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Lutheran Church





8:30am Sunday July 3, 2022



Soloists & Ensembles

We invite you to share your musical gifts during worship on Saturday at 5:30pm, Sunday at 8:30am and/or Sunday at 10am. All ages welcome! Email *torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org* or see her after worship to schedule a date.

Summer Connections

- H.S. BADGER TEC RETREAT! Registration is open for the Aug. 4th-7th retreat at Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org. Contact evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org for more info.
- DAYBREAK OPPORTUNITIES! St. John volunteers prepare, transport and serve 1 dinner a month for our homeless neighbors at Daybreak Center, 611 East Cass Ave. in Joliet. See a pastor to volunteer.
- VOLUNTEER AT OUR FOOD PANTRY! Visit stjohnfood.org to see available shifts and hours. Families, individuals, scouts and groups welcome. Distribution on Saturdays via drive thru.



Local Businesses Support Pantry

¹, St. John Food Pantry THANKS our community partners, for their generous support



Winter holiday meals, spring *financial donation* for food purchasing, summer diaper donations!!



1, 000 grocery bags *every week* to serve over 300 families!

Fill the Boxcar with Boxes of Food

This month our VBS ministry is collecting food that comes in a box to benefit our St. John Food Pantry. The boxcar in the Narthex is ready to receive your donation if you'd like to participate!

June & July Special Offering

Use a blue envelope or visit stjohnjoliet.org to give a gift to St. John Youth - Camps and Trips. Thank you!

Food Pantry Closed July 23 & 30

Note our pantry will be closed for building maintenance 7.23 & 7.30.

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

Worship Leaders - Sunday, July 3, 2022 (8:30 am)

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Prelude

Nickel

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us pray. O God, to you all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

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*Opening Hymn

597, Vs. 1, 2, 4

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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- Verse 1My hope is built on nothing lessThan Jesus' blood and righteousness;No merit of my own I claim,But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
- **Refrain** On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- Verse 2When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.Refrain
- Verse 4When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne!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.

#888, Vs. 1 & 3

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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- Verse 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain: America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
- Verse 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears: America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

*Prayer of the Day

- The Lord be with you. Р
- С And also with you.
- Ρ Let us pray. Merciful God, when we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us. And in all things, turn us to one another so we may love our neighbor and serve them.
- С Amen.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

- D A responsive reading from Proverbs. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C Our ears are open.

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Word of God, Word of Life! Thanks be to God!

Reading

D A reading from the book of Genesis, the second chapter. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C Our ears are open.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!



*Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel

John 15:9-15

P The gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

611, Vs. 1-3

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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- Verse 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, O weary one, Lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.
 Verse 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
- "Behold, I freely give The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.
- Verse 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light. Look unto me; your morn shall rise And all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

*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 In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of 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 O loving God, you know the needs of all the world. By your Spirit, grant that we, having turned to you in prayer, now might turn to one another in peace, tend and keep what you have made, and love our neighbor with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
- 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

"God of Our Fathers"

Warren arr. Christopher

*Offertory Response

#733, Vs. 1

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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- Verse 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; As thou has been, thou forever wilt be.
- RefrainGreat is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!Morning by morning new mercies I see;All I have needed thy hand hath provided;Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

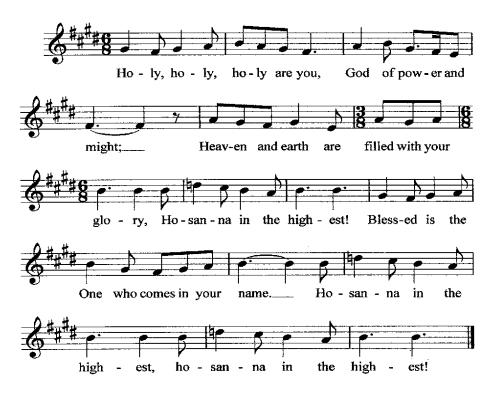
*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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



*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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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

"Lamb of God; Your Only Son"

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

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*

"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 our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

A Blessing for Pastor Robin's Sabbatical

*Benediction

C Sing AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

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- Verse 1Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are
stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.
- RefrainGlory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

*Sending

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

Postlude	"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"	Canning

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