

St. John
Lutheran Church



Christ is Risen

Believe and Rejoice

Sunday, May 15, 2022

11am




Visit stjohnjoliet.org for all sign ups

Next Weekend is Milestone Ministry Sunday!

Join us in celebrating our Sunday School students who have achieved these milestones: **First Bible, Apostles' Creed, First Communion, 10 Commandments and First Year of Sunday School.** We hope to see you there!

- 8:30am and 11:00am: Blessings in worship; both Livestream
- 9:45 - 10:00am: Recognition ceremony with a huge cake reception and photos



Vacation Bible School

All aboard! Hop on the Rocky Railway as it swings through St. John June 6 - 8 from 6 - 8pm. Kids age 4 to entering 6th grade will learn that Jesus' power pulls us through, enjoy crafts at the Imagination Station, Bible stories at Bible adventure, games at Loco Motion Station, and snacks at the Chew Chew Cafe!

Sign Up Now! **Dates: June 6th - 8th**
Time: 6 - 8pm
Ages: 4 years old - entering 6th grade

Volunteer Leaders & Helpers We are looking for crew leaders & helpers, station helpers, setup/take down helpers, and would appreciate help building the set. If you are interested, Contact Sarah Wernli at 815-641-7349 or sarahewernli@gmail.com.
Ages: entering 7th grade - adults.

Summer Worship Times begin May 29th

Beginning on Sunday, May 29th, enjoy Sunday summer worship at 8:30am (with Livestream) and 10am.

Green Team

The Green Team is coming out of Covid hibernation and reimagining our mission! We are looking for new members who are passionate about creation care, who will help us provide opportunities for individual and community action to bring sustainability to St John and the local community, while directly and consciously connecting spirituality to nature. See Pastor Evan or visit stjohnjoliet.org to sign up.

Food Pantry Baby Shower

Celebrate Mother's Day this month with us as we help moms care for their babies. We are accepting donations in the Narthex for the following: All sizes of diapers & pull ups, all brands of formula, wipes, personal care items and gently used kid's books.

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

Worship Leaders – Sunday, May 15, 2022 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Eddy Crews
Communion Assistant	Joyce Vyhnanek
Greeter	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
Ushers	Duane Johnson, Roger Wyss
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Handbell Director	Sarah Wernli
Audio Board	Tim Caldwell
Counters	Frank Norem, Norm Roland
Altar Guild	Karen Becker, Joan Nunemaker

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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is yet to come.

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

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You flood us with mercy and grace us with life.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

Breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and our Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Opening Song

"The Same Love"

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Verse 1 You choose the humble and raise them high;
You choose the weak and make them strong;
You heal our brokenness inside
And give us life.

Chorus 1 The same love that set the captives free,
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name;
You are calling us all by name;
The same God that spread the heavens wide,
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name;
You are calling us all by name.

Verse 2 You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words, "You are Mine;"
You call the cynic and the proud,
"Come to Me now." **Repeat Chorus**

Interlude Oh, oh; oh, oh; (repeat)

Bridge You're calling, You're calling,
You're calling us to the cross;
You're calling, You're calling,
You're calling us to the cross; (Repeat)

Repeat Chorus

*Greeting and 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. God of earth and spirit, your power shakes the ground and
sways the soul. Give us wisdom in using the power you grant us, and fill us
with the joy that overcomes the forces that work against you, until every
heart is turned toward your salvation. We ask in the name of the risen
Christ.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 31:1-8

D A responsive reading from Psalm 31. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**I hate those who cling to worthless idols,
and I put my trust in the Lord.**

I will rejoice and be glad because of your steadfast love;
for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

You have not handed me over to the power of the enemy; you have set my feet in an open place.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

“Our God”

Tomlin, Reeves, Myrin, Redman, arr. Bettcher

Handbell Choir

Reading

Acts 16:16-34

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

C **Our ears are open.**

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a household servant who was possessed by a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These are faithful servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of this woman.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These people are Jews and are disturbing the peace and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell of the prison and chained their feet to a stake.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were pulled loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “What must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

***Celtic Alleluia**

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel

Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

P The gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Words and music by John Newton, John P. Rees, Edwin Othello Excell, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio
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Verse 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m 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.

Chorus My chains are gone. I’ve been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns.
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures. **Repeat Chorus twice**

Verse 4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine;
Will be forever mine;
You are forever mine.

New Members Received

Laura & Dave Bernhard
Lauren Burgess
Jim & Sally Downey
Mary Gaeke
Erik, Katie, Kaylee, & Kelsey Hoffman
Beth, Tyler, Laila & Isaac Marcum
Andy Nelson
Ron & Diane Niemann
Barbara Reed
Sam Riggi
Joy Seifert
Paul & Dolly Seifert

***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 We pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;
Lord, make us whole;
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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.

Offertory

*Offertory Response

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“Be Not Afraid”

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994;
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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! **Repeat**

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world. 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. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff begins with a fermata over the first note. The third staff has a fermata over the first note. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

*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 table. Come, eat, and be satisfied!

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.

Communion Music

“Breathe”

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Verse 1 This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

Verse 2 This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

Chorus And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You. **Repeat All**

Repeat Chorus
This is the air I breathe
This is the air
I breathe

*Blessing

C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. Risen Christ, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*Benediction

C Amen. (*spoken*)

*Sending Hymn

“Salvation Belongs to Our God”

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Verse 1 Salvation belongs to our God,
Who sits upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb;
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
Honor and power and strength

Chorus Be to our God forever and ever,
Be to our God forever and ever;
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!

*Sending

D Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

D Go in peace. Share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Faith Milestone Sunday

*Celebration & Blessings
for Students Reaching Milestones*

**First Bible
Apostles' Creed
First Communion
10 Commandments
First Year of Sunday School**

Next Sunday, May 22nd

Blessings in worship at 8:30am and 11:00am
Recognition of kids in ceremony at 9:45 - 10:00am
Cake reception and photos to follow!

**Both worship services will Livestream!
You will receive the link in your weekly St. John
email on Saturday, May 21st. Viewers may also
click the link at stjohjoliet.org**



*Livestream on



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 6 - 8 2022
6 - 8 pm



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
Entering 7th - Adults



At Rocky Railway,
learn that
Jesus' power
pulls us through!

Crafts
at Imagination Station

Bible Stories
at Bible adventure

Games
at Loco Motion Station

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4 Years Old - Entering 6th
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