St. John Lutheran Church



Day of Pentecost

VBS SIGN UP PARTICIPANTS 4 years old - Entering 6th



VOLUNTEERS

Entering 7th - Adults
JUNE 6 - 8 2022

6 - 8 pm

Visit stjohnjoliet.org for all sign ups

Fill the Boxcar with Boxes of Food

This month our VBS ministry is collecting food that comes in a box to benefit our St. John Food Pantry. The boxcar in the Narthex is ready to receive your donation if you'd like to join in!

Re-imagining Our Mission - Sign Up Online

Our Green Team is about so much more than recycling! Lives that intersect creation care, community action, & spirituality will be deeply fulfilled as we reimagine our mission & shape our future.

The Sound of Music

You don't need to be 16 going on 17 to share your gift of music. You don't even need to climb ev'ry mountain! torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org wants to talk with musicians, vocalists, and ensembles who are looking for something good to do this summer. I have confidence we'll hear you in worship soon. So long, farewell (for now!)

Summer Connections

- ATTENTION FAMILIES & FRIEND GROUPS! Our Daybreak Ministry invites you to spend a few hours together THIS THURSDAY helping to deliver & serve our monthly meal. See Pastor Robin.
- ADULT WOMEN! Coffee with Friends meets at 9am on Thursdays at Rock Run, Black Road entrance. See a pastor with questions.

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 are given today by Jonathan and Nicole Adams in celebration of our surprise miracle twins, Bailey & Levi turning one-year-old.

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

Worship Leaders - Sunday, June 5, 2022 (8:30 am)

DeaconJill DoyleCommunion AssistantLynne SmithGreeterSam Riggi

Ushers Rob Crabb, Mark Collins, Frank Summer

Piano & Organ Janet Blomquist

Music Director Tori Hicks

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*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand

Prelude "Angelus" Boellmann

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is yet to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You flood us with mercy and grace us with life.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

Breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and our Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

"God Is Here"

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- Verse 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- Verse 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
 Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
 Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- Verse 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

*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.

*Hymn of Praise



*Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Psalm 96:1-6

- D A responsive reading from Psalm 96. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C Our ears are open.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

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

Reading Acts 2:1-21

- D A reading from the book of Acts. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C Our ears are open.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

*Celtic Alleluia

"Celtic Alleluia"

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*Gospel John 14:12-17

P The gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

"O Day Full of Grace"

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Verse 1 O day full of grace that now we see

Appearing on earth's horizon,

Bring light from our God that we may be

Abundant in joy this season.

God, shine for us now in this dark place;

Your name on our hearts emblazon.

Verse 2 O day full of grace, O blessed time,

Our Lord on the earth arriving:

Then came to the world that light sublime,

Great joy for us all retrieving; For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All shame and despair removing.

Verse 4 God came to us then at Pentecost.

The Spirit new life revealing,

That we might no more in death be lost,

Its pow'r over us dispelling.

This flame will the mark of sin efface

And bring to us all true healing.

*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

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P We pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Sung prayer response:

Deep peace of the running waves, Deep peace of the flowing air, Deep peace of the shining stars to you, Deep peace of the quiet earth.

The prayers conclude:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our 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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Chisholm, arr. Christopher

*Offertory Response

#836, Vs. 1

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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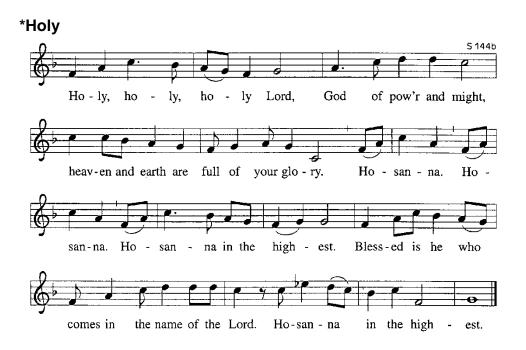
Verse 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world. 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, 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:



*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

First Communion Faith Milestone (Third Grade Children)

- P Let us pray. Loving God, Jesus ate meals with all kinds of people. Some were joyful and some were crabby, but Jesus welcomed them all. Bless these kids receiving this sacrament, as they take their place at the table for the first time today. Forgive us, feed our faith, and be present among us as we share this meal, just as you promised your disciples. In the name of Jesus, who calls and welcomes us.
- C Amen.
- P Let us welcome our friends to Holy Communion.
- C Welcome to Jesus' table! We rejoice with you and thank God for you! Enjoy this meal that strengthens us to live as Jesus did.

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

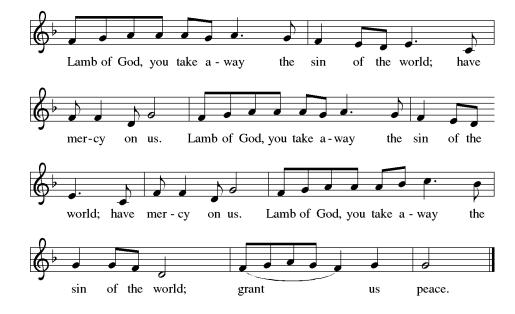
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

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 baskets by the doors as you leave.
- Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.
- 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



"Spirit of Gentleness"

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Refrain Spirit, spirit of gentleness,

Blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Verse 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,

Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;

And over the eons you called to each thing:

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain

Verse 2 You swept through the dessert, you stung with the sand,

And you goaded your people with the law and a land;

And when they were blinded with idols and lies,

Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

Verse 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,

Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;

And down in the city you called once again,

When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

Verse 4 You call from tomorrow you break ancient schemes.

From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams:

Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

#800, Vs. 1, 3, 4

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

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Verse 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;

Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, And make me love you as I ought to love.

Verse 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;

All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?

I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.

Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

Verse 4

Teach me to love you as your angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame: The baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

*Blessing

C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Risen Christ, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

*Benediction

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Hymn

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 Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- D Go in peace. Share the good news!
- C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Intonatio Octavi Toni"

Scherer

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