

*St. John*  
Lutheran Church



# Christ is Risen

*When You Do Not Know the Way*

Sunday, April 24, 2022

8:30am



Visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) for all sign ups



### Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign Up

Youth entering 7th grade - adults may sign up to volunteer as leaders for VBS on June 6th - 8th from 6 - 8pm. Participant registration opens next month!

### New Member Classes May 4th & 11th; 7-8:30pm

Sign up online or call the church office at 815-439-2320.

### High School "One Day" Spring Retreat, May 7th

Dickson Valley Retreat Center, 9am-10pm. Games. Sports. Devos. Fun. \$50 covers meals, transportation, & activities. Due 5/1. Sign up online.

### Congregational Meeting, May 8th

Join us in the Sanctuary from 9:45 to 10am in between services.

### Summer Worship Times begin May 29th

Beginning on Sunday, May 29th, Sunday summer worship times will be 8:30am and 10am. All 8:30am services will continue to livestream.

### Helping Hands: April Special ffering

Thank you for helping keep people keep their dignity. Check Helping Hands on a blue pew envelope, or click "give" at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org).


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## Faith Milestones *Nourishing your family in faith*

**First Bibles** *2nd graders*

**Children's Bible Craft**   
Sunday, May 8, 9:45 - 10:45am

**Parent-Child Learning Event**   
Sunday, May 15, 9:45 - 10:45am

**First Communion** *3rd grade & up*

**Parent-Child Learning Event**   
Sunday, May 1, 2 - 5pm

**First Bible, First Communion, Apostles' Creed, First Year of Sunday School, 10 Commandments**

## Faith Milestones Sunday

celebration & blessings

**May 22nd**  
**8:30am\* & 11am\***  
**worship services**

\* Livestream

*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 Sharon Sullivan in honor of our granddaughters, Nicole & Kirsten Drabek's college graduations.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, April 24, 2022 (8:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Jim Bartz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Karen Becker
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Crabb, Frank Summer, Kathy & Paul Thomason
<b>Organ &amp; Piano</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Bill Jensen
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Rob Kornaus, Elliott Liss
<b>Counters</b>	Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Bambule, Sharon Sullivan

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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude**

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

Titelouze

## **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

# 367, Vs. 1-2

### “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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**Verse 1**            Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
                         In praise of love that still abounds:  
                         “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
                         Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
                         Repeat their song of glory here:  
                         “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
                         Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Verse 2**            Eternal is the gift he brings,  
                         Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
                         “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
                         Now still he comes to give us life  
                         And by his presence stills all strife.  
                         “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
                         Alleluia, alleluia, 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.**

# \*Hymn of Praise

*Refrain* S 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Risen Christ, you so love the world that you came among us, and still you greet us with peace, dwelling within us by your Holy Spirit. Here in this place, we long for a glimpse of you, in all your woundedness as well as your glory. Here in this place, we call to mind those who are not among us this day, and pray they too would see you and know you and be filled with your breath of new life. Here in this place, you remind us of all you have taught us; now prepare us to go out and be like you.

C **Amen.**

## Psalm 145:10-21

D A responsive reading from Psalm 145. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

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

C **Our ears are open.**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

\*Celtic Alleluia

“Celtic Alleluia”

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## **\*Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

**P** The gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P** The gospel of our Lord.

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

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

Pastor Jen Beamsley

**“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”**

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**Verse 1** Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
As his light once more appears;  
Bowing down in joy before him,  
Rising up from griefs and tears.

**Refrain** Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

**Verse 4** Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
Death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
We have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
Of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
Hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast. **Refrain**

**\*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

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Cruger

## \*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 *(sung)*

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, 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 Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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 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**

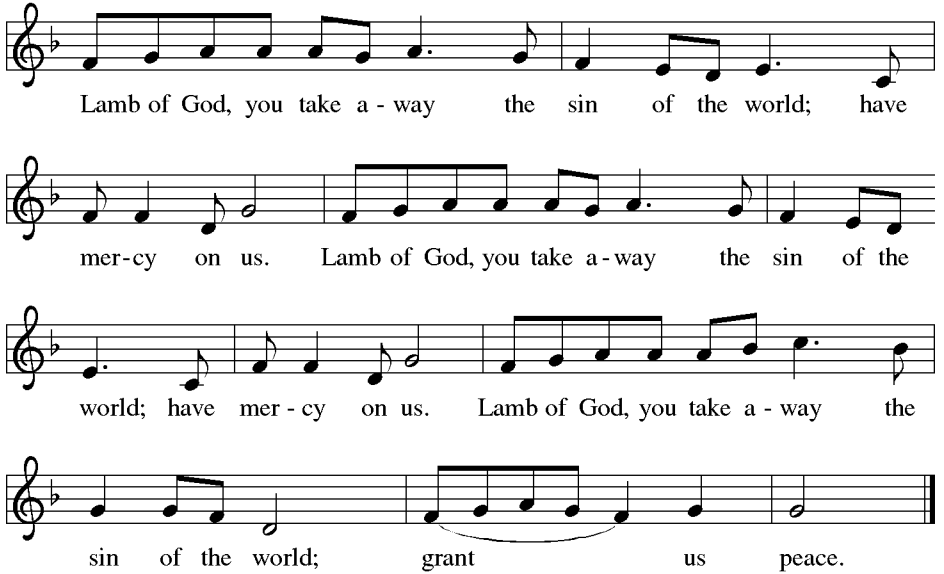
*You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:*

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  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# Communion Music

# 483, Vs. 1-3

## “Here Is Bread”

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**Verse 1** Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

**Refrain** In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

**Verse 2** Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. **Refrain**

**Verse 3** Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

**“I Come with Joy”**

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- Verse 1** I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me,  
In love laid down for me.
- Verse 2** I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,  
In Christ’s communion bread.
- Verse 3** As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
And strangers now are friends.
- Verse 4** The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
Alive among us here.
- Verse 5** Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
We’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that make us one,  
The love that makes us one.

**\*Blessing**

**C** Amen.

**\*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**

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

## \*Sending Hymn

# 385, Vs. 1

### “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

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**Verse 1**            Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
                          Now is the triumph of our king!  
                          To all the world glad news we bring:  
                          Allelulia, alleluia, alleluia!

## \*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

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

Reichel