

St. John Lutheran Church

Called by God



Saturday, March 12, 2023
11:00am

This Wednesday & Every Wednesday in Lent

6pm BYOD - Bring Your Own Dinner ~ join your St. John family in the Narthex to say grace over our meals and to eat together before worship.

7pm Worship with Livestream - *Unfinished* is our Lenten theme and our Bible Drama is *Jonah: A Salty Prophet and a Faithful God*. Also, *St. John Tonight: 120 Years of Faith Stories*.

8pm FIRE - High school students, meet in the Youth Room!

Visit stjohnjoliet.org for all sign ups



National Quilting Day Drop-In Event

Saturday, March 18th, 9am - 3pm

St. John West Wing, Rooms 3, 4, & 5

Can you use scissors? Can you tie a knot? If so drop in to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Families welcome. Bring your lunch! Did you know the quilters recently donated **90 quilts to Joliet Easter Seals**? Any material, sheets, or batting you no longer need is greatly appreciated. Donation box in Narthex.



Pilcher Park Clean Up

Saturday, March 18th, 1pm

Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Dr., Joliet, IL 60432

Sign up & join the Green Team outside for a few hours to clean up trash at the park!



Women's Retreat

Deposit deadline Extended!

Owning Our Stories & Loving Ourselves: The Women of Jesus' Family Tree

Refresh your spirit and connect with friends, old and new. Pastor Robin is the weekend presenter and there are only 4 rooms available! All non-refundable deposits are due now & balances are due by March 20th.

	Total	Deposit due now	Balance due 3/20
Single room	\$295	\$150	\$145
Double room	\$195	\$100	\$ 95
Triple room	\$175	\$ 90	\$ 85



High School Mission Trip, July 8 - 15

Deposit deadline is March 13th

Destination: Nashville, TN

Providing youth the opportunity to accompany and serve while deepening an understanding of God's presence in their lives. Available to students finishing 9th grade - 12th grade. Full details on the sign up page. Questions? See Pastor Evan.

Where's the Weekly Calendar? Find the weekly calendar in the Narthex and at the Opportunity Wall along with this week's prayer list.

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 the Altar Guild.

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



Worship Leaders – Sunday, March 12, 2023 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Sandy Smith
Communion Assistant	Renee Lacivita
Greeters	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
Acolytes	Alexander Loch, Sophia Loch
Ushers	Tim Hay, Roger Wyss
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Mike Pragit
Counters	Pat Block-Hay, Cathy Hawkins
Altar Guild	Jan Drish, Monica Engel, Chris Markwell

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

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“How Beautiful”
St. John Women’s Ensemble

Paris

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P O come, let us sing to the Lord.

C **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

P While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

C **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.**

P We are reconciled to God through his Son, the Christ.

C **Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

P Having been reconciled, we are saved.

C **O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker!**

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

P Gracious God,

C **We confess that we listen to the wrong voices and that we prevent others from hearing your call. We define people by what we see on the outside, and we fail to recognize how you are at work in surprising ways. Forgive us, claim us, and call us anew so that our lives are transformed for the sake of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.**

- P God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. May you be strengthened in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life.
- C **Amen.**

***Opening Song**

"Trading My Sorrows"

Words and music by Darrell Evans@Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI #2793209

Chorus I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Bridge Yes Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;
Yes Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;
Yes Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

Verse I am pressed but not crushed,
Persecuted, not abandoned,
Struck down, but not destroyed;
I am blessed beyond the curse,
For His promise will endure,
That His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes with the morning.

Repeat Chorus, Bridge, Chorus

For the joy of the Lord.
For the joy of the Lord.

*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. Tune our hearts to listen to your voice, O God, and help us discern which voices to listen to in our daily lives. Meet us in our places of need and longing, and inspire us to trust in your call upon our lives. In the name of + Jesus, our Lord,

C **Amen.**

Anthem

“Guide Us, Lord”
St. John Youth Choir
Rachel Ufflemann, viola

Patterson

Psalm 95:1-7

D A responsive reading from Psalm 95. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation

“Come Let Us Return”

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Chorus

Come, come let us return to the Lord.
Come, come let us return to the Lord.
In brokenness of heart
We consecrate our lives, singing
Come, come let us return to the Lord.

