your kingdom come.

Repeat 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 With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church,
the world, and those in need.

Response (sing):

**Peace, be still. Peace, be still.
The storm rages. Peace, be still.**

The prayers conclude:

P Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for your peace,
we pray 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

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Veni, arr. Martin

Commitment to Community

*You are signs of God’s hope for our world. You’ve encouraged one another when
times were difficult, cared for the vulnerable in our community, and walked
alongside youth and families during their highs and lows.*

*Just as you have committed to love this church, this church commits to love as
God loves-- with generous hearts full of mercy and hope. The sharing of our
resources makes this possible.*

Let us give with grateful hearts.

*Offertory Response

836, Vs. 3

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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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!

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. **God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving *(sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

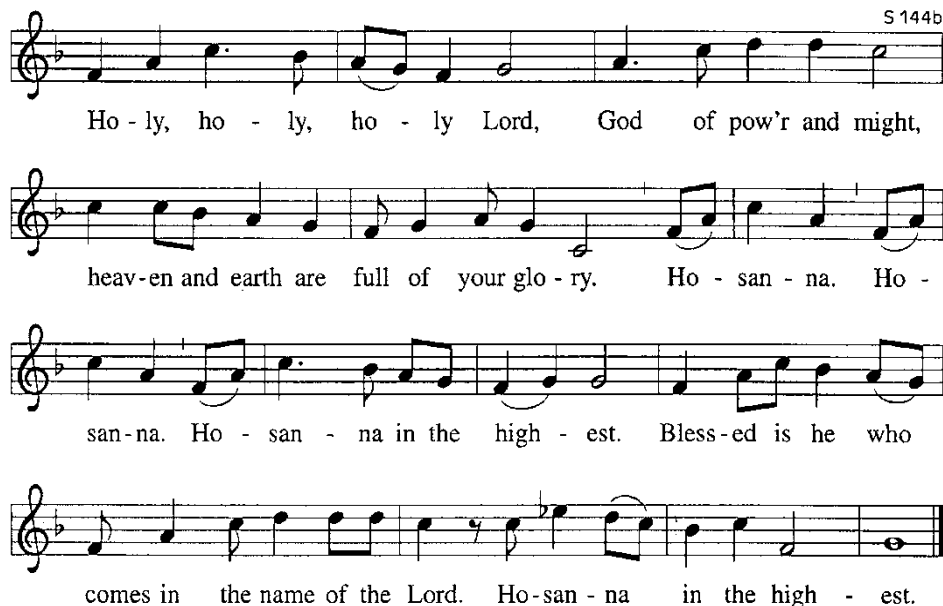
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new. 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. 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 God fills the hungry with good things. 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 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.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world.

Lamb of God, have mer - cy, mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way our sins. Grant us peace,

grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Communion Music

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“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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Verse 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Repeat Refrain

Verse 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.

Repeat Refrain

“Be Still My Soul”

“Abide With Me”

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Curry

*Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Holy God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your joy, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen.

*Benediction

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

***Sending Song**

439, Vs. 4

“Soon and Very Soon”

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Verse 4 Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King,
Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

***Sending**

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

Postlude

“Verset”

Gigault

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St. John Advent 1 Edition **Worship & Events**

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- DEC 2** *Advent Evening Prayer*
Find quiet in the sanctuary and ready your heart for Christmas.
Thursdays in December at 7pm. Livestream begins at 6:55pm
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- DEC 5** *Sunday School Christmas Program*
Hear the story of Christ's birth as told by our Sunday School children. *God's Greatest Gift* begins at 7pm, livestream at 6:55pm.
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- DEC 12** *The Gift of Time with your Plus 1*
3pm - 5pm Relax. Shop. Rest. St. John's Youth Service Team welcomes 4 - 10-year-olds for a few hours of activities and crafts while you get a break. Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org.
Light Up the Night
6:15pm Parking lot opens
7pm Program and lighting
Find light in the darkness as we light up St. John and the tree in the parking lot. More details to come.
Will Livestream.
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- DEC 19** *Longest Night Service*
What is one to do when nothing feels merry and bright during "the most wonderful time of the year"? Bring yourself to this 7pm service to hear healing words of comfort from our pastors.
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- DEC 24** *Christmas Eve*
We are looking forward to hearing *Silent Night* in the Sanctuary next month as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Worship with candle lighting at all services, 3pm, 5pm, and 11pm
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- DEC 25** *Merry Christmas! Building Closed.*
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- DEC 26** *10am worship with Livestream.*



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Christmas Poinsettias Order



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today!

*Order at the church
office beginning
Monday, Nov. 29th*

NEXT



Sunday



God's Greatest Gift

**Sunday School
Christmas Program**

**December 5th
4pm with Livestream**

