

*St. John*  
Lutheran Church

**WE**  
are the  
**Church**

Covenant and Commandments



8:30am  
Sunday  
October 9, 2022

# WE are the Church

**Commitment Weekend  
October 29 - 30**

***WE are the church,***  
*the **people** of God who have been called  
to this **place** for a **purpose**.*


Amid transition and change, who are **WE**?  
What is God calling us to do? How will **WE** do it?  
This month Pastor Robin & Pastor Evan will guide us as  
**WE** answer those questions, together.

Last week we thought and wrote about what **WE** do. Read the wide variety of responses on the posters in the Narthex.

Today, you're invited to finish this statement...**WE** keep coming back to church because...

You are invited to write your response on the flip board after communion, or after worship. Thank you for sharing!

*what will you write?*



*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 the Wyss family in honor of Carolyn's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10<sup>th</sup>!*

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

*Thank you to our Altar Guild for coffee hour this morning.*

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, October 9, 2022 (8:30 am)**

<b>Guest Preacher</b>	Vicar Sue Hoff
<b>Deacon</b>	Michelle Covert
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Linda Koerner, Lynne Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Hay, Bob Makowka
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Nick Jakusz
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Dawn MacGregor
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Block-Hay, Cathy Hawkins
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Becker, Maricay Miller

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

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

**Prelude**

“Prelude (Op. 64. No.2)”

Goltermann

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we are learning God's gracious ways.*

P Let us pray. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

# 673 Vs. 1-3

### “God, Whose Almighty Word”

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**Verse 1**            God, whose almighty word  
                         Chaos and darkness heard  
                         And took their flight:  
                         Hear us, we humbly pray,  
                         And where the gospel day  
                         Sheds not its glorious ray,  
                         Let there be light.

**Verse 2**            Christ, who once came to bring,  
                         On your redeeming wing,  
                         Healing and sight;  
                         Health to the troubled mind,  
                         Sight where illusions blind;  
                         Oh, now to humankind  
                         Let there be light.

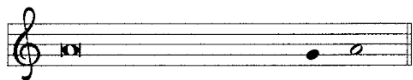
**Verse 3**            Spirit of truth and love,  
                         Life-giving, holy dove,  
                         Speed forth your flight;  
                         Move on the water's face  
                         Bearing the lamp of grace,  
                         And in earth's darkest place  
                         Let there be light.

## \*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



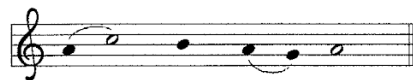
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



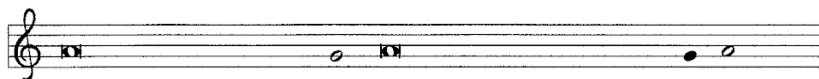
Lord, have mer - cy.



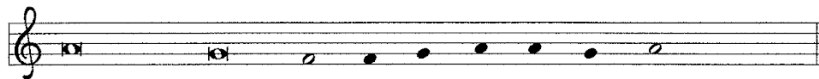
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



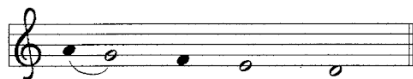
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# \*Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

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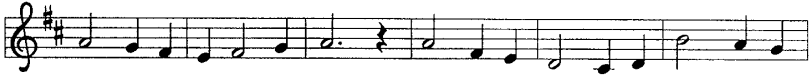


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. 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. God of the commandments, you gave the Israelites laws so that they may live in harmony with one another. Show us how to live in peace, so that all may know of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Special Music

"Be Strong"  
*St. John Chorale*

Choplin

## Reading

**Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17**

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

Then God spoke all these words,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.



