

May Special Offering: **DAYBREAK**

Your donations will be used to support the monthly meal that St. John volunteers provide at the Daybreak Shelter in Joliet, IL.



St. John
Lutheran Church

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FAITH FIELD TRIPS & GREEN TEAM EVENT

St. John
Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 18th 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

**Labyrinth at University of St. Francis
St. Clare Campus
FREE Event**

Join us!

University of St. Francis - St. Clare Campus (the former Guardian Angel Home at Theodore and Plainfield Rd) has a newly designed Labyrinth. Entering the serpentine path of a labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. A representative from USF will lead us and you will learn more about the labyrinth and get to experience it for yourself!

Plan to attend? Contact Janel Eaton, Coordinator - [815-341-7365](tel:815-341-7365)

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 on the altar today are given by Pam Atkinson in honor of my granddaughter, Samantha's 16th birthday!

Coffee Hour today is in honor of our new members!

To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, May 12, 2024 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Jill Doyle
Communion Assistants	Pam Murray
Greeters	Alissa, Nicole, & Rowan Koenig
Acolytes	Ella Cortese, Rosalie Stateman
Ushers	Mark Collins, Bob Makowka, Marge West
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Jon Blomquist, Bill Bromer
Livestream Team	Jenelle Lambert, Matt Markwell
Counters	Pat Block-Hay, Wendy Eklund
Altar Guild	Joan Fry, Marge West

Worship Leaders – Sunday, May 12, 2024 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Eddy Crews
Communion Assistants	Joyce Vyhnanek
Greeters	Heather, Bella, Grace, & Kelsey Aincham
Acolytes	Ayden Hernandez, Emma Hartwig
Ushers	Joe Aincham, Tim Hay, Mike Smith
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Bill Bromer, Mike Pragit

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St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL



St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Enduring Joy”
Handbell Choir

arr. Dobrinski

Welcome and Announcements

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom’s land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen!

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

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- Verse 1** When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!
- Verse 2** How oft, in making music, we have found,
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound:
Alleluia!
- Verse 3** ***Chorale Only***
- Verse 4** ***Chorale Only***
- Verse 5** Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

***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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to
worship: Pour out your Spirit on your servants who, with the gifts of
music, enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through
this ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and grace, and join
our voices with all the choirs of heaven, both now and forever; through
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Special Music

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”
Handbell Choir

arr. Dobrinski

Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

D A reading from the book of Colossians, the third chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

“Victory Chant (You are the Victory)”
Youth Choir and Praise Team

arr. Singer

Psalm 150

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
**Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

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

Special Music “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” arr. Sorenson
Women’s Ensemble & Strings

Reading **Ephesians 5:15-21**
D A reading from the book of Ephesians, the fifth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.
C **Our hearts are open.**

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

Children’s Sermon Pastor Evan Mayhew & Pastor Robin E. Caldwell

Special Music “O God Beyond All Praising” arr. Forrest
St. John Choral

Recognition of Musicians

Director of Music
Piano/Organ
Accompanist
Violin
Cello
Trumpet

Tori Hicks
Janet Blomquist
Julia Krizmanic
Rachel Uffelmann and Rachel Yergler
David Gutierrez
Glenn Faikus

St. John Chorale

Soprano

Amanda Beaudry
Meghan Doyle
Linda Evans
Kyra Druerk
Judy Ferro
Linda Koerner
Rachel Uffelmann

Alto

Michelle Covert
Tessie Heath
Kathy Moore
Barb Perignon
Sarah Taylor
Kristen Vorrier
Rachell Yergler

Tenor

Keith Erchinger
Glenn Faikus
Mark Frost
Trenton Ferro
Steve Heath

Bass

Jim Bartz
Dwight Diercks
Keith Druerk
Dan Hicks
Terry Kaiser
David Luecht

Praise Band

Amanda Beaudry, Vocals
Tori Hicks, Vocals
Kristen Vorrier, Vocals
Janet Blomquist, Piano
Bill Bromer, Bass
Kelly Bishop, Guitar
Jason Vorrier, Percussion

