

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE of Christ

Season of Creation



Sky Sunday

Saturday, July 24, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, July 25, 2021 (8:30 am)



St. John

We're happy you
found us!

new member class

August 25th & September 1st

6:30–8pm; plan to attend both

let us know you're coming

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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 and in honor of Frank (Buss) Norem's birthday.

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

Deacon	Kim Jensen
Ushers	Joan Fry, Guy Gell
Altar Guild	Cheryl Lovell, Joan Nunemaker
Pianist	Susan Fick

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

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Pianist/Organist	Janet Blomquist
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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

(5:30)

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Bock

(8:30)

“Jerusalem the Golden”

Beck

*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.

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Text by: Follitt S. Pierpoint. Music by: Conrad Kocher. Public Domain.

Verse 1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

Refrain Christ, our God, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Verse 2 For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

Repeat Refrain

Verse 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

Repeat Refrain

Verse 4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Repeat Refrain

Verse 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
For thyself, best gift divine,
To our world so freely giv'n:

Repeat Refrain

***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. God, whose Spirit moved over the deep, we thank you for the gift of sky, for stars and clouds, ozone and oxygen, rain, and sun. Make us mindful of the care of the dome which protects and provides, that it may richly sustain life for your creation; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Psalm 19:1-6 *(read responsively)*

D A reading from the 19th Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and
like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

(8:30)

“Morning Has Broken”
Anna Rogers, clarinet

arr. Pethel

Reading

Philippians 2:12-18

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

C **Our ears are open!**

What I'm getting at, friends, is that you should simply keep on doing what you've done from the beginning. When I was living among you, you lived in responsive obedience. Now that I'm separated from you, keep it up. Better yet, redouble your efforts. Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is *God's* energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.

Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the

day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing. Even if I am executed here and now, I'll rejoice in being an element in the offering of your faith that you make on Christ's altar, a part of your rejoicing. But turnabout's fair play—you must join me in *my* rejoicing. Whatever you do, don't feel sorry for me.

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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 15:33-39

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

"Beautiful Savior"

Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, tr. Joseph A. Seiss. Music: Silesian Folk Tune. Public Domain.

- Verse 1** Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- Verse 2** Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- Verse 3** Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.
- Verse 4** Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

***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)

“Thy Word”

Grant & Smith arr. Hayes

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) "Wade in the Water" arr. Hayes

"They'll Know We are Christians by our Love" 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

840, Vs. 1

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Text by: Martin Rinkhart, tr. Catherine Winkworth. Music by: Johann Cruger. Public Domain.

Verse 1

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

*Sending

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

Postlude

(5:30)

“Indescribable/Morning Has Broken”

arr. Tornquist

(8:30)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

arr. Wienhorst

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10th Grade Bonfire Parking Lot



Wednesday, August 11th
7pm

Rite of Confirmation Sanctuary

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



Both services
will livestream



4-part creation series



July 11 Humanity

July 18 Planet Earth

July 25 Sky Sunday

August 1 Mountain & Hill

If you missed any part of the series, you can watch it on our Facebook page or YouTube channel at any time.



Food Pantry

St. John Lutheran Church

Closed

*for building
maintenance 7/31*
Open August 7th

August 21-22, 2021

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backpacks

— *Everything is* —

BETTER

**when you share
with friends**

Invite a friend to worship.

Share our worship link.



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