

St. John
Lutheran Church



All Saints Service of Remembrance

*Sunday, November 6, 2022
8:30am*

TODAY

Commitment Cards - It's not too late!

Thank you to everyone who turned in their 2023 Commitment Cards or submitted it online. This helps us to plan & prepare our 2023 budget. You can still turn in your Commitment Card to the church office! Commitment Cards available in your pew, at the welcome center & at stjohjoliet.org.

Tween GO!, 12:15pm

Tween GO! is for 4th, 5th & 6th graders in the Karin Johnson Hall from 12:15 - 2:30pm. Registration is at drop off.

Sign Up Open for: 11/23 Pie Night!!

Thanksgiving Eve followed by Pie Night is only 2 weeks from Wednesday! If you're planning to attend Pie Night, please sign up to let us know. We want to have enough seats, pie, etc.

11/27 Church Decorating Event, Noon

After worship on Sun., Nov. 27, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Sign up to join us! This is an adult only event.

THIS WEEK

Mon
7, 14

New Member Class, 7pm

Pastor Robin hosts classes this and next Monday for guests wishing to join St. John. Please plan to attend both. Sign up online or call 815-439-2320. New members received at 11am on Sunday, November 20th. Lunch follows.

IN NOVEMBER - Special Offering is Helping Hands

Wed
23

Thanksgiving Eve & Pie Night!!

Worship at 7pm & Pie Night follows, please sign up for Pie Night!

Closed:

11/24 & 25 - Church Office

11/26 - Food Pantry

Tues
29

Giving Tuesday

Kindly recommend St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry as a Giving Tuesday recipient at your work. See Pastor Robin for more information.

IN DECEMBER

Sun
04

Sunday School Christmas Program and Light Up the Night

4pm Sunday School Christmas Program

4:30pm Light Up the Night: Cocoa & Carols in the parking lot

5pm Light Up the Night: Tree Lighting in the parking lot

Sun
18

Christmas Cantata, 8:30am Longest Night, 7pm

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 today are given by Jonathan and Nicole Adams in celebration of their 8th anniversary and by Terry Kaiser in memory of Diane Kaiser.

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

Thank you to The Smith Families for coffee hour this morning.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, November 6, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Michelle Covert
Communion Assistant	Wendy Eklund, Kathy Moore
Greeter	Heather Aincham
Ushers	Joe Aincham, Ron Crabb, Bryan Yergler
Acolytes	Bella Aincham, Grace Aincham
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Nick Jakusz, Mike Pragit
Livestream Team	Dawn MacGregor
Counters	Jan Drish, Nancy Kautz
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Come Down, O Live Divine”

Arnatt

Welcome and Announcements

***Invocation and Opening Litany**

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

P For those who lit our lives with joy,
C **For those who have touched us with tenderness,**
P For those whose loss fills us with longing,
C **We give thanks in glad remembrance.**

P We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves,
Looking with acceptance on all that we are,
And cherishing us without condition or constraint.
C **Holy God, within and among us,
We give thanks in glad remembrance.**

P We celebrate those who have stood alongside us,
Holding us through our highs and lows
When words cannot express how we feel.
C **Holy God, within and among us,
We give thanks in glad remembrance.**

P We celebrate those who have travelled before us,
Showing us with persistent courage
How to live in love, and die in faith and hope.
C **Holy God, within and among us,
We give thanks in glad remembrance.**

C **For those who lit our lives with joy,
For those who have touched us with tenderness,
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“For All the Saints”

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Verse 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Revelation 21:3-6

- D A reading from the book of Revelation, the twenty-first chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C **Our ears are open.**

And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne,

“Look! The home of God is among humankind.
God will live with them;
they will be God’s people
and God will be fully present among them;
The Most High will wipe every tear from their eyes.
And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more,
for the old order has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Look! I am making everything new!” and added, “Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true.” And, the One continued, “It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life.”

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

Special Music and Candle Lighting

Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

On this All Saints Day, you are invited to:

Light a candle for those you want to remember.
Light a candle for hope.
Light a candle as a prayer beyond words.

During the musical selections, you are invited forward to light a candle at home, or at the tables in the sanctuary.

Anthem

“Welcome Home”
St. John Chorale

Mock

Piano Meditation

“Pie Jesu”

Faure

***Gospel**

Matthew 5:1-12

P The gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

“Day by Day”

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Verse 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
Where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Verse 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
O'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
Till in glory I behold your face.

Verse 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Prayers of the Church

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P Gathered with the saints by the river of life and surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the well-being of the church of God, the peace of the whole world, and the welfare of all people.