“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

### \*Gospel Acclamation

S 151a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Gospel

**Matthew 5:14-18**

P The gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

[Jesus said] "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

P The gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon

Vicar Sue Hoff

## \*Hymn of the Day

**# 413, Vs. 1, 2 & 4**

### **"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

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#### **Verse 1**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### **Verse 2**

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

#### **Verse 4**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **\*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**

**# 744, Vs. 1, 3 & 4**

**P** In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all  
of God's creation.

*Congregation sings this response:*

### **"Lord, Be Glorified"**

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**Verse 1** In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

*Prayer Petitions*

**Verse 3** In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

*Prayer Petition*

## **Instrumental**

*Prayer Petition*

**Verse 4** In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*The prayers conclude*

P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you,  
O God; through Jesus Christ, our 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.  
Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

### **Offertory**

“More Precious than Silver”

DeShazo

*All that we are, and all that we have, are gifts from God. In response to God’s generosity, we give these gifts to our neighbors and the world through our time, possessions, and money. The Offertory is an invitation to be a part of the mission, ministry, and outreach of Christ through St. John Lutheran Church. Together, there is enough for everyone.*

*Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests in the offering plate when it comes to you and pass it on to the person next to you or behind you.  
Thank you for your generosity!*

### **\*Offertory Response**

**# 691, Vs. 1 & 3**

#### **“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”**

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**Verse 1** Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought but only as we’re able.

**Verse 3** Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

D Let us Pray. Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving** *(sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

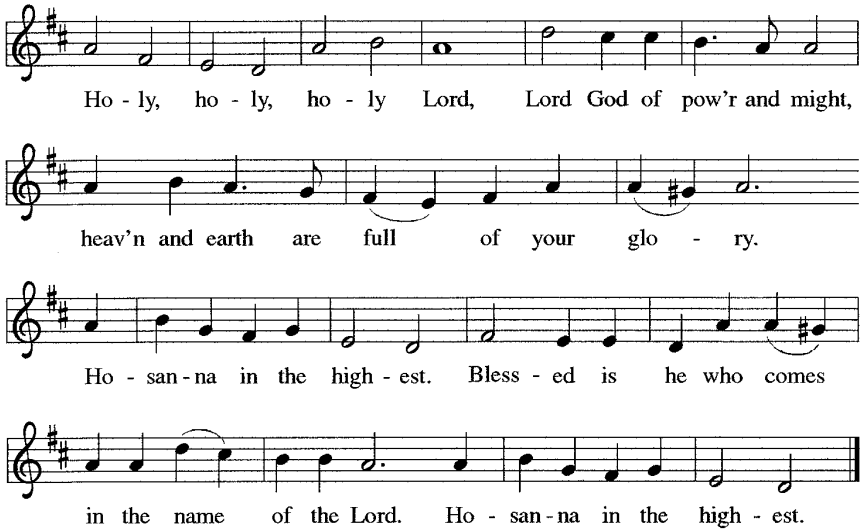
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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** Christ invites us to this table! Come, taste, and see.  
**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.*
- *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, grant us peace.

**“What Feast of Love”**

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- 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!

# 800, Vs. 1, 2, & 4

**“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**

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- Verse 1** Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
And make me love you as I ought to love.
- Verse 2** I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
But take the dimness of my soul away.
- Verse 4** Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame:  
The baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.



## \*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 Song

### “The Church Song”

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**Chorus** We are the church, the body of our Lord;  
We are all God's children. We have been restored.

**Verse 1** The church is not a building  
Where people go to pray;  
It's not made out of stick and stones,  
It's not made out of clay. **Chorus**

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

“Three Pieces: No. 1 Fuga”

Pachelbel



## Lutheran Church Announcements

Sign ups at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)

OCT  
**15**

Sat  
7pm

### **Bonfire at the Fire Pit!**

The Young Adult Ministry is hosting a bonfire at the new St. John Fire Pit next Saturday, October 15 from 7 - 10pm. Please BYOB, snacks, and chairs. Friends welcome and childcare will be provided by the HS Youth Service Team!

OCT  
**20**

Thurs  
3pm

### **Green Team**

If you've been thinking about checking out the Green Team, here is your invitation to visit. We're revising our ministry and would like your input!

