

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE of Christ



Saturday, May 15, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, May 16, 2021 (8:30 & 10:00am)

— *Everything is* —

BETTER

**when you share
with friends**

Invite a friend to worship.

Share our worship link.



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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.

*Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.
To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space,
sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex.*

Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm

Deacon	Yvonne Welsh
Ushers	John Fleming, Norm Roland
Altar Guild	Jan Drish
Pianist	Susan Fick

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 pm

Deacon	Glenn Smith
Ushers	Ron Crabb, Joan Fry, Bryan Yergler
Altar Guild	Jan Drish
Pianist/Organist	Janet Blomquist
Handbell Ensemble	Sarah Wernli
Livestream Director/Graphics	Dawn MacGregor
Audio Board	Nick Jakusz

Worship Leaders – Sunday 10:00 pm

Deacon	Eddy Crews
Ushers	Duane Johnson, Mike & Sandy Smith
Pianist	Ellen Goodwin
Drums	Jason Vorrier
Handbell Ensemble	Sarah Wernli
Audio Board	Mike Pragit

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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

Prelude

- (5:30)** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds Us Together” Gillman, arr. Hayes
(8:30) “Präludium” Rinck
(10:00) “Let Everything that Has Breath/All Creatures of our God and King”
Redman, arr. Tornquist

***Welcome and Invocation**

- P** We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Loving God, you shower our inconsistent hearts in grace, and we pour out our hearts and lives to you in response. Draw us together as one church body and show us the path we are to follow. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

(5:30)

“Great is thy Faithfulness”

Runyan, arr. Wyrzten

(8:30 & 10:00)

“Here I Am to Worship”
(Handbell Ensemble)

Hughes, arr. Cota

Psalm 25:1-10

D A reading from the twenty-fifth Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

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

C **Our ears are open!**

[St. Paul writes:]

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what

you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing? — if it really was for nothing. Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Celtic Alleluia”

O’Carroll & Walker

***Gospel**

Luke 1:68-79

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

[Then Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:]

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

Musical Reflection

(5:30) "Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" (Medley) Medema, arr. Wyrzten
(8:30) "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher, arr. Hayes
(10:00) "We Believe" Hopper, et al., arr. Tornquist

*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

P Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the
people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

The prayers conclude:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us
with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please remained seated in your pew as you share God's peace
by greeting one another with a wave or acknowledgement.*

*Offertory

(5:30) "Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish Melody, arr. Shackley

(8:30) "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love" Scholtes, arr. Hayes

(10:00) "Everlasting God" Baloché, arr. Tornquist

The offering will be received at the doors as you leave.

*Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, 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, 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.

*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 invites us to this meal!
C **Thanks be to God!**

Distribution

We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table. The assembly remains in the pews to receive communion as one, as the pastor says the following words:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Receptacles will be provided near the exits of the building
for disposal of your communion ware.*

Communion Music

(5:30)	"One Bread, One Body"	Foley, arr. Raney
(8:30)	"Fond d'orgue"	Nivers
(10:00)	"Come Share the Lord"	Leech, arr. Hayes

***Blessing**

*Prayer after Communion

- P** Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Benediction

*Sending

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

(5:30)	"Give Thanks"	H. Smith, arr. House
(8:30)	"Prelude and Fugue in F Major"	J.S. Bach
(10:00)	"Cry of my Heart"	Butler, arr. Tornquist

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Announcements May 15-16, 2021



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2nd Grade Bible Pick Up

9:30am - 2:30pm

Pick-up your personalized Bible & family faith activities. Questions? See Pastor Robin.



Ushers Needed

Now ~ Adults, Teens, Families

Saturday 5:30pm, Sundays 8:30am/10am

Ushers provide an invaluable service to our sanctuary worshipping community. If you would like info or to join our Usher Team, see a pastor.



Audio Board & Livestream Teams Forming

Now ~ Finishing Sophomore Year - Adult

Training provided, no experience or long term commitment necessary. An understanding of basic technology needed. After worship, see Dawn MacGregor in the Fireside Room or Pastor Jen.



VBS: Donate, Sign Up & Volunteer at stjohnjoliet.org

Now ~ VBS is June 13, 1-4pm

Donate: Supplies

Sign-Up: 4 year old - entering 6th grade

Volunteer: Entering 7th grade - adults



Food Pantry Thursday Volunteers

Now ~ Adults and Teens 14-17 with Guardian

Thursdays 5-7pm

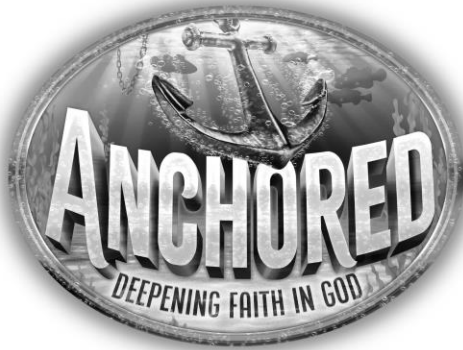
Food Packing Team needs extra hands.

See Pastor Robin or email stjohnfood@gmail.com.

sign ups & weekly announcements at stjohnjoliet.org

Sunday
JUNE 13TH

Masks required / Rain Date: June 27th



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Volunteer
Entering 7th Grade - Adult

Register Students
4 year olds - Entering 6th Grade