

St. John
Lutheran Church

WE
are the
Church

A Purpose Forgotten



8:30am
Sunday
October 23, 2022

NEXT **WEEKEND IS**

 **Commitment Weekend**
October 29 - 30

WE
are the
Church

**Find your purpose here, with us,
serving our neighbors, caring
for friends, giving to God.**

We are the church, in this time;

- Made for this moment,
- Blessed to be a blessing.

FP volunteering + Fellowship + Worship leading

stjohnjoliet.org

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 the Altar Guild.

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

Thank you to our St. John Hand Bells for coffee hour this morning.



Worship Leaders – Sunday, October 23, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Rachel Yergler
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Handbell Director	Sarah Wernli
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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**
 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Prélude du Cinquième Ton”

Nivers

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we are learning God's gracious ways.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

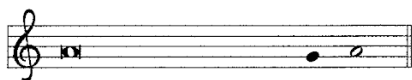
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- Verse 1** God of grace and God of Glory,
On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
- Verse 3** Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Let we miss your kingdom's goal.
- Verse 4** Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

***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



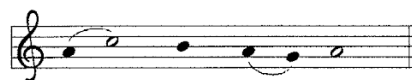
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



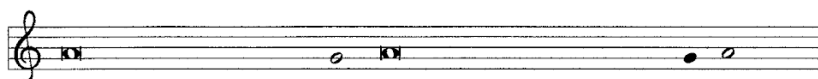
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



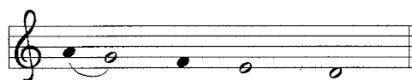
Lord, have mer - cy.



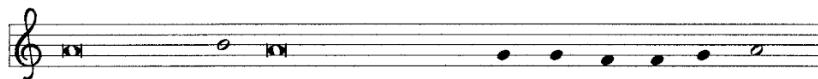
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister

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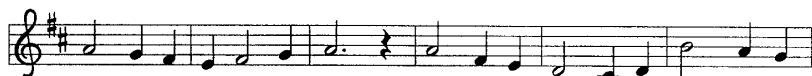


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

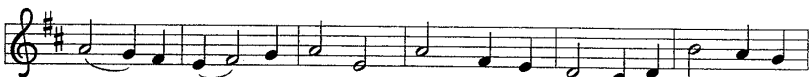
Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. 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. God of forgiveness, you showed your servant David the error of his ways, and forgave him for his sins. Forgive us, and help us to see how we might live differently to honor you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Special Music

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”
Handbell Ensemble

Lafferty, arr. Thompson

Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-17, 26-27; 12:1-10

D A reading from the book of second Samuel.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

In the spring, that time of year when rulers go off to war, King David sent Joab, commander of the army, out along with his officers and troops. They massacred the Ammonites and laid siege to Rabbah. David, however, stayed in Jerusalem.

As evening approached, David rose from his couch and strolled about on the flat roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman - a very beautiful woman - bathing. David made inquiries about her and learned that her name was Bathsheba, and that she was the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite, a soldier in his army. Then David sent messengers to fetch her. She came to him, and he slept with her, at a time when she had been declared ritually clean after her monthly period. Then she returned to her house. But she conceived, and sent this message to David: “I’m pregnant.”

In the morning David wrote a letter to his commander Joab and sent it with Uriah, who was returning to the front lines. The letter said, “Put Uriah in the forefront where the fighting is fiercest, and then back off, leaving Uriah exposed, so that he may be struck down and die.” So Joab, during the siege of the city, stationed Uriah where he knew the strongest soldiers would be attacking. When the opposing soldiers rallied and fought against Joab, some of David’s troops fell, and so did Uriah the Hittite.

When Bathsheba heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, King David had her brought to the palace, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing David had done displeased God.