NOV  
**7&14**

Mon  
7pm

### **New Member Class**

Pastor Robin hosts classes for guests wishing to join the St. John faith community on two Mondays in November. Please plan to attend both. Sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call 815-439-2320. New members received at 11am on Sunday, November 20th. Lunch to follow.

DEC  
**18**

Sun

### **Cantata Returns!!**

Make plans to be in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 18th at 8:30am and 11am to enjoy *Little Lamb, Little Lion* directed by Tori Hicks. This year, the cantata features the talents of the St. John Chorale, the Praise Team, and Youth Choir.

**Coffee with Friends** is now meeting inside at St. John. **Sunday School** registration is still open! We meet at 9:45 in the Sanctuary.

**Food Pantry** invites you to serve with us on Wed. morning, Sat. morning or Thursday evening.



# Next Week: October 10 - 16

## Monday 10/10

- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO Recess
- 5:45 – 6pm Chimers: SA
- 6pm - 7pm Prayers with Postage
- 6:15 – 7pm Ensemble: SA
- 6:30 – 8pm Small Group: TR
- 7 – 8pm Handbells: SA
- 7 – 8pm A.A. Women: WW5
- 7 – 8pm AI-Anon: WW 3&4
- 7 – 8:30pm Troop Committee: YR

## Tuesday 10/11

- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 9:30 – 12:30pm Staff Meeting
- 6:45 - 7:30pm Finance / Executive
- 7 - 8pm Beyond Diakonia
- 7 - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH

## Wednesday 10/12

- 8am – 2pm Food Bank Delivery: KJH
- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 3 – 4pm Memorial Committee: TR
- 6 – 7pm Youth Choir: SA
- 7 – 8:15pm Confirmation Recess
- 7:30 – 9pm Senior Choir: CR/SA
- 8:15 – 9:15pm HS FIRE: YR

## Thursday 10/13

- 9 – 11:30am Coffee with Friends: TR
- 9:30 – 11:30am PDO
- 11am – 3pm FP Delivery: KJH
- 5 – 7pm FP Packing: KJH
- 7 – 8pm Praise Team: SA
- 7 – 8pm AA: Men Zoom

## Friday 10/14

- 9 – 11am Quilters: WW5
- 9 – 10:30am Meals on Wheels
- 9:30 – 11:30am MOPS: NX

## Saturday 10/15

- 8 – 10am FP Distribution Drive Thru: NX & KJH
- 5:30 – 6:30pm Worship: SA
- 7 - 10pm YAM: Parking Lot

## Sunday 10/16

- 8:30 – 9:30am Worship: SA
- 9:45 – 10:45am Sunday School
- 11am – 12pm Worship: SA

St. John Lutheran Church	
Today <span>←</span> <span>→</span> Wednesday, October 12 ▾	
6:00pm	Youth Choir: SA
7:00pm	Confirmation (7th-9th Grade): Building
7:30pm	Senior Choir: CR/SA
8:15pm	HS FIRE: YR
Thursday, October 13	
9:00am	Coffee with Friends (Women): TR
9:30am	PDO
11:00am	FP Delivery: KJH
5:00pm	FP Packing: KJH
7:00pm	Praise Team: SA
7:00pm	A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
Friday, October 14	
(Postponed) High School Fall Retreat: Lutherdale Bible Camp	
9:00am	Quilters: WW5
9:00am	Meals on Wheels: Pam Blessing
9:30am	MOPS: NX
Saturday, October 15	
(Postponed) High School Fall Retreat: Lutherdale Bible Camp	
8:00am	FP Distribution Drive Thru: NX & KJH
5:30pm	Worship: SA
7:00pm	YAM: Parking Lot
Sunday, October 16	

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**New member classes  
November 7 & 14  
7pm**

New Members Received  
Sunday, November 20th  
Luncheon to follow

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