

St. John
Lutheran Church



I Believe
Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, August 21, 2022
11am



Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org



This Sunday, August 21st

Rite of Confirmation at 8:30am and 11am with Livestream
11am worship resumes in lieu of 10am worship

Fall Sign Ups Open at stjohnjoliet.org

Youth	Sunday School	Sept. 18 - First Day
Youth	Youth Choir	Sept. 21 - First Day
High School	7/8th Gr. Retreat 9/24	Sept. 05 - Deadline
High School	Confirmation	Sept. 14 - Orientation
		Sept. 21 - First Day
Adults	St. John Chorale	Sept. 21 - First Day

August Special Offering: Helping Hands

Use a blue envelope or visit stjohnjoliet.org to give a gift to St. John Helping Hands. Thank you!

Looking Ahead...

 **Food Pantry** Hunger **Action** Month in September

Support Us. Serve with Us in September at special family volunteer events each Thursday night. Details soon.

Back to School Blessing August 27-28 During worship.

September 11th - Save the Date

Celebration of Shared Ministry

Farewell Pastor Jen

10am Worship

No 8:30am
Worship on
September 11th

Party!

11am - 2pm
Hors D'oeuvres
Sign up to bring
a dessert

Invitation

Check your mailboxes
this week & RSVP by
Sept. 1 on our website

Celebration Video - Upload a fav. Pastor Jen photo/video to our website or bring it to the church office on/before Sept 1st.

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

Worship Leaders – Sunday, August 21, 2022 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Eddy Crews
Communion Assistant	Renee Lacivita
Greeter	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
Ushers	Jon Blomquist, Bryan & Rachel Yergler, Roger Wyss
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	ike Pragit
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Elevazione per Organo”

Sabadini

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P We are gathered today in the name of the Father, Son, and † Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Family of faith, we have all been in the place where we've hurt others and God's creation. God invites us to acknowledge our humanity and learn from our mistakes, letting forgiveness change our hearts. In this time of confession, we seek to learn God's gracious ways.

Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we are learning God's gracious ways.

P Let us pray. God of life,
C **Forgive us for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words that wound others.**

P God of life,
C **Forgive us for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

P God of life,
C **Make our hearts places of peace. Sow in our souls love for you, and welfare for each other. Inspire us to give and receive peace. In your name we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, we are works in progress created and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear the good news: your sins are forgiven † and God cares for our welfare.
C **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

641, Vs. 1, 4, 5

“All Are Welcome”

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Verse 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Verse 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

Verse 5 Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain**

*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.**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Verse 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Verse 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

***Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 103: 1-5

D A responsive reading from Psalm 103. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Genesis 1:1-15

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

C **Our ears are open.**

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation

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"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

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Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*Gospel

Matthew 6:30-34

P The gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[And Jesus said...] “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

*Hymn of the Day

793, Vs. 1-4

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Verse 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r.
Raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Verse 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Verse 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joy, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Rite of Confirmation *(see insert)*

Prayers of the Church

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P Guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Congregation responds:

P Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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

"More Precious Than Silver"

DeShazo

*Offertory Response

856, Vs. 1

“How Great Thou Art”

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Verse 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 How great thou art! How great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 How great thou art! How great thou art!

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Holy God, **you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, and growth in grace. Accept the gifts we offer here. Use them to nurture your church, this community, and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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 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

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“Lamb of God; Your Only Son”

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Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. **Repeat**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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- Verse 1** Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
- Refrain** When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
- Verse 2** Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain**
- Verse 3** Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. **Refrain**

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

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- Refrain** Bread of life from heaven,
Your blood and body given,
We eat this bread and drink this cup
Until you come again.
- Verse 1** Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
Giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
In Christ's presence the loaves will abound. **Refrain**
- Verse 2** Seek not the food that will pass away;
Set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
That the fullness of life may be yours. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Love as the one who, in love for you,
Gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
That your hunger and thirst be no more. **Refrain**

Verse 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
Make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
And believe in the truth you have heard. **Refrain**

Verse 5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;
Eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
Trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
Praise the one in whom you are reborn. **Refrain**

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve others with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

***Benediction**

C Amen. (*spoken*)

*Sending Song

881, Vs. 1

“Let All Things Now Living”

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Verse 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, God’s light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“No. 1 Fuga”

Pachelbel

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September 11th
Save the Date

Celebration of Shared Ministry

Farewell Pastor Jen

10AM
WORSHIP

11AM-2PM
HORS D'OEUVRES PARTY

Invitation - Check your US Post mail and your email for your invitation. Please RSVP by signing up at stjohnjoliet.org.

Celebration Video - Upload your favorite Pastor Jen photo and/or video to our website or bring it to the church office on or before Sept 1st. We will make sure to include it!

Sneak Peak - Here are a few photos of Pastor Jen we dug up this week...what can you find?

