

St. John  
SHARING  
the LOVE of Christ

Worship Series



Loved by God

C A L L E D T O S E R V E

*In the Beginning*

Sunday, September 12th  
8:30am

# Music Ministry

## Youth Choir & Chimers

**STARTS NEXT WEEK**

*Look for a postcard in the mail!*



### **YOUTH Choir**

Kickoff & Parent Orientation

6-6:45pm

Sept. 22

Rehearsals

Wednesdays

6-6:45pm

beginning Sept. 29

### **Chimers**

Rehearsals

Mondays

5:45 - 6:15

begins Sept. 20

Questions?

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**We  
can't wait  
to see  
you!**

*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 Shirley Masters in memory of Stephen M. Masters.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex or call the church office.*

***Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.***



### **Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am**

<b>Deacon</b>	Suzanne Repavich
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Joyce Vyhnanek
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Jon Blomquist, Ron Crabb
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Audio Board</b>	Keith Markwell
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Rob Kornaus, Elliott Liss, Dawn MacGregor
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Block, Cathy Hawkins
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**Prelude**

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

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**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, sometimes without awareness, and sometimes with reactions that spring from pain or defensiveness. This is part of being human.

P 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.

P Holy God,  
C **We react because we see suffering we do not understand.**

P We are skeptical because we know heartbreak that does not seem fair.  
C **We withhold attention because sacrifice only feels real when it's our own.**

P Forgive us when we forget that you created the heavens and earth.  
C **Forgive us for withholding our pain from you.**

P Forgive us for failing to love the things you love.  
C **Help us learn from our mistakes.**

P Help us to forgive others with the mercy you show us.  
C **Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, this is a new day. God is here. God is at work among us. We are † forgiven! Let us worship the God who calls us to love and serve one another.  
C **Amen!**

**“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 4** Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Repeat 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!

**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. Holy God, in the beginning, you created with delight, and then you rested. Help us to rest, to quiet our minds, letting go of what happened before this moment, and letting go of what might happen later this day. Help us know everything else can wait, until after this time you've given us to be with one another in your presence.

**C** **Amen.**

**Psalm 8** (*read responsively*)

**D** A reading from Psalm 8. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Our ears are open.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
**Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals  
that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Anthem

“Welcome Home”  
St. John Chorale

Mock, arr. Nix

## Reading

## Genesis 2:1-4a

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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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

**John 1:1-5**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**P** The gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

**Pastor Jen Beamsley**

## \*Hymn of the Day

**# 396 Vs., 1,3,4**

### "Spirit of Gentleness"

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#### **Refrain**

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea.

**Verse 1** You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

**Repeat Refrain** Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea.

**Verse 3** You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

**Repeat Refrain** Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind,  
wind on the sea.

**Verse 4** You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.

### **\*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** God welcomes our prayers. Today, we bring what is needed to God,  
trusting we are heard.

*Response (sing):*

**Oh God, we call (repeat)  
From deep inside we yearn (repeat)  
From deep inside we yearn for you**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you.  
**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

“We Bow Down”

Paris, arr. Hayes

*When we love someone in need, it is easy to give. We show up with meals and  
prayer blankets, we send cards and make phone calls, we babysit children and drop  
off flowers. We don't think twice about it, because when we love someone in need,  
it is easy to give.*

*When we give to the offering or make time to participate in the events and groups of  
our faith community, we are declaring that all creation deserves love and care, even  
if we do not know who might receive it. This is a radical notion in our hurting world.*

*Today, as a way to practice being in relationship and drawing closer to one another,  
we invite you to support the mission and ministry of this church. For when we love,  
it is a joy to give our time and our resources.*

*Let us give with our grateful hearts.*

## \*Offertory Response

# 465, Vs. 1

### “As the Grains of Wheat”

**Refrain** As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
So may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

**Verse 1** As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst  
May we share the presence of your love.

**Repeat Refrain**

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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; 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** Come, you who have much faith, and you who have little. Christ will meet us here!!

**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 plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *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.*

## **Communion Music**

"Give Thanks"  
"Interlude 1"

Smith, arr. Hayes  
Hayes

## **\*Blessing**

## \*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## \*Benediction

- C *Sing* **AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

## \*Sending Song

**# 836, Vs. 1-3**

### “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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**Verse 1** Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**Verse 2** All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

**Verse 3** Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

## \*Sending

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

## Postlude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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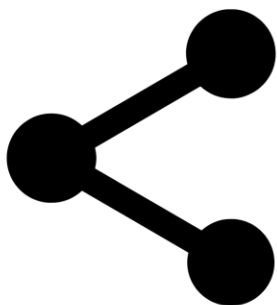
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**4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Graders**

**This is  
for you!**

Join us *for a fun* afternoon!

**SUN. SEPT. 19TH**

**12:15 - 2:30pm**

- Lunch
- Small groups
- Share highs/lows
- 1 Sunday a month
- Creative activities
- Register at drop off
- Learn about loving our neighbor
- Time outside to keep our kids safe
- Email [evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org](mailto:evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org) or call 815-439-2320 with questions



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**ADULT**  
**MINISTRY**  
**TAILGATE PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH**  
**NOON - 3PM**

**Young Adult Ministry (YAM)** is a welcoming new group for adults 23-40 who are looking for a supportive community. No matter where you are in life: parent or single, homeowner or living in the basement, active at church or leaning toward agnostic...all identities, backgrounds, beliefs and disbeliefs, there's a place for you here! Join us as we navigate life together, and rediscover who we are, what we want, and who we want to be in the world. *More tailgate & YAM details on our website.*