

St. John
Lutheran Church



Christ is Risen

Believe and Rejoice

Saturday, May 14, 2022

5:30pm




Visit stjohnjoliet.org for all sign ups

Next Weekend is Milestone Ministry Sunday!

Join us in celebrating our Sunday School students who have achieved these milestones: First Bible, Apostles' Creed, First Communion, 10 Commandments and First Year of Sunday School. We hope to see you there!

- 8:30am and 11:00am: Blessings in worship; both Livestream
- 9:45 - 10:00am: Recognition ceremony with a huge cake reception and photos



Vacation Bible School

All aboard! Hop on the Rocky Railway as it swings through St. John June 6 - 8 from 6 - 8pm. Kids age 4 to entering 6th grade will learn that Jesus' power pulls us through, enjoy crafts at the Imagination Station, Bible stories at Bible adventure, games at Loco Motion Station, and snacks at the Chew Chew Cafe!

Sign Up Now!

Dates: June 6th - 8th
Time: 6 - 8pm
Ages: 4 years old - entering 6th grade

Volunteer Leaders & Helpers We are looking for crew leaders & helpers, station helpers, setup/take down helpers, and would appreciate help building the set. If you are interested, Contact Sarah Wernli at 815-641-7349 or sarahewernli@gmail.com. Ages: entering 7th grade - adults.

Summer Worship Times begin May 29th

Beginning on Sunday, May 29th, enjoy Sunday summer worship at 8:30am (with Livestream) and 10am.

Green Team

The Green Team is coming out of Covid hibernation and reimagining our mission! We are looking for new members who are passionate about creation care, who will help us provide opportunities for individual and community action to bring sustainability to St John and the local community, while directly and consciously connecting spirituality to nature. See Pastor Evan or visit stjohnjoliet.org to sign up.

Food Pantry Baby Shower

Celebrate Mother's Day this month with us as we help moms care for their babies. We are accepting donations in the Narthex for the following: All sizes of diapers & pull ups, all brands of formula, wipes, personal care items and gently used kid's books.

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 – Saturday, May 14, 2022 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Georgene Lange
Ushers	Joan Fry, Steve Volkening
Piano	Susan Yokubonis
Counters	Frank Norem, Norm Roland
Altar Guild	Karen Becker, Joan Nunemaker

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is yet to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You flood us with mercy and grace us with life.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

Breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and our Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Opening Hymn

733, Vs. 1-3

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Verse 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 2 Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

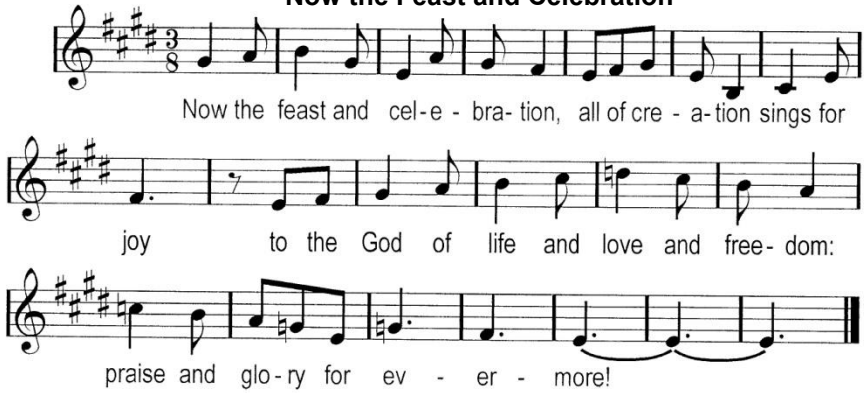
*Greeting

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.**

*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. God of earth and spirit, your power shakes the ground and sways the soul. Give us wisdom in using the power you grant us, and fill us with the joy that overcomes the forces that work against you, until every heart is turned toward your salvation. We ask in the name of the risen Christ.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 31:1-8

D A responsive reading from Psalm 31. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**I hate those who cling to worthless idols,
and I put my trust in the Lord.**

I will rejoice and be glad because of your steadfast love;
for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

You have not handed me over to the power of the enemy; you have set my feet in an open place.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Acts 16:16-34

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

C **Our ears are open.**

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a household servant who was possessed by a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These are faithful servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of this woman." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These people are Jews and are disturbing the peace and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the

magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell of the prison and chained their feet to a stake.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "What must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

*Celtic Alleluia

"Celtic Alleluia"

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "Celtic Alleluia". Both staves are in the treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single line for each staff. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the notes. The first staff ends with an exclamation point, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

***Gospel**

Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

P The gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

***Hymn of the Day**

665, Vs. 1-4

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

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Verse 1

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

Verse 2

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

Verse 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.

