

*St. John*  
Lutheran Church

Worship Series



**Loved by God**

CALLED TO SERVE

*Hearing God's Voice*



Sunday, October 17th  
8:30am

Commitment  
to Community 



# **Commitment Weekend is Next Weekend October 23-24**



*Commit online at  
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**Commitment**   
to **Community**

*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 Glenn & Lynne Smith in memory of their parents (Smith and Gleason families) and in memory of Glenn's sister and brother-in-law (the Smeets family). To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex or call the church office.*

**Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.**



### **Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Deacon</b>              | Glenn Smith                                       |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | Lynne Smith                                       |
| <b>Greeter</b>             | Sam Riggi   |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | Judy Mihavics-Dachman, Joan Fry,<br>Duane Johnson |
| <b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>   | Janet Blomquist                                   |
| <b>Audio Board</b>         | Keith Markwell                                    |
| <b>Livestream Team</b>     | Rob Kornaus, Elliott Liss, Dawn MacGregor         |
| <b>Counters</b>            | Frank Norem, Norm Roland                          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | Pat Bambule, Carol Robinson                       |

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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude**

“Diapason Movement”

Green

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

C **Amen.**

P Family of faith, we have all been in the place where we've hurt others and God's creation, sometimes without awareness, and sometimes with reactions that spring from pain or defensiveness. This is part of being human.

P God invites us to acknowledge our humanity and learn from our mistakes, letting forgiveness change our hearts. In this time of confession, we seek to learn God's gracious ways.

P Holy God,

C **We react because we see suffering, we do not understand.**

P We are skeptical because we know heartbreak that does not seem fair.

C **We withhold attention because sacrifice only feels real when it's our own.**

P Forgive us when we forget that you created the heavens and earth.

C **Forgive us for withholding our pain from you.**

P Forgive us for failing to love the things you love.

C **Help us learn from our mistakes.**

P Help us to forgive others with the mercy you show us.

C **Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, this is a new day. God is here. God is at work among us. We are † forgiven! Let us worship the God who calls us to love and serve one another.

C **Amen!**

**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

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**Verse 1** For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:

**Refrain** Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

**Verse 2** For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow’r,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:

**Repeat Refrain**

**Verse 5** For each perfect gift of thine,  
Peace on earth and joy in heav’n;  
For thyself, best gift divine,  
To our world so freely giv’n:

**Repeat Refrain**

**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. Holy God, in the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called.

**C** **Amen.**

**Psalm 91:9-16**

**D** A responsive reading from Psalm 91. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Our ears are open.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,  
**no evil shall befall you,**  
**no scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## **Anthem**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”  
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Moglebust

## **Reading**

## **1 Samuel 3:1-21**

D A reading from the book of First Samuel, the third chapter.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore, I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So, Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD. The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## \*Gospel

John 20:21-23

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O 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."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

### \*Hymn of the Day

# 574, Vs. 1-3

#### "Here I Am, Lord"

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**Verse 1** I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Chorus** Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**Verse 2** I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

#### **Repeat Chorus**

**Verse 3** I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

#### **Repeat Chorus**



# Farewell and Godspeed for Lisa Marshall

## Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.  
You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

## Prayers of the Church

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**P** God welcomes our prayers. Today, we bring what is needed to God, trusting we are heard.

*Response (sing):*

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

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you.  
**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. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting.  
Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving,  
and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.*

## Offertory

“Sing Unto the Lord”

arr. Hayes

*Every week, we hear how God works through people. The story of our faith is one that constantly reminds us that we cannot do this work alone. We need our faith community.*

*We give what we can from what we have, and trust God will continue moving us closer to mindful living, generosity, and gratitude.*

*Family of faith, you are invited to give your offerings, knowing we share a commitment to the mission and ministry of this place, and our giving is the work of faith.*

*Let us give with our grateful hearts.*

## \*Offertory Response

# 465, Vs. 1

### “As the Grains of Wheat”

**Refrain** As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
Were gathered into one to become our bread;  
So may all your people from all the ends of earth  
Be gathered into one in you.

**Verse 1** As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst  
May we share the presence of your love.

**Repeat Refrain**

## \*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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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 Come, you who have much faith, and you who have little.  
Christ will meet us here!
- 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 plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the elements of bread and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *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.*

## **Communion Music**

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”  
“Interlude III”

Hearn, arr. Hayes  
Hayes

## **\*Blessing**

## \*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.

## \*Sending Song

# 723, Vs. 1

### “Canticle of the Turning”

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#### Verse 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
And my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

“Fugue No. 5”

Pachelbel

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# Stay for the Party Today!

*a time of joy & reconnection*

**Food  
Provided**

Taco Bar with all of the  
fixin's & sides

Hot Dogs & Chips

**11<sup>am</sup> Outdoor Worship**  
*& Lisa Marshall Farewell*

**12<sup>pm</sup> Tailgate Party**



**HALF Mortgage Burning  
TIME**



*livestream begins at  
approximately 1:30pm*



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## College-Age Care Package Sign Up Extended

If you have college-age people in your family, sign them up by **TODAY** at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) to receive a care package from St. John.

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# H.S. Fall / Winter Retreat

November 12-14  
Lutherdale, Elkhorn, WI  
Sign up [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)



Cost is \$150

**\$50 deposit due NEXT WEEKEND**

balance due Nov. 7th

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- Partial & full scholarships available by request, see Pastor Evan
- More details at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)

# TODAY AT 5PM

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CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTORS  
**JEN, ROBIN & (SOMETIMES) EVAN**

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Anniversary  
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