Prayers continue with sung response:

Response:

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

The prayers conclude:

- P With thanksgiving and celebration, we ask for your presence and guidance. Encourage and strengthen all your saints and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

The Names of Saints We Carry

The following loved ones were St. John members and/or had their funeral officiated by one of our pastors in the past year. During the Prayers of the Church today, we call to mind those who have died in the faith, giving thanks they know the fullness of God's grace and glory:

David Berby	John Manifold
Norman Cherry	Timothy Manning
Roy Conterez	Gladdies Meyerhoff
Michael Evans	Claudia Pacini
Robert Fitzer	Rev. Robert Peterson
Hank Fritz	Nancy Rada
Gail Hartley	Daniel Richardson
Dawn Kemp	Albert Stadelmaier
Joseph Langan	Pauline (PJ) Stealy
	Gail Sturm

***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

Meditation on "NOVA VITA"

Powell

(In Memory of Harry Murray)

This piece of music was written for the funeral of Janet Blomquist's father in 2002 and played at her mother's funeral in 2021.

*All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God.
In response to God's generosity, we offer these gifts to our neighbors
and the world through our time, possessions, and money.*

The Offertory is an invitation to be a part of the mission, ministry, and outreach of Christ through St. John Lutheran Church. Together, there is enough for everyone.

*Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer concerns
in the offering plate when it comes to you and pass it on
to the person next to you or behind you. Thank you for your generosity!*

***Offertory Response**

691, Vs. 1 & 3

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

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Verse 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.

Verse 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

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; by the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. 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 Christ's meal is offered here, for you and all the saints!

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.

Continuous Communion at the Chancel

- *Continuous Communion will be offered today.*
- *Come forward to the pastor at the invitation of the usher to receive the bread.*
- *Receive the wine/juice from the communion assistant at their side.*
- *Dispose of your cup in the basket held by the acolyte.*
- *Return to your seat.*
- *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.*

Communion Music

"I Can Only Imagine" Millard, arr. Fukuda
Praise Team and Rachel Yergler (Violinist)

785 Vs. 1-4

“When Peace like a River”

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- Verse 1** When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like a sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
- Refrain** It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
- Verse 2** Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain**
- Verse 3** He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**
- Verse 4** Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

773 Vs. 1-3

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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- Verse 1** Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand,
Precious Lord, Lead me home

Verse 2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand,
Precious Lord, lead me home.

Verse 3 When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand,
Precious Lord, lead me home.

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***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.

*Recessional Hymn

422 Vs. 1, 6, 7

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Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Sending

D Led on by the saints before us: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Adam

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St. John

Next Week: November 7 - 13

Monday 11/7

9:30 – 11:30am PDO
 10am-Noon Altar Guild: All Saints Cleanup
 5:45 – 6pm Chimers: SA
 6:15 – 7pm Ensemble: SA
 6:30 – 8pm Small Group: TR
 7 – 8pm Handbells: SA
 7 – 8pm A.A. Women: KJ Hall
 7 – 8pm Al-Anon: WW 3&4
 7 - 8pm Cub Scouts Cmte: Zoom
 7 - 8pm New Member Class: CR

Tuesday 11/8

5am - 7pm General Election
 9:30 – Noon Staff Meeting
 6:45 - 7:30pm Finance/Executive Cmte
 7 - 8pm Beyond Diakonia: YR
 7 - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH

Wednesday 11/9

8am – 2pm Food Bank Delivery: KJH
 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
 10 - Noon Altar Guild
 3:30 - 4:30pm Memorial Cmte: TR
 6 - 7pm Youth Choir: SA
 7 - 8:15pm Confirmation
 7:30 – 9:15pm Senior Choir: CR/SA
 8:15 – 9:15pm HS FIRE: YR

Thursday 11/10

9 – 11:30am Coffee with Friends: TR
 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
 11am – 3pm FP Delivery: KJH
 5 – 7pm FP Packing: KJH
 7 - 8pm Praise Team: SA
 7 - 8pm AA Men: Zoom
 7 - 9pm Youth Service Team: NX

Friday 11/11

9 – 11am Quilters: WW5
 9:30 - 11:30am MOPS: NX

Saturday 11/12

8 – 10am FP Distribution Drive
 Thru: NX & KJH
 Noon - 4pm Confirmation Care Group
 7a Service Opportunity: KJH
 5:30 – 6:30pm Worship: SA

Sunday 11/13

8:30 – 9:30am Worship: SA
 9:45 – 10:45am Fair Trade Coffee: NX
 9:45 – 10:45am Sunday School
 11am – 12pm Worship: SA

CR - Choir Room
 KJH - Karin Johnson Hall
 NX - Narthex
 SA - Sanctuary
 TR - Trinity Room
 WW - West Wing
 YR - Youth Room

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5:45pm	Chimers: SA
6:15pm	Ensemble: SA
6:30pm	Small Group: TR
7:00pm	Handbells: SA
7:00pm	A.A. Women's Group: KJH
7:00pm	Al-Anon: WW 3&4
7:00pm	Cub Scouts Committee: Zoom
7:00pm	New Member Class: CR
Tuesday, November 8	
5:00am	General Election
9:30am	Staff: CR
6:45pm	Finance/Executive Committee: TR
7:00pm	Boy Scouts: KJH
7:00pm	Beyond Diakonia: YR
Wednesday, November 9	
8:00am	Food Bank Delivery: KJH
9:30am	PDO

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