

St. John

Lutheran Church



Things That Bug Us
(Even Them?)

8:30am
Sunday
July 24, 2022



Commitment
to Community



Sign ups at stjohnjoliet.org



God's World Wide Web of Creation

10^{am} Outdoor Worship Sunday 8/14

Come as you are! Bring a friend! Enjoy God's creation!

- Location: In the back of the parking lot in the shade
- Bring: A chair to sit on

Kids Paint & Craft during worship 7/31

Who: Children

What: Paint bird, bat, butterfly, and/or honeybee houses; crafts

When: 8:30am & 10am services; after the children's sermon

Where: Karin Johnson Hall. They can stay for the remainder of the service or join their families again during communion time.

Wear: Comfy crafting clothes



Remember to keep coloring and even putting together new Busy Bugs; find them in the Narthex at the easel

RESCHEDULED - Nature Walk at Rock Run

- Keep an eye out for more information soon.

Food Pantry Closed July 30 for Building Maintenance

June & July Special Offering

Use a blue envelope or visit stjohnjoliet.org to give a gift to St. John Youth - Camps and Trips. Thank you!

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Fellowship time at Craft'd

Looking for some social time to gather with other young adults? Join Young Adult Ministry for fellowship at Craft'd! Contact Meghan at (815) 341-8481 or Anna at (319) 575-2875 by July 31. You can also RSVP on the YAM Facebook Group. Find a link at stjohnjoliet.org. Contact Meghan or Anna with questions. We hope to see you there!

Summer Connections

- **H.S. BADGER TEC RETREAT!** Register for the Aug. 4th-7th retreat at Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville. See Pastor Evan for info.

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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 altar flowers are given today in honor of Frank Norem's birthday by his sisters, Lenora, Nancy, Anita, and Aleta; and by Tony & Anita Freehauf in honor of their grandson, Leonardo Shen's birthday.

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

Worship Leaders – Sunday, July 24, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Rachel Yergler
Communion Assistant	Cheryl Lovell
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Jon Blomquist, Frank Summer
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Leader	David Luecht
Audio Board	Gino Incaudo
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Fond D’Orgue”

Nivers

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we have turned from God this week.

Let us pray. **Holy God, Creator of all that is, we confess to you that we have sinned. We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures. We have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful of the resources you entrusted to us. Polluted air and water, eroded soil and salty earth, birds and animals deprived of habitat, and neighbors left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness: all these cry out against us. We do not know how to restore what we have damaged. We repent in sorrow and distress. Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy. Give us grace to change our ways, to make amends, and to work together for the healing of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God promises a new creation. God’s Spirit renews the hearts of God’s people. God’s Spirit moves over the face of the earth. God’s Spirit calls us to action. We are free to choose a new way for us and God’s creation! Therefore, I declare to you: your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

731, Vs. 1 & 5

“Earth and All Stars!”

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Verse 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snow storm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

Verse 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

*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

858, Vs. 1, 4

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Verse 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Verse 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

***Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants, bugs and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. Bless those who work the soil and who supply the food chain with sustenance, nurture bees and other pollinators, and teach us to appreciate even the smallest and most unusual contributors to your network of creation. Accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 139:7-18

D A responsive reading from Psalm 139. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Job 12, 38 & 39

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

Can you hunt the prey for the lion

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God

and wander about for lack of food?

Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars

and spreads its wings toward the south?

Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up

and makes its nest on high?

It lives on the rock and makes its home

in the fastness of the rocky crag.

From there it spies the prey;

its eyes see it from far away.

But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being."

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation

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"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

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Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

P The gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

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

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

815, Vs. 1-3

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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Verse 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world.
 The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.
 The night and the day are both alike.
 The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
 I want to look at Jesus.
 Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on path,
 And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

Verse 3 I’m looking for the coming of Christ.
 I want to be with Jesus.
 When we have run with patience the race,
 We shall know the joy of Jesus. **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

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P Guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Congregation sings the response:

**Deep peace of the running waves,
Deep peace of the flowing air,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth.**

The prayers conclude:

P God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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

“On the Wind of Spirit”

Hayes

***Offertory Response**

856, Vs. 1

“How Great Thou Art”

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Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray. Holy God, **you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, and growth in grace. Accept the gifts we offer here. Use them to nurture your church, this community, and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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, 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 Taste and see that the Lord is good!
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

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"Lamb of God; Your Only Son"

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Refrain

Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. **Repeat**

Communion Music

#838, Vs. 1-4

"Beautiful Savior"

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Verse 1

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Verse 2

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Verse 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Verse 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

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**

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into
your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your
table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our
heart, serve others with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have
made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

***Sending Song** **# 547, Vs. 1**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Verse 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

***Sending**
D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude **“Postlude No. 4”** **Boellmann**

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