

St. John
Lutheran Church

Lament to Hope 



What is Truth?



Commitment
to Community 

11am
Sunday
March 27, 2022

Faith Milestone



Nourishing your family in faith



First Bibles 2nd graders

Children's Bible Craft

Sunday, May 8, 9:45 - 10:45am



Parent-Child Learning Event

Sunday, May 15, 9:45 - 10:45am

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First Communion

3rd graders (and older)

Parent-Child Learning Event

Sunday, May 1, 2 - 5pm



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First Bibles & First Communion Faith Milestones Sunday

celebration & blessings

May 22nd

8:30am* & 11am* worship services

**Livestream begins 5 min. before worship*

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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 today are given by Janet Hughes in memory of Dale, Jackie, and Larry Wagner, and Hannah Austin.

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

Worship Leaders – Sunday, March 27, 2022 (11:00 am)

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| Deacon | Eddy Crews |
| Communion Assistant | Joyce Vyhnanek |
| Greeter | Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel |
| Ushers | Tim Caldwell, Mike Smith |
| Organ & Piano | Janet Blomquist |
| Music Director | Tori Hicks |
| Audio Board | Mike Pragit |
| Counters | Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan |
| Altar Guild | Jan Drish, Joan Nunemaker |

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

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P In these forty days of Lent, we are invited to turn towards God and one another in honesty, confessing our sin and receiving God's promise of mercy.

We observe a time of silence to reflect on ways we've given ourselves into the power of sin.

C **Holy 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.**

“Shout to the Lord”

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Verse My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Chorus Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. **Repeat All**

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

***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. Whether we are walking the halls of power, or standing just
outside, your call is the same: to heed the voice of Truth cutting through
the lies of the empire, even in the face of the shadow of death. You have
defeated the one weapon the empire can wield, freeing us from fear to
live in your kingdom instead. Empower and embolden us to embody your
just and loving ways and speak your Truth in our life and work.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 145:10-13

D A responsive reading from Psalm 145. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

“No Matter What”
Mark Frost

Stephenson

Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

D A reading from the book of Philippians, the second chapter.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open**

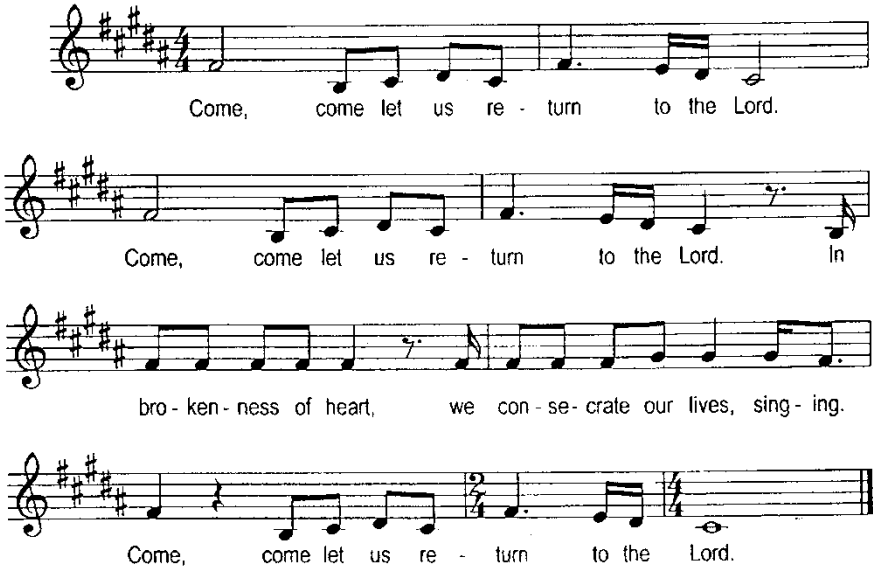
In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation



Come, come let us re - turn to the Lord.

Come, come let us re - turn to the Lord. In

bro - ken - ness of heart, we con - se - crate our lives, sing - ing.

Come, come let us re - turn to the Lord.

