

St. John
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the LOVE of Christ



Saturday, June 19, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, June 20, 2021 (8:30 & 10:00am)



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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.

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Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm

Deacon Georgene Lange
Ushers Guy Gell, Steve Volkening
Altar Guild Pat Bambule, Cheryl Lovell, Sharon Sullivan
Pianist Ellen Goodwin

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

Deacon Eddy Crews
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Pianist/Organist Janet Blomquist
Handbell Ensemble Sarah Wernli, director
Audio Board Bill Bromer
Livestream Team Rob Kornaus, McKenna Liss, Colin Wilcox
Counters Nancy Kautz, Frank Norem

Worship Leaders – Sunday 10:00 am

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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

Prelude

(5:30)	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	Showalter, arr. Johnston
(8:30)	“Canzona”	Frescobaldi
(10:00)	“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”	Showalter, arr. Johnston

*Welcome and Invocation

P We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P Friends in Christ, our prayer of confession allows us to claim that we are works in progress. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to have a five-step plan for what's next. You only have to show up with your messy, beautiful self, and be honest. Friends, let's be honest and pray the prayer of confession together.

P Let us pray. God of life,

C **Forgive us for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words that wound others.**

P God of life,

C **Forgive us for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

P God of life,

C **Make our hearts places of peace. Sow in our souls love for you and welfare for each other. Root love of neighbor deep within us. Inspire us to give and receive peace. In your name we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, we are works in progress created and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear the good news: your sins are forgiven and God cares for our welfare.

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

*Prayer of the Day

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.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, we know that you are always speaking-- through strangers and friends, through sunrise and sunset, through random acts of kindness and feelings that awaken hope in us. We know that you speak through dreams and prayer, through a still, small voice, and through bursts of overwhelming joy. We know that you are always speaking, but we also know that we are inclined to miss it. Settle our spirits now to hear you fully. Gratefully we pray, **Amen.**

Song of Praise

(5:30) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Carter

Special Music

(8:30 & 10:00) "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" Pritchard, arr. Ingram
(Handbell Ensemble)

Psalm 107:1-9 *(read responsively)*

D A reading from Psalm 107. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,**

from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;**

hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;**

he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

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

C Our ears are open!

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter to the exiles Nebuchadnezzar had carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon. It was addressed to the elders who were left among the exiles, to the priests, to the prophets, and to all the other people who were exiled in Babylon.

“The Lord of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says to all those he sent into exile to Babylon from Jerusalem, ‘Build houses and settle down. Plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters. Find wives for your sons and allow your daughters to get married so that they too can have sons and daughters. Grow in number; do not dwindle away. Work to see that the city where I sent you as exiles enjoys peace and prosperity. Pray to the Lord for it. For as it prospers you will prosper.’

“For the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says, ‘Do not let the prophets among you or those who claim to be able to predict the future by divination deceive you. And do not pay any attention to the dreams that you are encouraging them to dream. They are prophesying lies to you and claiming my authority to do so. But I did not send them. I, the Lord, affirm it!’

“For the Lord says, ‘Only when the seventy years of Babylonian rule are over will I again take up consideration for you. Then I will fulfill my gracious promise to you and restore you to your homeland. For I know what I have planned for you,’ says the Lord. ‘I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope. When you call out to me and come to me in prayer, I will hear your prayers. When you seek me in prayer and worship, you will find me available to you. If you seek me with all your heart and soul, I will make myself available to you,’ says the Lord. ‘Then I will reverse your plight and will regather you from all the nations and all the places where I have exiled you,’ says the Lord. ‘I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.’

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

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Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel

Luke 3:1-11; 18-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

Hymn of the Day

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"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

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- Verse 1** Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
With nobler zeal might burn.
- Verse 2** Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace,
The word of hope proclaim.
- Verse 3** Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
Redress sin's cruel consequence;
Give justice larger place.
- Verse 4** Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
Stretch forth your hand of healing now,
With love the weak sustain.

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Verse 5 Commit your hearts to seek
 The paths which Christ has trod;
 And, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
 Rise up, O saints of God!

***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.

Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.
You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

Prayers of the Church

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P Let us come before God in prayer.

Response (sing):

**Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.**

The prayers conclude:

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your faithful grace.
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. Those who move to greet others may choose their greeting at the discretion of the person you are greeting.

Please be mindful of the non-verbal cue you are receiving, and ask what the person is comfortable with before greeting.

*Offertory

(5:30)

“Lord, Be Glorified”

Kilpatrick, arr. Bergquist

(8:30)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Luther

(10:00)

“Lord, Be Glorified”

Kilpatrick, arr. Bergquist

The offering will be received at the doors as you leave.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

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 overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life.

*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 has set the table with more than enough for all!
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 pastor. The organ side of the Sanctuary will receive communion first; the baptismal font side of the Sanctuary area will go next.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when ingesting the elements of bread and then again with the grape juice or the wine.*
- *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.*

Communion Music

(5:30)	“Here’s One”	Traditional Spiritual, arr. Hayes
(8:30)	“Amazing Grace”	Traditional
(10:00)	“Here’s One”	Traditional Spiritual, arr. Hayes

*Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

*Benediction

*Sending Song

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“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live.
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
To make of all the earth a better place to live.

Verse The angels are not sent into our world of pain
To do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name;
That falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

Repeat Verse

*Sending

D Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

(5:30)	“Our God”	Tomlin, arr. Tornquist
(8:30)	“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”	arr. Wienhorst
(10:00)	“Our God”	Tomlin, arr. Tornquist

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OR LISA MARSHALL



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