

Lutheran Church

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Messy Church

April 28th, 2024 @ 8:30 am

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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 on the altar today are given by Suzanne Repavich in memory of family members who are now in heaven, and by Nicole and Jonthan Adams in celebration of Avery's 7th birthday on April 30!

Thank you to Monday Night Bible Study for Coffee Hour this morning!

To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, April 28, 2024 (8:30 am) Deacon Glenn Faikus

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Prelude

"Four Short Prelude"

Trevor

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
 By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.
 We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen!

*Opening Hymn

385, Vs. 1, 3, 4

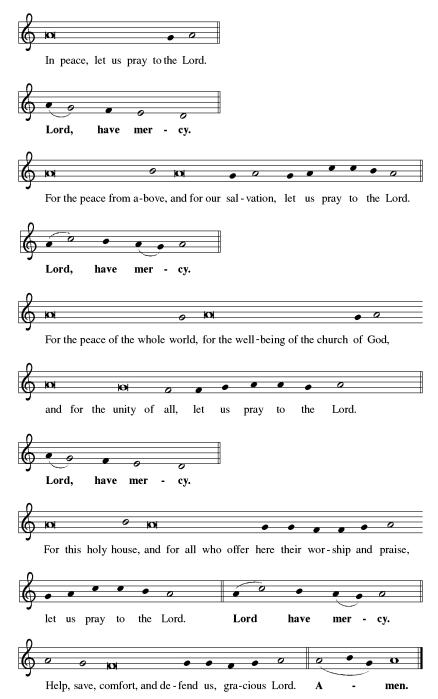
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- Verse 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Allelulia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Verse 3 Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Allelulia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Verse 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord, The life laid down, the life restored: Allelulia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Greeting

- Р The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- С And also with you.

*Kyrie



*Hymn of Praise



*Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Holy Lord, your church is just as human as the people you chose to build it. Work through our disagreements and distractions, guide us when we don't know what to do and empower us through your Spirit to be your face in the world. We pray this in your holy name.
 C Amen.

Reading

Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

- D A reading from the book of Acts, the eighteenth chapter and 1st Corinthians, the first chapter. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C Our hearts are open.

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

[Later, Paul wrote to the church in Corinth,] Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Psalm 133

- D A responsive reading from the book of Psalms. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- С Our hearts are open.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Word of God, Word of Life! D

С Thanks be to God!

*Celtic Alleluia

"Celtic Alleluia"



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*Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

But [the disciples] were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. [Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

- P The gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

Hymn of the Day

449, Vs. 1, 2, 4

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

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Verse 1	We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!
Verse 2	We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life, As living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!
Verse 4	A new creation comes to life and grows As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.

The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!

*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

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In the hope of God's grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.

Your prayer requests may be spoken when invited during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or filling out the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Congregation sings this response:

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 Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- 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 with a handshake. Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.

Offertory

"In Christ There is No East or West"

Hayes

Commitment to Community

Your offering of any amount is generous and fosters God's grace for the world through the ministry of St. John, in service to God, to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world.

Your offering and attendance sheets may be placed in the offering plate, or try our new online giving platform, Tithe.ly. Thank you!



Now Accepting



Pay

*Offertory Response

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"Be Not Afraid"

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! **Repeat**

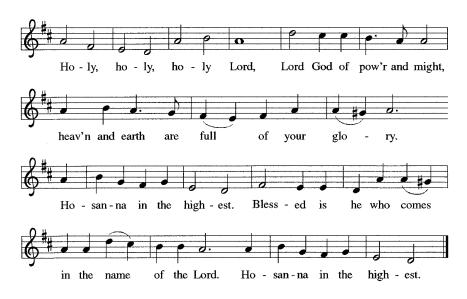
*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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



*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 is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.
- 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 or at home

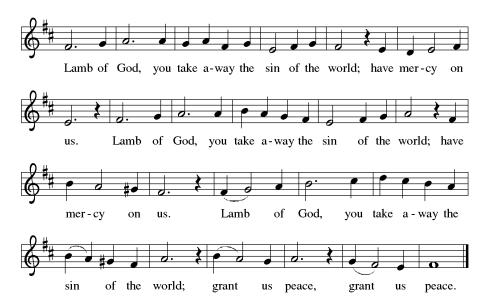
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

> 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 to receive bread from the pastor. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the pastor.
- Communion assistants hold trays with red wine in the outer rings of the tray and white grape juice in 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.
- At the 5:30pm service, the pastor will offer a blessing before you leave the communion rail.