*Gospel

John 4:5-30, 39-42

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

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

On his way to Galilee, Jesus came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, weary from the journey, came and sat by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (The disciples had gone to the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman replied, "You're a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" (Jews had nothing to do with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you recognized the gift of God and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him for a drink

instead, and he would have given you living water." The woman challenged Jesus, "Sir, you don't have a bucket, and this well is deep. Where do you expect to get this 'living water'? Surely you don't pretend to be greater than our ancestors Leah and Rachel and Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it with their descendants and flocks?" Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty. The water I give will become fountains within them, springing up to provide eternal life." The woman said to Jesus, "Give me this water, so that I won't grow thirsty and have to keep coming all the way here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman replied, "I don't have a husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the man you're living with now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman answered, "I can see you're a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but your people claim that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus told her, "Believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is already here when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for God seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Jesus, "I know that the Messiah— the Anointed One— is coming and will tell us everything." Jesus replied, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples returned. They were shocked to find Jesus having a private conversation with a woman, but no one dared to ask, "What do you want of him?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" The woman then left her water jar and went back to the town. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Messiah?" At that, everyone set out from town to meet Jesus.

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus on the strength of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they begged him to stay with them awhile. So Jesus stayed there two days, and through his own spoken word many more came to faith. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Savior of the world."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

“Mighty to Save”

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Verse 1 Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations.

Chorus Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2 So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again,
I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in.
Now I surrender. **Repeat Chorus**

Bridge Shine your light, and
Let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light, and
Let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King.

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge

***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.

Thanksgiving for Shared Ministry

Dawn MacGregor

Prayers of the Church

*Grounded in the word and promise of God, the church prays,
in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ,
for all the great needs of the world.*

*Your personal prayer requests may be received by saying the name
when invited during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer
request card in your pew and placing it in the offering plate, and/or
filling out the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.*

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

Congregation sings this response:

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"Let My Prayer Rise Up"

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Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a period, and the second staff ends with a period.

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 with a handshake.
Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

Offertory

Commitment to Community

*Lent is a season of returning to God in response to the unearned grace
we have received, renewing our commitment to generosity of heart
by serving God and the world through prayers, offerings, and acts of kindness.*

*Dear community of faith, you are invited to foster God's grace for the world
by offering your financial gifts to the mission of Christ through the ministry of
St. John Lutheran Church. Your offering funds the gifts we offer in service to God,
to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world.*

Let us give and live out of generosity, gratitude, and grace. Thank you!!

*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. **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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.

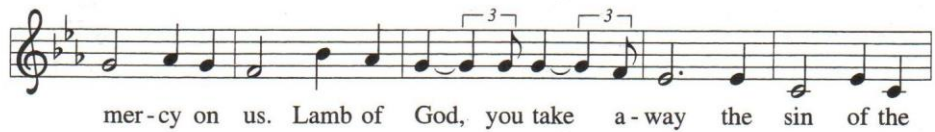
Receiving Communion at the altar

- *You will be invited forward by the usher.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Red wine is on the outer rings of the tray; white grape juice is on the inner rings of the tray.*
- *After receiving communion, place the used communion cup in the basket that the acolyte brings to you and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

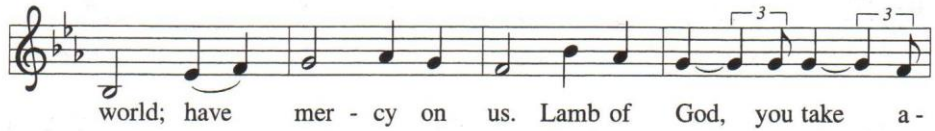
Lamb of God



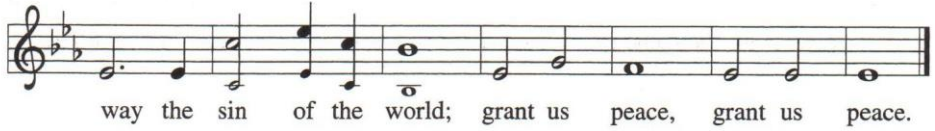
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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, grant us peace.

Communion Music

“I Give You My Heart”

Words & Music by Reuben Morgan c. 1995 Hillsong Publishing (Admin. in U.S. & Canada by Integrity's Hosanna! Music) CCLI #2793209

Verse

This is my desire,
To honor You.
Lord, with all my heart,
I worship You.
All I have within me,
I give You praise.
All that I adore, is in You.

Chorus

Lord, I give You my heart,
I give You my soul.
I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord have Your way in me.

Repeat All
Repeat Chorus

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C Amen.

***Benediction**

C Amen. *(spoken)*

***Sending Song**

“Christ Be All Around Me”

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Verse 1 As I rise, strength of God,
go before, lift me up;
As I wake, eyes of God,
look upon, be my sight.

Chorus Above and below me,
Before and behind me;
In every eye that sees me,
Christ be all around me;
Above and below me,
Before and behind me;
In every eye that sees me,
Christ be all around me.

***Sending**

D Go in peace. Serve in love!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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