

St. John
Lutheran Church



Christ is Risen

New Vision

Saturday, May 7, 2022

5:30pm



Visit stjohnjoliet.org for all sign ups



Sign Up Now!

Vacation Bible School

All aboard! Hop on the Rocky Railway as it swings through St. John June 6 - 8 from 6 - 8pm. Kids age 4 to entering 6th grade will learn that Jesus' power pulls us through, enjoy crafts at the Imagination Station, Bible stories at Bible adventure, games at Loco Motion Station, and snacks at the Chew Chew Cafe!

Dates: June 6th - 8th

Time: 6 - 8pm

Ages: 4 years old - entering 6th grade

Volunteer Leaders & Helpers

We are looking for crew leaders & helpers, station helpers, setup/take down helpers, and would appreciate help building the set. If you are interested, Contact Sarah Wernli at 815-641-7349 or sarahewernli@gmail.com.
Ages: entering 7th grade - adults.



TOMORROW

Congregational Meeting and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation, May 8th

Join us in the Sanctuary from 9:45 to 10am.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolates, May 8th

Get Fair Trade goodies in the Narthex in between services.



Summer Worship Times begin May 29th

Beginning on Sunday, May 29th, enjoy Sunday summer worship at 8:30am (with Livestream) and 10am.

Green Team

The Green Team is coming out of Covid hibernation and reimagining our mission! We are looking for new members who are passionate about creation care, who will help us provide opportunities for individual and community action to bring sustainability to St John and the local community, while directly and consciously connecting spirituality to nature. See Pastor Evan or visit stjohnjoliet.org to sign up.

Food Pantry Baby Shower

Celebrate Mother's Day this month with us as we help moms care for their babies. We are accepting donations in the Narthex for the following: All sizes of diapers & pull ups, all brands of formula, wipes, personal care items and gently used kid's books.

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 Terry Kaiser and family in loving memory of Diane Kaiser; and by Tony & Anita Freehauf in honor of our daughter, Sarah Joy's birthday.

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



Worship Leaders – Saturday, May 7, 2022 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Kimberly Jensen
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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is yet to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You flood us with mercy and grace us with life.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us.

Breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and our Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Opening Hymn

638, Vs. 1-3

“Blessed Assurance”

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Verse 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight:
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

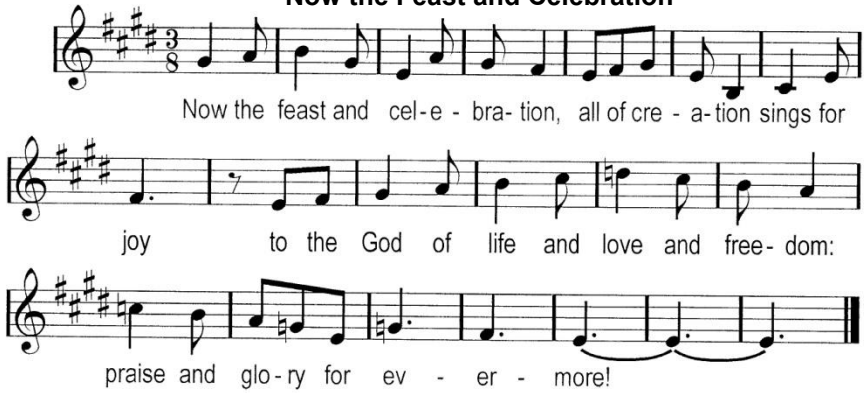
Verse 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

*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

“Now the Feast and Celebration”



Now the feast and cel-e - bra- tion, all of cre - a- tion sings for
joy to the God of life and love and free- dom:
praise and glo-ry for ev - er - more!

Leader Vs. 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Vs. 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
All honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Vs. 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God; to make all things new.
Refrain (All)

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Interrupt us this day, O God. Stop us in our tracks and re-orient us toward your will, your way, your call, your community. Open our eyes to see you at work in one another, open our minds to receive your word of peace, open our lives to be instruments of your invitation to another way. We ask in the name of Christ, who has disrupted the power of violence and death.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 138

D A responsive reading from Psalm 138. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right
hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

**O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Acts 9:1-19a

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

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

Baptism

Olivia Loren French

*Gospel

Matthew 5:43–6:1

P The gospel according to Matthew, the fifth and sixth chapters.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] "You have heard it said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

728, Vs. 3, 4, & 5

"Blest Are They"

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Verse 3 Blest are they who show mercy;
 Mercy shall be theirs.
 Blest are they, the pure of heart;
 They shall see god.

Refrain Rejoice and be glad!
 Blessed are you, holy are you!
 Rejoice and be glad!
 Yours is the kingdom of God.

Verse 4 Blest are they who seek peace;
 They are the children of God.
 Blest are they who suffer in faith;
 The glory of God is theirs. **Refrain**

Verse 5 Blest are you who suffer hate,
 All because of me.
 Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom;
 Shine for all to see. **Refrain**

Prayers of the Church

#178

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P We pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;
Lord, make us whole;
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

*Offertory Response

836, Vs. 1

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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Verse 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

Presider *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And also with

Presider *Congregation*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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 The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied!
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, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you are the way of mer-cy and love:
you break the chains of hat-red and fear:



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

556, Vs. 1-3

“Morning Has Broken”

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Verse 1

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Verse 2

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

“Lord, Be Glorified”

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

Verse 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified,
 Be glorified; in our song,
 Lord, be glorified today.

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

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

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Risen Christ, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

***Benediction**



*Sending Hymn

#774, Vs. 1

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

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Verse 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Sending

D Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
D Go in peace. Share the good news!
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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