

St. John

Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:30am



Water into Wine



Commitment
to Community 

St. John Epiphany Worship & Events

Sunday School Winter Break Extended! No Sunday School 1/9/22.

**JAN
22-23**

Youth Weekend

St. John youth will serve as worship leaders for the weekend!
Keep an eye out for an email from Pastor Evan with details.

**JAN
23**

Stewarding God's Gifts: Budget Forum

On Sunday, January 23rd at 9:45am we'll have a forum in the Trinity Room to talk about the 2022 budget & answer questions.

**JAN
30**

Celebrating God's Gifts: Winter Congregational Meeting

We will meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 30th at 9:45am. On the agenda: church business, 2022 budget vote, raffle. Questions? Come to the Budget Forum on Jan. 23rd.

Celebrate,

Anniversary

Family

Remember
& Honor

Birthday

New Baby

with Altar Flowers.

Friend

Order in the church office
or at 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.*

Worship Leaders – Sunday, January 9, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Suzanne Repavich
Communion Assistant	Pam Murray
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Ron Crabb, Bob Makowka
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
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Livestream Team	Dawn MacGregor
Counters	Pat Block-Hay, Cathy Hawkins
Altar Guild	Shirley Masters, Marge West

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

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“How Far Is It to Bethlehem?”

Hayes, arr. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God who creates us, redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved people. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may trust in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven people of God.

C **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

310, Vs. 1 & 2

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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Verse 1

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Verse 2

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

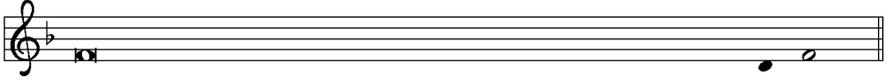
***Kyrie**

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.**



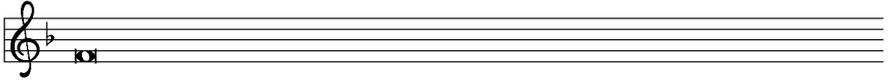
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



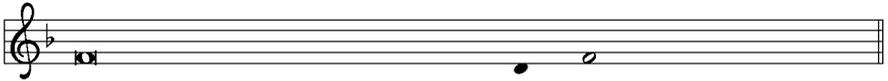
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



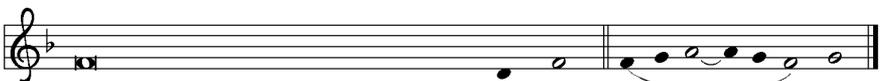
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Refrain 5 11



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, 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 revelation, you made your son known at a wedding, a celebration of love. May the love that flows freely from you, beyond our earthly understanding, beyond any human vow, transform our hearts and our communities.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 62:1-4a

D A reading from the book of Isaiah, the sixty-second chapter.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 104:14-24

D A responsive reading from Psalm 104. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,
to bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.**

The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.

People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation

S 142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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Verse 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Verse 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Verse 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our king;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

***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 The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Response (sing):

**What we need is here.
What we need is here.**

The prayers conclude:

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting.

Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving, and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.

Offertory

“Brightest and Best”

Hayes

Commitment to Community

Jesus told the disciples, “Come and see,” so they could experience healing and hope for themselves and others. We are also being invited to come and see a deeper life of faith. One of the ways we can say yes is by giving what we are able to give of our time, money, and/or talents. We say “yes” to this invitation, together.

Let us give with grateful hearts.

*Offertory Response

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“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God. **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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 Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.
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 plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the wafer and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *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.

“Bread of Life from Heaven”

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Refrain Bread of life from heaven,
Your blood and body given,
We eat this bread and drink this cup
Until you come again.

Verse 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
Giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
In Christ's presence the loaves will abound. **Refrain**

Verse 2 Seek not the food that will pass away;
Set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
That the fullness of life may be yours. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Love as the one who, in love for you,
Gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
That your hunger and thirst be no more. **Refrain**

“For All The Saints”

Hayes, arr. Williams

***Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Holy God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your joy, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C **Amen.**

*Benediction

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

*Sending Hymn

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“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

*Sending

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

Postlude

“Psalm 38 from the Tablature Book”

van Noordt