

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

Donate Now!

Use the Blue envelopes in your pew,
go online & click "Give" at stjohnjoliet.org,
or scan the QR code!



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

St. John
Lutheran Church

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

www.stjohnjoliet.org

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!

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

Worship Leaders – Saturday, May 11, 2024 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Steve Volkening, Juliet Michalesko
Ushers	Joan Fry, Lydia Michalesko
Piano	Susan Yokubonis
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Counters	Pat Block-Hay, Wendy Eklund
Altar Guild	Joan Fry, Marge West

Contact Information

Pastor Robin Caldwell	robin Caldwell@stjohnjoliet.org	630-408-1402
Pastor Evan Mayhew	evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org	262-366-3132
Tori Hicks	torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org	815-355-3205
Nicole Adams	nicoleadams@stjohnjoliet.org	815-439-2320
Pam Kornaus	pamkornaus@stjohnjoliet.org	815-439-2320
Jenelle Lambert	communications@stjohnjoliet.org	815-439-2320
Jonathan Adams, President	council@stjohnjoliet.org	815-295-4092

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**



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!



**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

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!**

*Opening Hymn

#851, Vs. 1-5

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924; Text © 1972 Hope Publishing Company
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.


- 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** So has the church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in ev’ry tongue:
Alleluia!
- Verse 4** And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!
- 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.**

*Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace, *Congregation:*



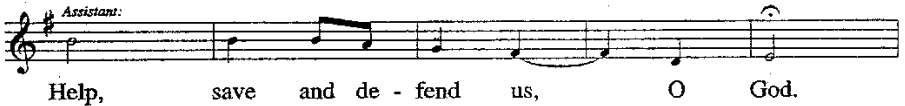
Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Detailed description: This block contains the first musical score. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, with lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,'. The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have'. The third staff continues the Congregation part with 'mer - cy.'. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)


Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:



A - - - men.

Detailed description: This block contains the second musical score. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, with lyrics 'Help, save and de - fend us, O God.'. The second staff is for the Congregation, with lyrics 'A - - - men.'. The music is simple, using mostly quarter notes and rests.

*Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast and Celebration”



Now the feast and cel-e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for
joy to the God of life and love and free - dom:
praise and glo - ry for ev - er - more!

Leader Vs. 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Vs. 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
All honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Vs. 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God; to make all things new.
Refrain (All)

*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.**

Dedication of Chancel Candles

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

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

arr. Krug

Handbell Ensemble

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!**

*Celtic Alleluia

“Celtic Alleluia”

Music by © 1985 Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker, admin. OCP Publications, Inc.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

The image shows a musical score for the song "Celtic Alleluia". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!" written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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

Sermon

Pastor Robin E. Caldwell

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

Text: Robert Lowry, 19826-1899. Music: Robert Lowry, alt.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

Verse 1 My life flows on in endless song,
Above earth’s lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

Refrain No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Verse 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

Verse 3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. **Refrain**

Verse 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain every springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

Recognition of Musicians

Director of Music
Piano/Organ
Piano
Violin
Cello
Trumpet

Tori Hicks
Janet Blomquist
Susan Yokubonis
Rachel Uffelmann and Rachel Yergler
David Gutierrez
Glenn Faikus

Handbell Ensemble

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

Prayers of the Church

178

Text and music: Paul Andress, b. 1956. Text and music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

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 sings this response:

**Hear Our prayer, hear our prayer,
Lord, make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place,
Hear now 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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”
Handbell Ensemble

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://tithely.com). Thank you!



Now Accepting



*Offertory Response

388

“Be Not Afraid”

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taize Community. Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. © 1998 Les Presses de Taize, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Presider, and the second through fifth staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God 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

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 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.*

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you broke the bonds of sin and of death:
you break the chains of hat-red and fear:



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



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



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

466, Vs. 1-2

"In the Singing"

Text by: Shirley Erena Murray. Music by: Carlton R. Young © 1996 Hope Publishing Company.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

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**

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

St. John
Lutheran Church
2650 Plainfield Rd.
Joliet, IL 60435



Apply Now

Please send your resume & direct all questions to:

... robincaldwell@stjohnjoliet.org

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 Age Youth

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!

VBS
REGISTRATION



VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION



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



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 Al-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.**