God sent the prophet Nathan to David. Nathan went to David, and said, "Let me present you with a case for your judgment: There were two people in a certain town, one was rich and the other was poor. The rich person had very large herds of cattle and sheep, but the poor person had only one recently-purchased little ewe lamb. The poor person raised it, and it grew up with the family, adults and children alike. They shared their food with it; it drank from its own cup, and even slept inside with the family. It was like another child to the family.

Now a traveler came to the rich person, who went about giving hospitality to the traveler. But rather than taking one of his own livestock to prepare a meal for the traveler, the rich person took the little ewe lamb from the poor family and served it to the guest."

When David heard the story, he became livid, and burst out, "As the LORD lives, the rich man who did this must die! The rich man must pay for the lamb four times over! To do such a thing is evil!"

Then Nathan said to David, "You are that corrupt man! This is what the God of Israel says, 'I anointed you ruler over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your palace, along with your many wives in your arms. I gave you the tribes of Israel and of Judah. And if all of this had been too little, I would have added other favors as well. Why did you despise the word of God by doing what you did, which is evil in God's eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife as your own. You murdered Uriah with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never be far from your house; for you showed contempt of me and took Bathsheba to be your own.'"

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel**

Matthew 21:33-41

P The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

[Jesus said,] "Listen to another parable. There was a property owner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenant farmers and went on a journey. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to divide the shares of the grapes. But the tenants responded by seizing the slaves. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. A second time the owner sent even more slaves than before, but they treated them the same way. Finally, the owner sent the family heir to them, saying, 'They will respect my heir.' But when the tenants saw the heir, they said to one another, 'Here's the one who stands in the way of our having everything. With a single act of murder we could seize the inheritance.' With that, they grabbed and killed the heir outside the vineyard. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what do you suppose he will do to those tenants?" They said to him, "The owner will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

***Hymn of the Day**

801, Vs. 1-3

"Change My Heart, O God"

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Verse 1

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.
You are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

- Verse 2** From my heart, O God, let me live anew.
From my heart, O God, let me love like you.
Give us the freedom of serving you.
No longer fearful, but trusting you.
From my heart, O God, let me live a new.
From my heart, O God, let me love like you.
- Verse 3** Bind our hearts, O God, make your people one.
Bind our hearts, O God, room for everyone.
Make us a family, healed by your Son.
Give us the courage to live as one.
Bind our hearts, O God, make your people one.
Bind our hearts, O God, room for everyone.

***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

744, Vs. 1, 3 & 4

P In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

Congregation sings this response:

"Lord, Be Glorified"

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Verse 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petitions

Verse 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer Petition

Instrumental

Prayer Petition

Verse 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The prayers conclude

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you,
O God; through Jesus Christ, our 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.

Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.

Offertory

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Palmer/Mason

All that we are, and all that we have, are gifts from God. In response to God's generosity, we give these gifts to our neighbors and the world through our time, possessions, and money. The Offertory is an invitation to be a part of the mission, ministry, and outreach of Christ through St. John Lutheran Church. Together, there is enough for everyone.

*Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests in the offering plate when it comes to you and pass it on to the person next to you or behind you.
Thank you for your generosity!*

*Offertory Response

691, Vs. 1 & 3

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

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Verse 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.

Verse 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us Pray. Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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 Christ invites us to this table! Come, taste, and see.
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.*
- *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, grant us peace.

Communion Music

779, Vs. 1-5

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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- Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
- Verse 2

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!
- Verse 3

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;,
’tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Verse 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

496, Vs. 1-3

“One Bread, One Body”

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Chorus One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
One cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. **Repeat Chorus**

Verse 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. **Repeat Chorus**

Verse 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one for all. **Repeat Chorus**

***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**

“The Church Song”

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Chorus We are the church, the body of our Lord;
We are all God's children. We have been restored.

