

St. John

Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:30am



Living Water to Quench Your Thirst



Commitment
to Community

St. John Epiphany Worship & Events



Our church
calendar
is now a



link to your personal calendar
ical available

subscribe today: stjohnjoliet.org/calendar

**Feb
3, 5**

Thurs., 2/3: 11:30am-2:30pm & 5-7pm; Sat., 2/5: 7-11am

Sign up at stjohnfood.org

- Volunteers requested to help pack boxes, sort donations, bag groceries, and prep for Saturday distribution. Easy sign up. Families, groups, and individuals welcome!
- Saturdays Only: Get some sunshine & Vitamin D volunteering in the parking lot loading groceries into cars, directing cars, or registering.



Superbowl of Caring coming in February!

**FEB
06**

Sunday School Resumes Next Sunday!

We cannot wait to see you on 2/6 at 9:45am in the Sanctuary!

Stewarding God's Gifts: Budget Forum

Make plans to be at our 10am Budget forum in the Trinity Room next Sunday to talk about the 2022 budget & answer questions.

**FEB
13**

**Celebrating God's Gifts:
Winter Congregational Meeting**

We look forward to seeing everyone in the Sanctuary a week from tomorrow at 10am. On the agenda: church business, 2022 budget vote, raffle. Questions? Come to the Budget Forum next Sun., 2/6.

**JUL
9-16**

H.S. Mission Trip to Nashville, TN

Save the Date



Let's Stay in Touch!

If you have a new



address



phone
number



email

Please call or email to let us know!

**815-439-2320
contact@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 Tori & Dan Hicks in honor of our daughter, Jenelle Lambert's birthday.

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

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

Deacon	Meghan Doyle
Communion Assistant	Lynne Smith
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Judy Mihavics-Dachman, Frank Summer, Bryan Yergler
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Piano	Susan Yokubonis
Audio Board	Gino Incaudo
Livestream Team	Dawn MacGregor
Counters	Cheryl Lovell, Maricay Miller
Altar Guild	Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan

Contact Information

Pastor Jennifer Beamsley	jenbeamsley@stjohnjoliet.org	708-305-5561
Pastor Robin Caldwell	robincaldwell@stjohnjoliet.org	630-408-1402
Pastor Evan Mayhew	evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org	262-366-3132
Tori Hicks	torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org	815-355-3205
Dawn MacGregor	dawnmacgregor@stjohnjoliet.org	815-557-9702
Nicole Adams	nicoleadams@stjohnjoliet.org	815-439-2320
Pam Kornaus	pamkornaus@stjohnjoliet.org	815-439-2320

St. John Lutheran Church
2650 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL 60435
815-439-2320 info@stjohnjoliet.org stjohnjoliet.org

 **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 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.**

“Gather Us In”

Text by: Marty Haugen. Music by: Marty Haugen. © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

Verse 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

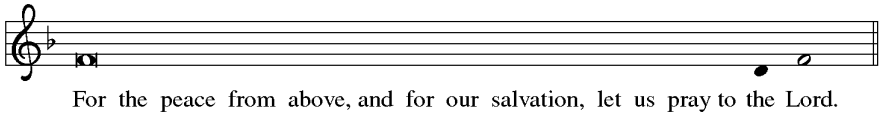
Verse 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

*Kyrie

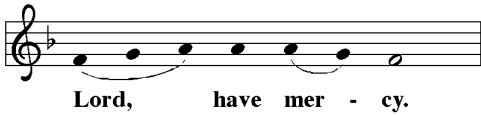
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
C communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



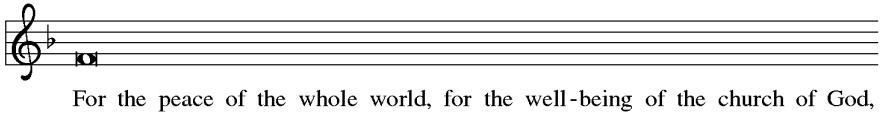
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



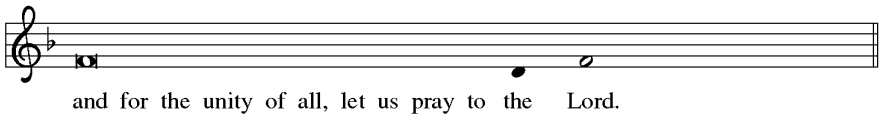
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



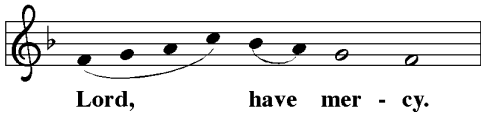
Lord, have mer - cy.