Youth Choir

Kenzie Bartleman
Emma Bloomquist
Evan Bloomquist
Emma Hartwig
Jordan Heinrich
Annasophia Incaudo
Gabiella Incaudo
Alison Morris

Women's Ensemble

Amanda Beaudry
Janet Blomquist
Michelle Covert
Kyra Druerk
Tori Hicks
Julia Krizmanic
Jenelle Lambert
Kristen Vorrier

Handbell Choir

Nicole Adams
Abby Bay
Karen Becker
Jon Blomquist
Nyssa Crompton
Meghan Doyle
Chris Markwell
Keith Markwell
Matt Markwell
Greg Pierce
Kathy Thomason
Mary Wilcox
Nora Wilcox

Handbell Ensemble

Nicole Adams
Jon Blomquist
Nyssa Crompton
Meghan Doyle
Matt Markwell
Mary Wilcox

Special Music

“Rejoice”

arr. Speck, Jenkins

Praise Band, St. John Chorale

Presentation of New Members

Jesse and Elizabeth Bartleman and family
Karen Bartleman
Logan Boros
Larry Kelly
Mike and Lauren LaPorte and family
Mike and Jenny Nulicek and family
Jennifer Pazzali-Schahczinski and family
Jeremy Piekarski
Michael Salguero
Marsha Smith
Daniel & Cristine Troia

Prayers of the Church

In the hope of God’s grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.

Your prayer requests may be spoken when invited during today’s prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or filling out the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Congregation(spoken)

P Lord, in your mercy
C **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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 with a handshake.
Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

Offertory

“You Are Good”
Praise Team

Houghton

Commitment to Community

Your offering of any amount is generous and fosters God’s grace for the world through the ministry of St. John, in service to God, to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world.

Your offering and attendance sheets may be placed in the offering plate, or try our new online giving platform, [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly). Thank you!



Now Accepting



“Be Not Afraid”

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! **Repeat**

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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, 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:

*Holy

“You Are Holy”

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You are ho - ly, you are whole- ness,
you are pres- ent. Let the cos-mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

*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** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.
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 or at home

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 to receive bread from the pastor. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the pastor.*
- *Communion assistants hold trays with red wine in the outer rings of the tray and white grape juice in 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.*
- *At the 5:30pm service, the pastor will offer a blessing before you leave the communion rail.*

Communion Music

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Handbell Ensemble*

arr. Krug

*“Jesus Messiah” Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves
Praise Team*

“In the Singing”

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Verse 1 In the singing, in the silence,
 In the hands expectant, open,
 In the blessing, in the breaking,
 In your presence at this table,

Refrain Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
 Be the wine of grace;
 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
 Be the bread of peace.

Verse 2 In the question, in the answer,
 In the moment of acceptance,
 In the heart's cry, in the healing,
 In the circle of your people, **Refrain**

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to
 proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our
 redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

***Benediction**

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Recessional Hymn

731, Vs. 1, 2, 5

“Earth and All Stars!”

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Verse 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snow storm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

Verse 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Verse 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

*Sending

D Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“You Are Good” (Reprise)



FAITH MILESTONE SUNDAY

MAY 19TH AT 11:00 AM

Faith Milestones being recognized will be

Prayer, Ten Commandments, First Bibles, First Communion, Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed, and Worship

10:15 AM in Sanctuary, Teacher Recognition and Faith Milestone Gifts & Certificates Received

11:00 AM Service, Prayers and Blessings

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JOIN OUR TEAM

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Work with staff and members to ensure the church operates as efficiently as possible!

- Full-time, Salaried
- Paid Sick Days & Paid Time Off
- Work directly with the Senior Pastor
- Must have advanced technical skills and be very comfortable with Google Drive
- Manage Church Calendar & Building Space
- Maintain Church Management System
- Oversee Church facility maintenance and inspections
- Coordinate with Ministry Leaders

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Apply Now

Please send your resume & direct all questions to:

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THANKSGIVING FOR

Shared Ministry

May 19th, during 8:30 AM Service
Nicole and Adams Family Blessing

Special Coffee Hour to follow
in thanksgiving for her service and
dedication to the St. John Staff!