*Gospel

John 18:28-40

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the chief priests, soldiers, and police took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The religious authorities replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the chief priests. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the chief priests, soldiers, and police again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

723, Vs. 2-4

"Canticle of the Turning"

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Verse 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
 You work great things in me,
 And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
 To the end of the age to be.
 Your very name puts the proud to shame,
 And to those who would for you yearn,
 You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
 For the world is 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.

Verse 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
 Not a stone will be left on stone.
 Let the king beware for your justice tears
 Every tyrant from his throne.
 The hungry poor shall weep no more,
 For the food they can never earn;
 There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
 For the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

Verse 4

Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which hold us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around. **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.

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 Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Response (sing):

**O God, we call, O God, we call,
From deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn for you.**

The prayers conclude:

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

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

Commitment to Community

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

Family of faith, you are invited to be givers and receivers of generosity.

You are invited to give your prayers, offerings, and acts of kindness.

*We share a commitment to the mission and ministry of this place,
and our giving is the work of faith.*

Let us give with grateful hearts.

*Offertory Response

“He Who Began a Good Work in You”

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He who began a good work in you,
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it,
He'll be faithful to complete it,
He who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Extravagant God, **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

“Revelation Song”

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord God Al-might-y
Who was. and is and is to come;
With all cre-a-tion sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev-'ry- thing and I will a-dore You.

*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 All who thirst, all who hunger: come and be filled with the goodness
of God!
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, you take a-way the sins of the world.



Lamb of God, have mer - cy, mer - cy.



Lamb of God, you take a-way our sins. Grant us peace,



grant us peace. Grant _____ us peace.

“When Peace like a River”

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Verse 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like a sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 3 He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

Verse 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

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“Change My Heart, O God”

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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.

***Blessing**

C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our offerings, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

*Benediction

- C Amen. (*spoken*)

*Sending Hymn

720, Vs. 2

“We Are Called”

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- Verse 2** Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more.

- Refrain** We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

*Sending

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

Postlude

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Youth Choir Mini Session

We would **LOVE** for your K-6th grade student to join us and sing for 1-4 of the upcoming Spring Sunday worship opportunities...

Palm Sunday 4/10, **Easter** 4/ 17, **Mother's Day** 5/8, and **Milestone Ministry** 5/22. 45 min rehearsal on Wed.'s, 5:30 - 6:15pm. Contact Tori Hicks, torihicks@stjohnjoliel.org or sign up, stjohnjoliel.org!

NOW Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern Europe Crisis

Many people have asked how they can help support displaced Ukrainian refugees who need immediate support & supplies like food, water, blankets, & hygiene kits. The easiest way is to visit elca.org/disaster. Otherwise, indicate Eastern Europe Crisis Response on your check and blue pew envelope.

NOW "College-Age" Mission Trip Sign Up is Open!

18-23 year olds who are one or more years out of high school may sign up for our Mission Trip to Baltimore, MD 5/23-31. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due 4/10 & secures your spot. Details & sign up at stjohnjoliel.org. Email Pastor Evan any questions at evanmayhew@stjohnjoliel.org.

MAR 30 Mid-week Lenten Worship, Wednesdays at 7pm*

Thank you to last week's speaker, James (Jimmy) Anderson. We look forward to hearing from Elliott Liss this Wednesday, March 30 at 7pm. And thank you to our St. John Players who joyfully act out *Noah's Ark*. Missed it? Watch it online!

** Concurrent Worship Livestream at 6:55pm*

MAR 26-27 Easter Lilies Easter Available for Purchase

Visit stjohnjoliel.org to purchase Easter Lilies to adorn our altar space on Easter. Plants are \$16, please bring payment to the church office and *do not put in collection basket*.

NOW Helping Hands: March & April Special ffering

Your gift keeps people in their homes, at work, & healthy. Use a blue envelope & check *Helping Hands*, or visit stjohnjoliel.org.

SAVE THE DATE High School "One Day" Spring Retreat

Saturday, May 7th | Dickson Valley Retreat Center