Lutheran Church

Senior Pastor, Robin E. Caldwell Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



Day of Pentecost

May 18th, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

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Coming Soon!
Summer
Worship Hours
Beginning Sunday, May 26th
Saturday Sunday

5:30 PM 9:30 AM: Worship
Summer Potluck Coffee Hours, 8:30 AM:
Dune 2nd, July 7th, August 4th

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 flowers on the altar today are given by Bob & Vicki Makowka in celebration of their anniversary on May 21st.

To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders - Saturday, May 18, 2024 (5:30 pm)

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*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

- P Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

 By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

 We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
 - C Amen!

"God Is Here"

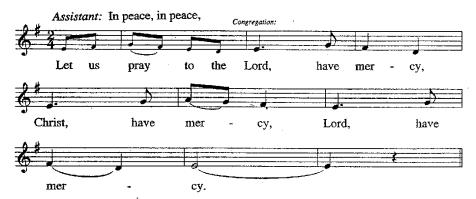
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- Verse 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
 May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- Verse 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
 Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
 Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- Verse 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

*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.

*Kyrie



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)



*Hymn of Praise



- Leader Vs. 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
 Whose blood has freed and united us
 To be one great people of God. Refrain (All)
- **Leader Vs. 2** Power and riches, wisdom and might, All honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain (All)**
- Leader Vs. 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
 To make us people of God; to make all things new.

 Refrain (All)

*Prayer of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world. Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope.
- C Amen.

Reading Acts: 2:1-4

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

C Our hearts are open.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!

Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

- D A reading from the book of First Corinthians, the twelfth chapter. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C Our hearts are open.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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*Celtic Alleluia

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*Gospel Mark 1:4-8

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

...so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Ricky Korczak, Youth Preacher

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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- **Verse 1** Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore thee: may I still thy goodness prove.
- Verse 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be: Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Apostles' Creed

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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In the hope of God's grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.

Your prayer requests may be spoken when invited during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or filling out the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Congregation sings this response:

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 Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- 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 with a handshake. Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.

Offertory

Commitment to Community

Your offering of any amount is generous and fosters God's grace for the world through the ministry of St. John, in service to God, to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world.

Your offering and attendance sheets may be placed in the offering plate, or try our new online giving platform, Tithe.ly. Thank you!





"Be Not Afraid"

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

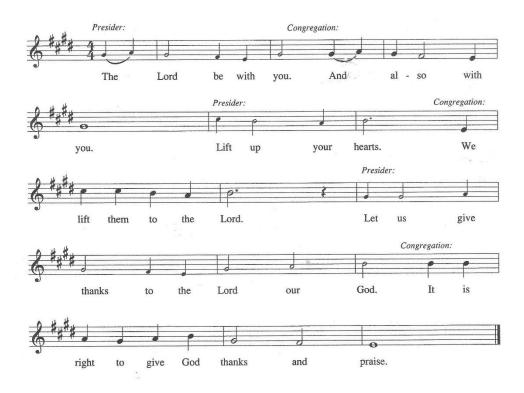
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Repeat

*Offertory Prayer

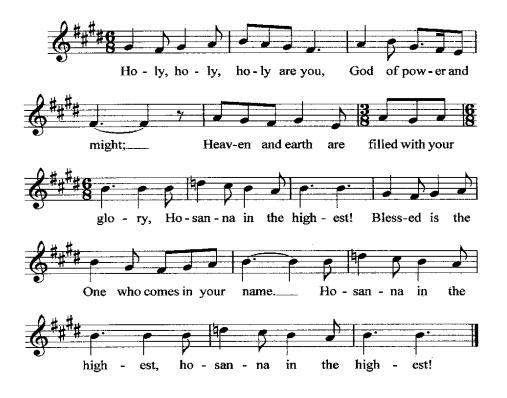
Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving



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



*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 is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.
- 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 or at home

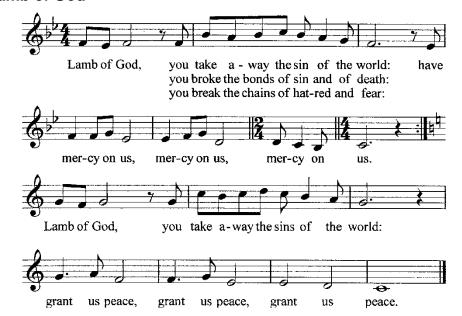
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

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 to receive bread from the pastor.
 Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the pastor.
- Communion assistants hold trays with red wine in the outer rings of the tray and white grape juice in 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.
- At the 5:30pm service, the pastor will offer a blessing before you leave the communion rail.

Lamb of God



Communion Music

#815, Vs. 1-3

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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Verse 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

Verse 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

"Jesus Loves Me!"

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- **Verse 1** Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so, Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.
- **Refrain** Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
- Verse 2 Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain
- Verse 3 Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. Refrain

*Praver after Communion

- D Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- C Amen.

*Benediction



*Sending Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

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Verse 1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Verse 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Sending

D Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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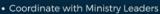


JOIN OUR TEAM **OPERATIONS MANAGER** Work with staff and members to ensure the church operates as efficiently as possible!

- · Full-time, Salaried
- · Paid Sick Days & Paid Time Off
- · Work directly with the Senior Pastor
- Must have advanced technical skills and be very comfortable with Google Drive
- Manage Church Calendar & Building Space

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- · Maintain Church Management System
- · Oversee Church facility maintenance and inspections



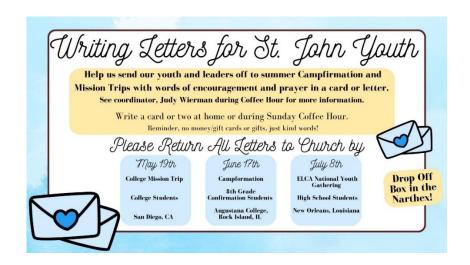


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Please send your resume & direct all questions to: robincaldwell@stjohnjoliet.org









Special Request:

Long time, St. John member, Jean Fitzer, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on June 2, 2024! It would be great if she could get lots of cards and well wishes on her special day. Here is Jean's address if you would like to send a card: Jean Fitzer, 13349 Line Road, Joliet, IL 60431

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (Pentecost)



College-Age Mission Trip: San Diego, CA

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary

9:30am - 10:15am Nicole Adams Thank You Coffee Hour: Narthex

10:15am - 10:45am Faith Milestone Distribution & Sunday School Teacher Recognition: Sanctuary

11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary (Faith Milestone Sunday)

5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

MONDAY, MAY 20

1:00pm - 3:00pm Staff Meeting: Trinity Room

5:30pm - 8:00pm A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room

7:00pm - 8:00pm Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4

TUESDAY, MAY 21

5:30pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting: Narthex

7:00pm - 8:30pm Council Meeting: Trinity Room 7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall

8:15pm - 9:15pm HS Fire: Youth Room

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Trinity Room
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall

4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing

7:00pm - 8:00pm A.A. Men's Group: Zoom 7:00pm - 8:30pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MAY 24 (Church Office Closed)

9:00am - 11:00am Quilters: West Wing 5

9:00am - 10:30am Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost

9:30am - 11:30am MOPS: Narthex

SATURDAY, MAY 25

7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall

8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot

5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:30am - 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary

MONDAY, MAY 27 (Memorial Day) (Church Office Closed)

5:30pm - 8:00pm A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall

7:00pm - 8:00pm Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4

^{*}Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.