Verse 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

New Members Received

Laura & Dave Bernhard
Lauren Burgess
Jim & Sally Downey
Mary Gaeke
Erik, Katie, Kaylee, & Kelsey Hoffman
Beth, Tyler, Laila & Isaac Marcum
Andy Nelson
Ron & Diane Niemann
Barbara Reed
Sam Riggi
Joy Seifert
Paul & Dolly Seifert

***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.**

Prayers of the Church

#178

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P We pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

**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 In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

*Offertory Response

836, Vs. 1

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

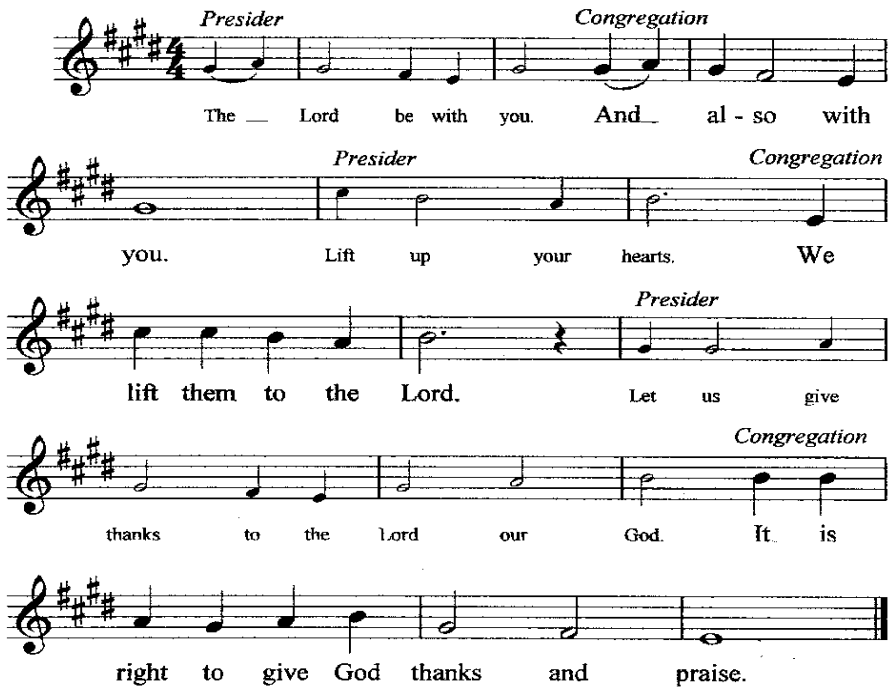
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Verse 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the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

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving



Presider *Congregation*
The — Lord be with you. And — al - so with
Presider *Congregation*
you. 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 invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied!
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:

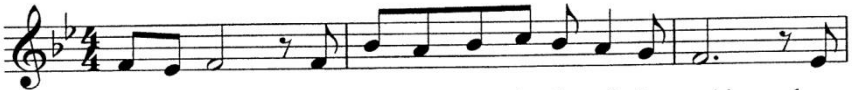
The body of Christ, given for you.

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you are the way of mer-cy and love:
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.

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

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Verse 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain "Come home, (Come home,)
Come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Verse 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

Verse 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. **Refrain**

479, Vs. 1-3

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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Verse 1 We come to the hungry feast
Hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
The love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

Verse 2 We come to the hungry feast
Hungry for a world released
From hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
The poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

Verse 3 We come to the hungry feast
Hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing, though we eat our fill,
The hunger will stay with us; still
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Risen Christ, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*Benediction



*Sending Hymn

389, Vs. 1

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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- Verse 1** Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

*Sending

- D Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- D Go in peace. Share the good news!
- C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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