

St. John
Lutheran Church

UNFINISHED:



DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL IN THE NOT YET



1903- 2023

120 Years
Commitment
to Community

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
7pm

This Wednesday & Every Wednesday in Lent

6pm BYOD - Bring Your Own Dinner ~ join your St. John family in the Narthex to say grace over our meals and to eat together before worship.

7pm Worship with Livestream - *Unfinished* is our Lenten theme and our Bible Drama is *Jonah: A Salty Prophet and a Faithful God*. Also, *St. John Tonight: 120 Years of Faith Stories*.

8pm FIRE - High school students, meet in the Youth Room!

Visit stjohnjoliet.org for all sign ups



National Quilting Day Drop-In Event

Saturday, March 18th, 9am - 3pm

St. John West Wing, Rooms 3, 4, & 5

Can you use scissors? Can you tie a knot? If so drop in to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Families welcome. Bring your lunch! Did you know the quilters recently donated **90 quilts to Joliet Easter Seals**? Any material, sheets, or batting you no longer need is greatly appreciated. Donation box in Narthex.



Pilcher Park Clean Up

Saturday, March 18th, 1pm

Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Dr., Joliet, IL 60432

Sign up & join the Green Team outside for a few hours to clean up trash at the park!



Women's Retreat

Deposit deadline Extended!

Owning Our Stories & Loving Ourselves: The Women of Jesus' Family Tree

Refresh your spirit and connect with friends, old and new. Pastor Robin is the weekend presenter and there are only 4 rooms available! All non-refundable deposits are due now & balances are due by March 20th.

	Total	Deposit due now	Balance due 3/20
Single room	\$295	\$150	\$145
Double room	\$195	\$100	\$ 95
Triple room	\$175	\$ 90	\$ 85



High School Mission Trip, July 8 - 15

Deposit deadline is March 13th

Destination: Nashville, TN

Providing youth the opportunity to accompany and serve while deepening an understanding of God's presence in their lives. Available to students finishing 9th grade - 12th grade. Full details on the sign up page. Questions? See Pastor Evan.

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of Lenten worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

Worship Leaders – Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (7:00 pm)

Ushers	Glenn & Lynne Smith
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Keith Markwell
Livestream Team	Frank Norem

Contact Information

Pastor Robin Caldwell	robincaldwell@stjohnjoliet.org	630-408-1402
Pastor Evan Mayhew	evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org	262-366-3132
Tori Hicks	torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org	815-355-3205
Dawn MacGregor	dawnmacgregor@stjohnjoliet.org	815-557-9702
Nicole Adams	nicoleadams@stjohnjoliet.org	815-439-2320
Pam Kornaus	pamkornaus@stjohnjoliet.org	815-439-2320
David Luecht, Council President	council@stjohnjoliet.org	815-954-9368

St. John Lutheran Church
2650 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL 60435
815-439-2320 contact@stjohnjoliet.org stjohnjoliet.org

 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn

324, Vs. 1-3

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Text by: John Bowring. Music by: Ithamar Conkey, Public Domain.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

Verse 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Verse 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Verse 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bible Drama

Jonah: A Salty Prophet and A Faithful God Episode Two: Sailing in the Storm

Narrator	Pastor Robin Caldwell
Jonah	Jim Eklund
Captain Philly	Chuck Cortese
Gossiping Sailor 1	Ken Swanson
Gossiping Sailor 2	Janet Blomquist
Various	Pastor Evan Mayhew

Special Music

“Air on the G String”
Brad & Rachel Uffelmann

Bach

St. John Tonight: 120 Years of Faith Stories

Special Guests: Jim Eklund & Wendy Eklund

*Hymn

759, Vs. 1-3

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Text by: Ray Palmer. Music by: Lowell Mason. Public Domain.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

- Verse 1** My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine!
- Verse 2** May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!
- Verse 3** While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

Offering, Prayer, and Meditation

- *During this time, you may lift up someone you know in need of prayer, or simply offer a time to listen to God.*
- *You may pray in silence, and you may sing the songs.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip when you come forward, and place in offering basket.*
- *You may light a candle and kneel at the altar rail and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

Meditation and Candle Lighting

“In Silence We Wait”

Text and Music by: Susan Master. © 2009 Augsburg Fortress.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

Amanda Beaudry, vocals; Rachel Uffelmann, viola;; Janet Blomquist, piano

In silence we wait,
In darkness you come to us;
Bring us your light.

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Kaiser

Janet Blomquist, piano

*Closing Prayer

After a time of brief silence, the congregation stands for the closing prayer.

P Let us pray,

C **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer** *(sung by congregation)*

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

(musical interlude)

**Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Benediction**

C *sing* AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Abide with Us, Our Savior"

Kickstat



Palm Sunday Worship April 1, 5:30pm
April 2, 8:30am* and 11am
Maundy Thursday Worship April 6, 7pm*
Good Friday Worship April 7, 7pm*
Prayer Vigil follows Worship Sanctuary 8pm - Midnight
YouTube 8pm - 9am

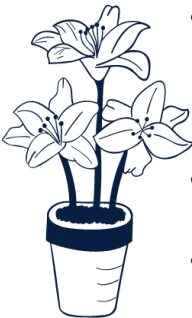
Easter

Easter Saturday Worship April 8, 5:30pm
Easter Sunday Worship April 9, 6:30am*
8:30am*
Easter Alleluia Coffee Hour 9:30 - 10:45am
11am*

Office Closed April 10



* Concurrent Livestream begins
5 minutes before worship



- Call the church office or visit stjohnjoliet.org to order your Easter lilies! Scroll down to "Details & Sign Ups" and click on Altar Flowers ~ Scroll down to April 9th.
- Cost is \$15 per plant. Please bring payment to church office.
- Please submit your orders by April 2nd to be included in Easter worship bulletins.