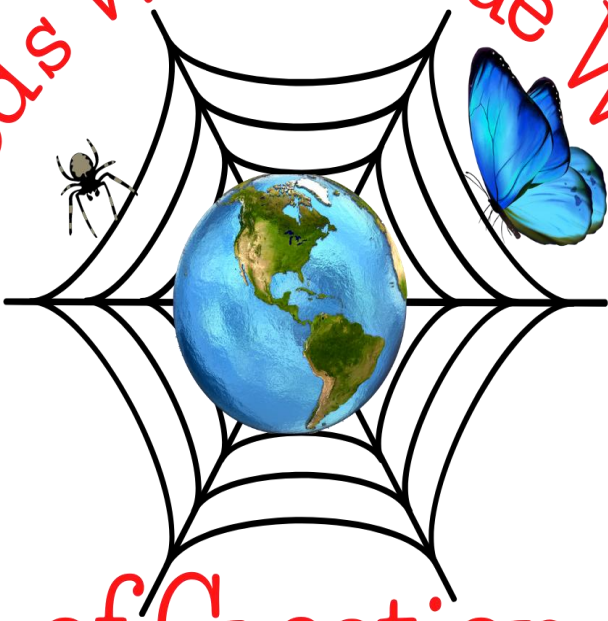


St. John
Lutheran Church

God's World Wide Web



of Creation

Being Hosts and Guests
of Creation

8:30am
Sunday
July 17, 2022



Commitment
to Community



Sign ups at stjohnjoliet.org



God's World Wide Web of Creation

10^{am} Outdoor Worship Sunday 7/17 and 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 7/17 & 31

Who: Children

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

When: Sundays, July 17th and July 31st, 8:30am & 10am services; after the children's sermon

Where: Children may join the Youth Service Team members in the Narthex. 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

9^{am} Nature Walk with Bill Bromer at Rock Run 7/23

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

- Location: Black Road Entrance
- Bring: Water bottle, bug spray, walking shoes

Food Pantry

Closed July 23 & 30 for Building Maintenance

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.
- **DAYBREAK OPPORTUNITIES!** Sign up to help prepare, transport, and/or serve dinner on Aug. 4th at Daybreak. See Pastor Jen.
- **VOLUNTEER AT OUR FOOD PANTRY!** Families, individuals, scouts and groups welcome. Distribution on Saturdays via drive thru.

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!

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 by Dan and Tori Hicks in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary, and in honor of our grandson, William's first birthday. To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, July 17, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Jill Doyle
Communion Assistant	Kathy Moore
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Erik Hoffman, Paul & Kathy Thomason
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Bill Jensen
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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Voluntary in D”

Scarlatti

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

879, Vs. 1, 4, 5

“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 4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild: **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: **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. Holy God, you call us to shelter and sustain creation, and we are guests in your world. Open our hearts and homes, our gates and doors, so your values of safety, peace, and welcome become our way of life. We pray through Jesus Christ, our refuge and our hope.

C **Amen.**

Proverbs 9:1-6

D A responsive reading from Proverbs 9. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has prepared her feast; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servants; she calls
from the highest places in the town,

“You who are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

**Lay aside immaturity and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

“This Little Light of Mine/Do Lord”

Boyer

The ReFOURmers

Trenton Ferro, Mark Frost, Steve Heath, Jim Eklund

Reading

Hebrews 12 & 13

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Pursue peace with everyone and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble and through it many become defiled.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

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**

Matthew 25:34-40

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

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

[Jesus said]: Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Butterflies and Bees

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

***Hymn of the Day**

546, Vs. 1-4

"To Be Your Presence"

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Verse 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
To show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
To be your heart of mercy ever near, Alleluia!

Verse 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
To be your hands of justice, right uphold, Alleluia!

Verse 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
To speak for all the broken and oppressed,
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed, Alleluia!

Verse 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
To serve your people is our call and choice,
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice, Alleluia!

***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

“Reflection”

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

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Dorsey

The ReFOURmers

Trenton Ferro, Mark Frost, Steve Heath, Jim Eklund

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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Verse 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. **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

536, Vs. 1

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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Verse 1 God be with you till we meet again;
By good counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

*Sending

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

Postlude

“Fughetta in C”

Buxtehude

St. John

HELPING YOU FINISH YOUR BUCKET LIST SINCE 1903



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Summer is well under way and perhaps you have checked off a few items on your summer bucket list.

If you've wondered about trying something new, but have been hesitant, summer is a great time to give it a whirl. See if you like it. No commitment required!

Which one would you like to test drive?

- be a Deacon
- be an Usher
- join the Sound Team
- join the Livestream Team



Pastor Jen would love to talk to you about any of them.

Perhaps you're blessed with the gift of music ~ you can sing, play, or both? We can help you there, too. St. John has been helping members check items off of their bucket lists for almost 130 years. See Tori Hicks for music opportunities, or Pastor Jen.

2022
Bucket List

- BBQ
- Deacon
- Pool
- Road Trip
- Sound Team
- Binge TV
- Usher
- Musician