

St. John
Lutheran Church



I Believe

Sunday, September 4, 2022

8:30am

St. John

Welcome Back... Pastor Robin!



Church Office Closed - Happy Labor Day!

Monday, September 5th and Monday, September 12th

Fall Sign Ups Open at stjohnjoliet.org

Youth	Sunday School	Sept. 18 - First Day
Youth	4th-6th Gr. Chimers	Sept. 19 - First Day
Youth	Youth Choir	Sept. 21 - First Day
High School	7/8th Gr. Retreat 9/24	Sept. 05 - Deadline
High School	Confirmation	Sept. 14 - Orientation
		Sept. 21 - First Day
High School	HS Fall Retreat 10/14-16	Sept. 25 - Deadline
10th Gr & Up	Handbells	Sept. 12 - First Day
	St. John Chorale	Sept. 21 - First Day
	Praise Team	See Tori Hicks
	Sound Team	See Tori Hicks

Food Pantry

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Hunger **Action** Month

September Special Offering: St. John Food Pantry

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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 Trenton & Judy Ferro in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary; and by Ron and Eloise Crabb in honor of Diane Kirwan from McKinney, Texas
To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.*

Thank you to Glenn & Lynne Smith for coffee hour this morning.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, September 4, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Rachel Yergler
Communion Assistant	Linda Koerner
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Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Dialogue du deuxième ton”

Boyvin

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

768 Vs. 1-3

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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- Refrain** Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
- Verse 1** I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**
- Verse 2** Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**
- Verse 3** I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

*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. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we may dream your dreams and see with your vision kindling in us the fire of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 139:1-6

D A responsive reading from Psalm 139. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Lord, you have searched me out;

O Lord, you have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Acts 2:1-18

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

C **Our ears 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.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.'

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

*Gospel Acclamation

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"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

Matthew 28:17-20

P The gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

396, Vs. 1-4

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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Refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Verse 1

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

Verse 2

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with the law and a land;
And when they were blinded with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

Verse 3

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Refrain

Verse 4

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **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

“Amazing Grace”

Newton

*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

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“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

483, Vs. 1-3

“Here Is Bread”

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Verse 1

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Verse 2

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. **Refrain**

Verse 3

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. **Refrain**

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

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Verse 1 We come to the hungry feast
 Hungry for a word of peace.
 To hungry hearts unsatisfied
 The love of God is not denied.
 We come, we come to the hungry feast.

Verse 2 We come to the hungry feast
 Hungry for a world released
 From hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
 The poor in body, poor in mind.
 We come, we come to the hungry feast.

Verse 3 We come to the hungry feast
 Hungry that the hunger cease,
 And knowing, though we eat our fill,
 The hunger will stay with us; still
 We come, we come to the hungry feast.

***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

551, Vs. 1 & 4

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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Verse 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
We go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

Verse 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
The gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus' name.

*Sending

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

Postlude

“Fugue No. 5”

Pachelbel

Celebration of Shared Ministry

Farewell Pastor Jen

September 11th

10AM

WORSHIP

11AM-2PM

HORS D'OEUVRES PARTY

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO
RSVP FOR THE PARTY
VISIT sjohnjoliet.org to RSVP**

Celebration Video - Upload your favorite Pastor Jen photo and/or video to our website. We will make sure to include it!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT PHOTOS/VIDEOS.

Congregational Gift - We will be pooling our resources together to purchase Pastor Jen a congregational gift. If participating, please bring your gift to the church office before this Friday, September 9th, noon.

Sneak Peak - Here are a few photos of Pastor Jen we dug up ...what can you find?