Coming Soon!

Summer Worship Hours

Beginning Sunday, May 26th

Saturday

Sunday

5:30 PM

9:30 AM: Worship

Summer Potluck Coffee Hours, 8:30 AM:

June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th

Writing Letters for St. John Youth

Help us send our youth and leaders off to summer Campfirmation and Mission Trips with words of encouragement and prayer in a card or letter. See coordinator, Judy Wierman during Coffee Hour for more information.

Write a card or two at home or during Sunday Coffee Hour.
Reminder, no money/gift cards or gifts, just kind words!

Please Return All Letters to Church by

May 19th

College Mission Trip
College Students
San Diego, CA

June 17th

Campfirmation
8th Grade
Confirmation Students
Augustana College,
Rock Island, IL

July 8th

ELCA National Youth
Gathering
High School Students
New Orleans, Louisiana

**Drop Off
Box in the
Narthex!**



VACATION BIBLE SUNDAY

BABY IN A BASKET: GOD'S PLAN FOR MOSES AND YOU!

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

CHECK-IN AT 10:45AM

11:00 AM - 2:45 PM

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

NO REGISTRATION FEE

AGES 4-YEARS-OLD THROUGH ENTERING 6TH-GRADE

VOLUNTEER: ENTERING 7TH-GRADE TO ADULT

**OUR SPECIAL DONATION WILL BE INFANT DIAPERS
AND WIPES FOR ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY**

VBS
REGISTRATION



VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION



Plant and Trunk Sale

All proceeds go toward the High School Mission Trip

Save the Date June 1st

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Save your stuff now and
get your car ready for the
trunk rummage sale.
Sign-ups coming soon!



JUNE 29TH, 2024

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM FOOD & GAMES
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM BONFIRE & MORE!

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

2ND ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE PARKING LOT PICNIC

SAVE
THE
DATE

ADDITIONAL DETAILS &
SIGN UPS TO FOLLOW



HOSTED BY THE 4:12 MINISTRY

May

SUNDAY, MAY 12 *(Mother's Day) Music Celebration*

- 8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary (New Members Received)
9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
9:45am - 10:45am New Member Coffee Hour
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary

MONDAY, MAY 13

- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
12:00pm - 3:00pm Staff Meeting: Trinity Room
5:30pm - 8:00pm A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
6:30pm - 8:30pm Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm AI-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
7:00pm - 8:00pm College Check-in (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
5:30pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting: Narthex
6:45pm - 7:30pm Finance/Executive Committee: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- 8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
6:30pm - 7:30pm Sunday School Team Meeting: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:15pm Confirmation Writing Workshop (9th Grade): Trinity Room

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- 9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Trinity Room
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
10:00am - 11:00am Altar Guild Meeting: Trinity Room
2:00pm - 3:00pm Green Team: Narthex
2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing
4:30pm - 5:30pm Property Committee: Trinity Room
6:00pm - 8:00pm Martha Circle: Off-Site
6:30pm - 7:30pm Friends of the Youth: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
7:00pm - 8:30pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MAY 17 (Church Office Closed)

- 9:00am - 11:00am Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am - 10:30am Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- 7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
1:45 pm - 2:45pm Faith Field Trip: Off Site at St. Francis Labyrinth Walk
5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary
7:00pm - 9:00pm College-Age Mission Pre-Trip Meeting: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (Pentecost)

- College-Age Mission Trip: San Diego, CA
8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
9:30am - 10:15am Nicole Adams Thank You Coffee Hour: Narthex
10:15am - 10:45am Faith Milestone Distribution & Sunday School Teacher Recognition:
Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary (Faith Milestone Sunday)
5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

*Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.