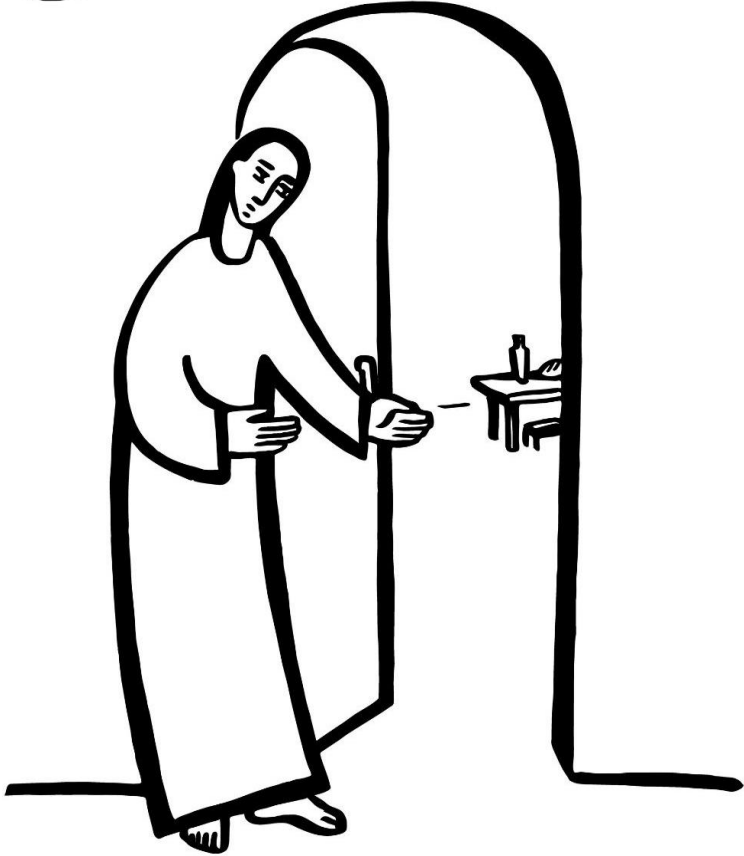


St. John

Lutheran Church

Senior Pastor, Robin E. Caldwell
Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



The Disturbance of the Gospel

April 20th, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

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Make sure to show your waitress this flyer!

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NEW MEMBER CLASS
APRIL 28TH AT 9:45 AM

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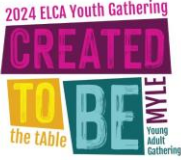
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We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Linda Evans with loving remembrance of Mike Evans on the 2nd anniversary of his death; and in celebration of Jim and Sally Downey's 57th Wedding Anniversary!

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

Worship Leaders – Saturday, April 20, 2024 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Georgene Lange
Ushers	Guy Gell, Steve Volkening
Piano	Susan Yokubonis
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Counters	Janel Eaton, Frank Norem
Altar Guild	Jinny Buchholz, Cheryl Lovell

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

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!**

“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!

Verse 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
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.**

*Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace, *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.

*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. Messiah, Jesus, your powerful resurrection message that Paul shared, turned the world upside down. In the disturbances of today, give us the faith to open our minds to your truth and to open our doors to others, as we trust in your enduring love.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Acts 17:1-9

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But some of the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

**I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

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

*Celtic Alleluia

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the '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 a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

*Gospel

Mark 13:9-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “As for yourselves, beware, for they will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak but the Holy Spirit.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin E. Caldwell

Hymn of the Day

652, Vs. 1, 3, 4

"Built on a Rock"

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Verse 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling --
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

Verse 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
We are his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
Granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
He in their midst will show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Verse 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing:
Hither we come to praise his name,
Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom.

***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

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](https://www.tithe.ly). Thank you!



Now Accepting



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 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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you broke the bonds of sin and of death:
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.

Communion Music

484, Vs. 2, 3, 5

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

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Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Verse 2 With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

Verse 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity. **Refrain**

“Come to the Table”

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Verse 1 Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
Come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
Receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
Drink of the blood of the Lamb. **Repeat**

***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**



***Sending Hymn**

677, Vs. 1-2

“This Little Light of Mine”

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Verse 1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Sending

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

Postlude

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Bring all donations to St. John Narthex starting April 7th



COFFEE MUGS



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St. John Lutheran Church

Friday, April 26, 2024, 7:00-9:30pm

Casting Crowns Concert

at Willow Creek Church
in South Barrington

Tickets are \$23.62 per person.
Travel arrangements pending.

Join us!

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD
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FAMILY LEARNING EVENT: SUNDAY, MAY 5TH FROM 2:00-5:00PM

Faith Milestone Celebration on Sunday, May 19th during 11:00 am worship

JOIN OUR TEAM

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS MANAGER

Work with staff and members to ensure the church operates as
efficiently as possible!

- Full-time, Salaried
- Work Days: Sunday-Thursday
 - Additional days are needed in response to church seasons and events.
- Paid Sick Days & Paid Time Off
- Work directly with the Senior Pastor
- **Must** have advanced technical skills and be very comfortable with Google Drive
- Manage Church Calendar & Building Space
- Maintain Church Management System
- Oversee Church facility maintenance and inspections
- Communicate with Ministry Leaders
- And so much more...

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Please include education, skills, and references

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 5th
9:45 AM
in the Sanctuary

Drawing for
Homemade
Treats

Ministry
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Voting on
Council
Members

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APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

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
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 22

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
12:00pm - 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 AI-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
7:00pm - 8:00pm Handbells: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 8:30pm Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
4:00pm - 9:00pm St. John Craft'd Night: Off Site
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
6:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Choir: Choir Room
6:30pm - 7:30pm Sunday School Team Meeting: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:15pm Confirmation: Off-Site at Al-Aqsa Community Center
7:30pm - 9:00pm St. John Chorale: Choir Room
8:15pm - 9:15pm High School FIRE: Off-Site

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Trinity Room
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
10:00am - 11:00am Altar Guild Meeting: Trinity Room
2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
3:00pm - 7:00pm Holzrichter Visitation: Carlson Funeral Home
4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing
7:00pm - 8:00pm A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
7:00pm - 8:30pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 (Church Office Closed)

9:00am - 11:00am Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am - 10:30am Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost
10:00am - 11:00am Holzrichter Visitation: St. John
11:00am - 12:00pm Holzrichter Memorial Service: St. John
7:00pm - 9:30pm Faith Field Trip-Casting Crowns Concert: Off-Site

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
12:00pm - 4:00pm Youth Car Wash: Church Parking Lot
5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

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

**Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.*