

St. John  
Lutheran Church

God's World Wide Web



of Creation

The Unseen Things of God

10am  
Sunday  
August 7, 2022



Commitment  
to Community



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## God's World Wide Web of Creation

### 10am Outdoor Worship, Next Sunday 8/14

**Come as you are! Bring a friend! Enjoy God's creation!**

- Location: In the back of the parking lot in the shade
- Bring: A chair to sit on
- 8:30am worship will be in the Sanctuary as usual

### 6pm High School Mission Trip Return Dinner 8/14

Join us next Sunday, August 14th at 6pm to hear what the high school students did on their mission trip to Wisconsin. It will be a nice evening of food and sharing from 6-9pm.

## Music for Everyone



At St. John, music is for everyone! We can teach you how to read music to sing or play handbells.

**Sept. 7th, Youth Choir at 6pm, St. John Chorale at 7pm**

**Sept. 12th, Handbell Choir**

### August Special Offering: Helping Hands

Use a blue envelope or visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) to give a gift to St. John Helping Hands. Thank you!

## Food Pantry

### Sneak Peak...HAM

Hunger Action Month (HAM) is next month and our Food Pantry leaders have plans for special events. Keep an eye out for announcements!

### SPECIAL REQUEST

We are looking for 2-3 volunteers who can help lift and move boxes this Wednesday. Call 815-439-2320 and leave a message on the pantry voicemail or email us at [info@stjohnfood.org](mailto:info@stjohnfood.org).

*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 Dawn Macgregor  
In celebration of God's miracles in our lives,  
in gratitude for our children and family,  
and in gratitude for our St. John Staff.  
To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space,  
sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*


## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, August 7, 2022 (10:00 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Jen Prosis
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Joyce Vyhnanek
<b>Greeter</b>	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Franzen, Renee Lacivita
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Shane Basham
<b>Counters</b>	Jan Drish, Nancy Kautz
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*\*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we have turned from God this week.*

Let us pray. **Holy God, Creator of all that is, we confess to you that we have sinned. We have failed in our care for the land and its creatures. We have been greedy, destructive, and wasteful of the resources you entrusted to us. Polluted air and water, eroded soil and salty earth, birds and animals deprived of habitat, and neighbors left hungry and thirsty by our selfishness: all these cry out against us. We do not know how to restore what we have damaged. We repent in sorrow and distress. Forgive us, we pray, and have mercy. Give us grace to change our ways, to make amends, and to work together for the healing of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God promises a new creation. God's Spirit renews the hearts of God's people. God's Spirit moves over the face of the earth. God's Spirit calls us to action. We are free to choose a new way for us and God's creation! Therefore, I declare to you: your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## \*Opening Song

### “Everlasting God”

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- Verse**            Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.  
We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord. **Repeat**
- Bridge**            Our God, You reign forever.  
Our Hope, our Strong Deliverer.
- Chorus**            You are the Everlasting God,  
The Everlasting God.  
You do not faint,  
You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles. **Repeat All**

## \*Greeting and 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. Creator God of all that is seen and unseen, you are in all  
places. Help us to settle into this time and place for worship. Quiet our  
minds, open our hearts, hold our thoughts, that we may be transformed  
by your presence in all parts of our earth. In your name we pray.
- C**            **Amen.**

## Reading

Isaiah 40:21-27

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,**

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain

and spreads them like a tent to live in,

**who brings princes to naught**

**and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.**

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

**To whom, then, will you compare me,**

**or who is my equal? says the Holy One.**

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

**He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;**

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power, not one is missing.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Reading

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-18

D A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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## \*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**

**John 12:17-24**

P The gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

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

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon**

Earthworms

## **Sermon**

Pastor Jen Beamsley



## \*Hymn of the Day

### **“Trading My Sorrows”**

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**Chorus** I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.  
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

**Bridge** Yes Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;  
Yes Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;  
Yes Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

**Verse** I am pressed but not crushed,  
Persecuted, not abandoned,  
Struck down, but not destroyed;  
I am blessed beyond the curse,  
For His promise will endure,  
That His joy's gonna be my strength.  
Though the sorrow may last for the night,  
His joy comes with the morning.

### **Repeat Chorus, Bridge, Chorus**

For the joy of the Lord.  
For the joy of the Lord.

## \*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**

## \*Offertory Response

### “What Can I Do”

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#### **Chorus**

What can I do but thank You?  
What can I do but give my life to You?  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
What can I do but praise You?  
Every day make ev'rything I do a hallelujah,  
A hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## \*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 *(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 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

### “As We Gather”

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**Verse 1** As we gather, Father, seal us  
In the love that knows no fear.  
Draw us, heal us, reconcile us,  
May there be a place of refuge here.

**Chorus** Who share one Living Bread,  
One Father's love,  
One Savior's grace,  
One Spirit's breath;  
One holy communion.

**Verse 2** No more outcasts, no more strangers,  
All dividing walls are down.  
Here is love that redefines us,  
Dignifies the least and lowest one. **Repeat Chorus**

**Verse 3** Source of joy, belonging, friendship,  
Form Your family likeness here.  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
That the world may know our God is near. **Repeat Chorus Twice**

### \*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 Amen. (*spoken*)

## \*Sending Song

### “God is the Strength of My Heart”

*Words and Music by Eugene Greco © 1989 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI #2793209*

**Verse** Whom have I in heaven but You?  
There is nothing on earth I desire beside You;  
My heart and my strength, many times they fail,  
But there is one truth that always will prevail.

**Chorus** God is the strength of my heart,  
God is the strength of my heart;  
God is the strength of my heart  
And my portion forever; **Repeat Chorus**

Forever; forever, forever.

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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I Learned In Kindergarten

Robert Fulghum



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