Verse 1 The church is not a building
Where people go to pray;
It's not made out of sticks and stones,
It's not made out of clay. **Chorus**

***Sending**

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Intonatio Octavi Toni”

Scherer

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NOW All Saints Day Crosses

Crosses available in the Narthex and at stjohnjoliet.org. Write in the name of your loved one, decorate & return it by Friday, Nov. 4th. We will display it on All Saint's Day, Nov. 5 - 6.

OCT
27
Thurs

Celebration of Language Reading Circle

From 6 - 7:30pm, adults and children enjoy a story in Spanish & English, create a craft, and take home a family dinner meal kit!

OCT
30
Sun

HS Fall Retreat Deposit Due & Registration Deadline

The Rescheduled Fall Retreat Registration is open at stjohnjoliet.org! Join us on November 4th - 5th for an amazing weekend of fun, hanging out, and activities!

NOV
7, 14
Mon

New Member Class, 7pm

Pastor Robin hosts classes for guests wishing to join the St. John faith community on two Mondays in November. Please plan to attend both. Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call 815-439-2320. New members received at 11am on Sunday, Nov. 20th. Lunch follows.

NOV
23
Wed

Thanksgiving Eve & Pie Night!!

Worship begins at 7pm and Pie Night follows! More details as the day gets closer, but we couldn't wait to share that our beloved Pie Night tradition is back!

DEC
18
Sun

Christmas Cantata

Make plans to be in the Sanctuary on Dec. 18th at 8:30am & 11am to enjoy *Little Lamb*, *Little Lion* directed by Tori Hicks. Features St. John Chorale, Praise Team, and Youth Choir.



Next Week: October 24 - 30

Monday 10/24

9:30 – 11:30am PDO
5:45 – 6pm Chimers: SA
6:15 – 7pm Ensemble: SA
6:30 – 8pm Small Group: TR
7 – 8pm Handbells: SA
7 – 8pm A.A. Women: KJ Hall
7 – 8pm Al-Anon: WW 3&4

Tuesday 10/25

9:30 – 11:30am PDO
9:30 – Noon Staff Meeting
7 – 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH

Wednesday 10/26

8am – 2pm Food Bank Delivery: KJH
9:30 – 11:30am PDO
6 – 7pm Youth Choir: SA
7 – 8:15pm Confirmation
7:30 – 9pm Senior Choir: CR/SA
8:15 – 9:15pm HS FIRE: YR

Thursday 10/27

9 – 11:30am Coffee with Friends: TR
9:30 – 11:30am PDO
11am – 3pm FP Delivery: KJH
5 – 7pm Celebration of Lang. TR
5 – 7pm FP Packing: KJH
7 – 8pm Praise Team: SA
7 – 8pm AA: Men Zoom
7 – 8:30pm Youth Service Team: NX

Friday 10/28

9 – 11am Quilters: WW5
9 – 10:30am Meals on Wheels
9:30 – 11:30am Mothers of Preschoolers: NX

Reformation Sunday

Saturday 10/29

Commitment Weekend

8 – 10am FP Distribution Drive
Thru: NX & KJH
2-4:30pm Norris/Gledly Wedding: SA
5:30 – 6:30pm Worship: SA

Reformation Sunday

Sunday 10/30

Commitment Weekend

8:30 – 9:30am Worship: SA
9:45 – 10:45am Sunday School
11am – 12pm Worship: SA

Google Church Calendar

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Today	Monday, October 24
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9:30am	PDO
5:45pm	Chimers: SA
6:15pm	Ensemble: SA
6:30pm	Small Group: TR
7:00pm	Handbells: SA
7:00pm	A.A. Woman's Group: KJH
7:00pm	Al-Anon: WW 3&4
Tuesday, October 25	
9:30am	Staff: TR
9:30am	PDO
7:00pm	Boy Scouts: KJH
Wednesday, October 26	
8:00am	Food Bank Delivery: KJH
9:30am	PDO
6:00pm	Youth Choir: SA
7:00pm	Confirmation (7th-9th Grade): Building
7:30pm	Senior Choir: CR/SA

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