Lamb of God



Communion Music

451, Vs. 1-3

"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

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- Verse 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus, We are baptized in his death; That as Christ is raised victorious, We might live a brand new life. And if we have been united In a dreadful death like his, We will all be reunited, for he lives.
- Verse 2In the water and the witness,
In the breaking of the bread,
In the waiting arms of Jesus
Who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
From the ashes of our past;
In the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Verse 3 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son, Glory to the Holy Spirit, Ever three and ever one; As it was in the beginning, Glory now resounds again In a song that has no ending. Amen

462, Vs. 1-3

"Now We Join in Celebration"

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- Verse 1 Now we join in celebration At our Savior's invitation, Dressed no more in spirit somber, Clothed instead in joy and wonder; For the Lord of all existence, Putting off divine transcendence, Stoops again in love to meet us, With his very life to feed us.
- Verse 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, Fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing Are for us the sure possessing Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, Of your living self, our vict'ry, Pledge of your unfailing presence, Foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- Verse 3 Lord, we share in this communion As one fam'ly of God's children, Reconciled through you, our brother, One in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, Serving all, both friends and strangers, Seeking justice, love, and mercy Till you come in final glory.

*Blessing C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- C Amen.

*Benediction

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Hymn

454, Vs. 1 & 4

"Remember and Rejoice"

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- Verse 1Remember and rejoice,
Renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,
That time cannot erase.
- Verse 4 God, bless us by your grace; Remind us of your care. Renewing Spirit, fill us now, Inspire our work, our prayer.

*Sending

- D Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Fughetta in C"

Buxtehude

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Our Diakonia students and graduates are leading worship on May 4th & 5th

For more information about joining Diakonia this fall contact Trenton Ferro







APRIL

May)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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8:30am - 9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary		
9:45am - 10:45am	Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing		
9:45am - 10:45am	2nd Grade First Bible Class: Karin Johnson Hall		
9:45am - 10:45am	Campfirmation Orientation: Choir Room		
9:45am - 10:45am	New Member Class: Trinity Room		
11:00am - 12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary		
MONDAY, APRIL 29			
9:30am - 11:30am	Parent's Day Out		
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Staff Meeting: Trinity Room		
5:30pm - 8:00pm	A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall		
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room		
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4		
7:00pm - 9:00pm	College-Age Mission Trip Orientation: Zoom		
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Handbells: Sanctuary		
8:00pm - 8:30pm	Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary		
TUESDAY, APRIL 30			
9:30am - 11:30am	Parent's Day Out		
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Tech Taskforce Meeting: Trinity Room		
7:00pm - 8:30pm	Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall		
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1	(May Special Offering: Daybreak)		
8:30am - 12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall		
9:30am - 11:30am	Parent's Day Out		
9:30am - 11:30am	MOPS Steering: Narthex		
12:00pm - 1:00pm	"Good" Grief Group: Trinity Room		
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Youth Choir: Choir Room		
7:00pm - 8:15pm			
7:30pm - 9:00pm	St. John Chorale: Choir Room		
8:15pm - 9:15pm	High School FIRE: Youth Room		
THURSDAY, MAY 2			
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	Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing		
	Daybreak Transportation		
	Daybreak Serving: Daybreak Shelter		
	A.A. Men's Group: Zoom		
and a second	Praise Team: Sanctuary		
FRIDAY, MAY 3 (Church Office Closed)			
	Quilters: West Wing 5		
	Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost		
9:30am - 11:30am	MOPS: Nartnex		
SATURDAY, MAY 4			
	Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall		
8:00am - 10:00am	,		
12:00pm - 4:00pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm	5		
	Worship: Sanctuary		
SUNDAY, MAY 5 8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary			
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2:00pm - 5:00pm 5:30pm - 7:00pm			
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