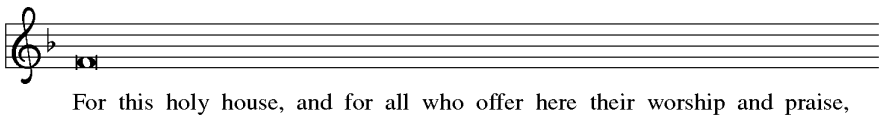
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




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. Generous God, your constant love of our imperfect selves is like fresh water quenching the thirst of our souls. Bring us from the well that is this place, refreshed and fully ourselves, that we may pour out your love to others in need of your grace. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 42:1-6

D A responsive reading from Psalm 42. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

**My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”**

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

**how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

"Fill My Cup, Lord"
Tori Hicks, Soloist
Susan Yokubonis, Accompanist

Blanchard

Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

D A reading from the book of Exodus, the seventeenth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.


C **Our ears are open**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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 4:1-42

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

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

Jesus realized that the Pharisees were keeping count of the baptisms that he and John performed (although his disciples, not Jesus, did the actual baptizing). They had posted the score that Jesus was ahead, turning him and John into rivals in the eyes of the people. So Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee.

To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

He said, "Go call your husband and then come back."

"I have no husband," she said.

"That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough."

"Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?"

"Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing

in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

"It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

The woman said, "I don't know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we'll get the whole story."

"I am he," said Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further."

Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn't believe he was talking with that kind of a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.

The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, "Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?" And they went out to see for themselves.

In the meantime, the disciples pressed him, "Rabbi, eat. Aren't you going to eat?"

He told them, "I have food to eat you know nothing about."

The disciples were puzzled. "Who could have brought him food?"

Jesus said, "The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work he started. As you look around right now, wouldn't you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It's harvest time!

"The Harvester isn't waiting. He's taking his pay, gathering in this grain that's ripe for eternal life. Now the Sower is arm in arm with the Harvester, triumphant. That's the truth of the saying, 'This one sows, that one harvests.' I sent you to harvest a field you never worked. Without lifting a finger, you have walked in on a field worked long and hard by others."

Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to him because of the woman's witness: "He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!" They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman, "We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He's the Savior of the world!"

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

#308, Vs. 1-3

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Text by: Philipp Nicolai, tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Music by: Philipp Nicolai. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

Verse 1

O Morning Star, how fair and bright,
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
Our Lord and Savior you have won
Our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
All victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Verse 2

Come precious diamond, light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness
May perplex us and distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Verse 3

Lord, when you look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!
Oh, draw near us! For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.

***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

Text by: Selected Poems of Wendell Berry, © 1998 by permission of the author and counterpoint Press, a member of the Perseus Book Group. Music by: Amy McCreath. © 2017 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

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

“Ancient Words”

DeShazo

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

184

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Music by: Ronald A. Nelson. Text & Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

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

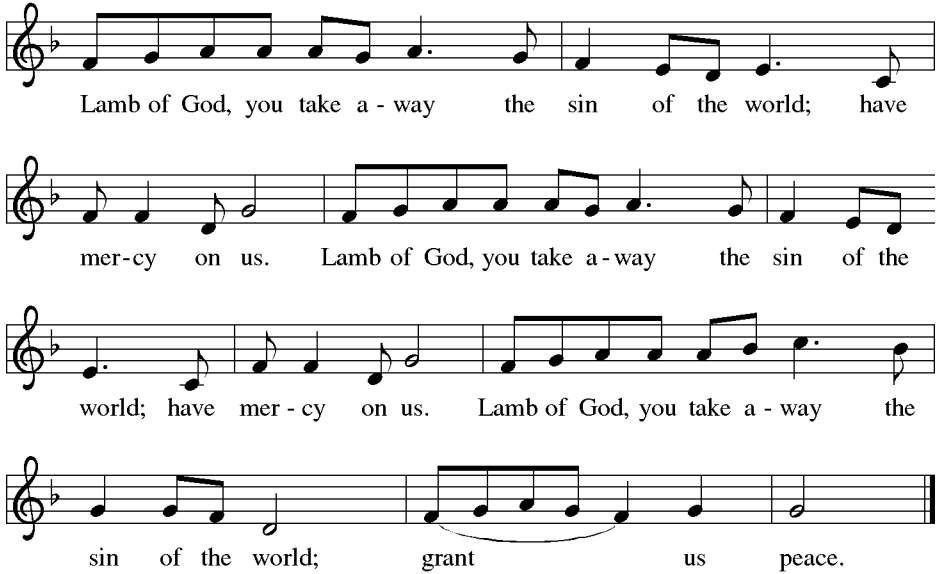
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

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.

Communion Music

592 Vs. 1-4

“Just As I Am”

Text by: Charlotte Elliott. Music by: William B. Bradbury, Public Domain.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

Verse 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Verse 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“What Feast of Love”

Text by: Delores Dufner. Music by: English ballad. Text © 1993 Delores Dufner, admin. OCP Publications.
Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

Verse 1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

Verse 2 What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

Verse 3 What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

***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.**

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Text and Tune: Anonymous, Central America. Tr. Gerhard M. Carlford. English Text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted & streamed with permission under OneLicense #A-712815. All Rights Reserved.

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live.
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live.

The angels are not sent into our world of pain
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. **Repeat**

***Sending**

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

Postlude

“Fughetta in C”

Buxtehude

Share Our Worship Link



Commitment 
to Community

stjohnjoliet.org