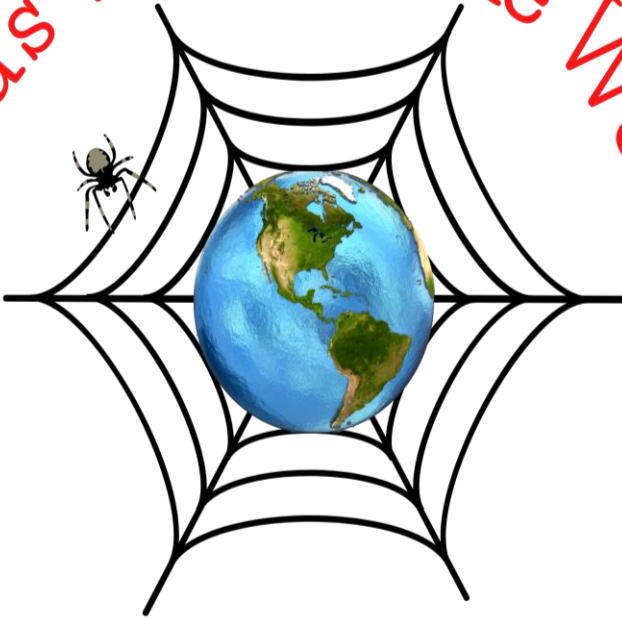


*St. John*  
Lutheran Church

God's World Wide Web



of Creation

8:30am  
Sunday  
July 10, 2022



Commitment  
to Community

# 10<sup>am</sup> Outdoor Worship begins Next Sunday 7/17

**Come as you are! Bring a friend! Enjoy God's creation!**

- Location: In the back of the parking lot in the shade
- Bring: A chair to sit on



## God's World Wide Web of Creation

Today we begin Part 2 of our *Summer of Re-creation*. Every week we'll explore a part of God's creation that flies, wiggles or crawls. Parents, at the easel in the Narthex, please find blank cutouts for your child/ren to color. Place finished artwork in the green net on the easel. *Thank You!*

## Summer Connections

- **H.S. BADGER TEC RETREAT!** Register for the Aug. 4th-7th retreat at Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org). Contact [evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org](mailto:evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org) for more info.
- **DAYBREAK OPPORTUNITIES!** St. John volunteers prepare, transport & serve 1 dinner a month for our homeless neighbors at Daybreak Center, 611 East Cass Ave., Joliet. See Pastor Jen.
- **VOLUNTEER AT OUR FOOD PANTRY!** Visit [stjohnfood.org](http://stjohnfood.org) to sign up for available shifts. Families, individuals, scouts and groups welcome. Distribution on Saturdays via drive thru.

## \*\*HELPING YOU FINISH YOUR BUCKET LIST SINCE 1903\*\*

Summer is well under way and perhaps you have checked off a few items on your summer bucket list. For those of you who have always wanted to be a Deacon, an Usher or Sound/Livestream Team Member, now is the time to see Pastor Jen! Summertime is less busy than the rest of the year and we are ready to train you! If your bucket list has singing a solo, duet or with an ensemble and/or playing an instrument at church, we can help you there, too. St. John has been helping members check items off of their bucket lists for almost 130 years ~ don't miss your chance!



## June & July Special Offering

Use a blue envelope or visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) to give a gift to St. John Youth - Camps and Trips. Thank you!

**Food Pantry Closed July 23 & 30 for Building Maintenance**

*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 Tim and Pat Block-Hay in memory of Eileen Mikos.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*



## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, July 10, 2022 (8:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Jim Bartz
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Pam Murray
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Hay, Bob Makowka. Matt Markwell
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Bill Jensen
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Dawn Macgregor, Frank Norem
<b>Counters</b>	Cathy Hawkins, Pat Block-Hay
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude**

“Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand”

Nickel

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C** **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we have turned from God this week.*

Let us pray. **Holy God, Creator and of all that is, we confess to you that we have sinned. We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures. We have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful of the resources you entrusted to us. Polluted air and water, eroded soil and salty earth, birds and animals deprived of habitat, and neighbors left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness: all these cry out against us. We do not know how to restore what we have damaged. We repent in sorrow and distress. Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy. Give us grace to change our ways, to make amends, and to work together for the healing of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God promises a new creation. God's Spirit renews the hearts of God's people. God's Spirit moves over the face of the earth. God's Spirit calls us to action. We are free to choose a new way for us and God's creation! Therefore, I declare to you: your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

# 824, Vs. 1-3

### “This Is My Father’s World”

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**Verse 1** This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

**Verse 2** This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
He speaks to me ev’rywhere.

**Verse 3** This is my Father’s world; oh, let me not forget  
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## \*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.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

# 858, Vs. 1, 4

### “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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**Verse 1** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

**Verse 4** Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire. As Jesus prayed, that all may be one.

C **Amen.**

## **Psalm 104:1-4, 24, 27-28**

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak  
and stretch out the heavens like a tent.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers  
and flames of fire your servants.**

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Reading

## 1 Corinthians 12:4-12

- D A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C **Our ears are open.**

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.

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation

# 512

### “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

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Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
Where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## \*Gospel

John 15:1-5

P The gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said]: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

Spiders and Webs of Creation

## Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

## \*Hymn of the Day

# 377, Vs. 1-4

### "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

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**Verse 1** Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

**Refrain** Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Verse 2** Walking the way, Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

**Verse 3** Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**

**Verse 4** Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**



## **\*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** Guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*Congregation sings the response:*

**Deep peace of the running waves,  
Deep peace of the flowing air,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**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

“Wade in the Water”

Hayes

## \*Offertory Response

# 856, Vs. 1

### “How Great Thou Art”

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#### **Verse 1**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

#### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Holy God, **you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, and growth in grace. Accept the gifts we offer here. Use them to nurture your church, this community, and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; — Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. — Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, 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      Taste and see that the Lord is good!  
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

# 336

### “Lamb of God; Your Only Son”

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#### **Refrain**

Oh Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God.  
Oh wash me in your precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. **Repeat**

## Communion Music

# 477, Vs. 1-4

### “I Received the Living God”

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#### **Refrain**

I received the living God,  
And my heart is full of joy.  
I received the living God,  
And my heart is full of joy.

#### **Verse 1**

Jesus said: I am the bread,  
Kneaded long to give you life;  
You who will partake of me  
Need not ever fear to die. **Refrain**

#### **Verse 2**

Jesus said: I am the way,  
And my Father longs for you;  
So I come to bring you home  
To be one with us anew. **Refrain**

**Verse 3** Jesus said: I am the truth;  
Come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart,  
And my word shall make you free. **Refrain**

**Verse 4** Jesus said: I am the life,  
Far from whom no thing can grow,  
But receive this living bread,  
And my Spirit you shall know. **Refrain**

**# 464, Vs. 1-4**

**“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”**

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**Verse 1** Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.  
Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.

**Verse 2** Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.  
Make us one, our hope restore; feed us with your love.

**Verse 3** Grant forgiveness in the feast – Jesus, feed us. –  
For the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.

**Verse 4** Thank you for this gift we share. Jesus, feed us.  
Save God’s children ev’rywhere; feed us with your love.

**\*Blessing**

**C** Amen.

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**D** Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve others with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## \*Benediction

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

## \*Sending Hymn

# 583, Vs. 1

### “Take My Life, That I May Be”

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**Refrain** Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**Verse 1** Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of they love;  
Take my fee and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee. **Refrain**

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Man”

Walther



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