

St. John
Lutheran Church

UNFINISHED:



DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL IN THE NOT YET



Wednesday, March 22, 2023
7pm

Visit stjohnjoliet.org for all sign ups

This Wednesday & Every Wednesday in Lent

6pm BYOD - Bring Your Own Dinner

Join your St. John family in the Narthex to say grace over our meals and to eat together before worship.

7pm Worship with Livestream

Unfinished is our Lenten theme and our Bible Drama is *Jonah: A Salty Prophet and a Faithful God*.

Also, *St. John Tonight: 120 Years of Faith Stories*.

8pm HS FIRE High school students, meet in the Youth Room!

Prayer Vigil: Sign-Up Today!



Sign up for your segment of continuous prayer throughout the night, remembering how Jesus suffered, by praying for the salvation of the world, for repentance, justice, peace, and forgiveness. Prayer stations will be available in-sanctuary Friday night and all night online through YouTube. Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org.

Purchase Easter Lily plants to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Weekend!

Sign-up to purchase Easter Lilies at stjohnjoliet.org. Plants are \$15 each. Please include your dedication (In memory of, In thanksgiving for, and/or In honor of) when you sign up. Also let us know if you will be taking your plant home after the 11:00am service. Make all checks payable to "St. John Lutheran Church"



"Taste of St. John" Thank You from Mark & Penny Collins

We would like to thank everyone who donated food, time, and generosity to make this event a success! We served 151 for dinner and raised \$2850. Our beautiful quilts were won by Brent Rimmke, Pidge Bettler (Penny's mom), Kathy Lenz, and Patty Cankar. It is with great sadness that we have decided to retire from this event, but we will be around to help whenever needed.

Thank You from Marta M. Simmons

Thank You: In my loss of Jim, and in my time of grief, not only did I find comfort in God's Word, but also in God's love offered to me by so many of you. Thank you all for the cards and expression of sympathy. It warms my heart to know such kind people. Thank you to Pastor Robin and to all the staff for your support.

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of Lenten worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

Worship Leaders – Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (7:00 pm)

Ushers	Duane Johnson, Mark Frost
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Keith Markwell
Livestream Team	Frank Norem

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Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn

843, Vs. 1 & 3

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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Verse 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Verse 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who make us one.

Bible Drama

Jonah: A Salty Prophet and A Faithful God Episode Four: The Nineveh Gig

Narrator	Pastor Robin Caldwell
Jonah	Jim Eklund
God	Jackie Mansholt
Castaway Tom	David Luecht
Wilson	Volleyball
Queen of Nineveh	Diane Barnes
Nineveh Gossip1	Ken Swanson
Nineveh Gossip 2	Janet Blomquist
Herald of Nineveh/Various	Pastor Evan Mayhew

St. John Tonight: 120 Years of Faith Stories

Special Guests: Cathy Hawkins, Pam Kornaus

***Hymn**

#785, Vs. 1 & 4

“When Peace like a River”

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Verse 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like a sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

Offering, Prayer, and Meditation

- *During this time, you may lift up someone you know in need of prayer, or simply offer a time to listen to God.*
- *You may pray in silence, and you may sing the songs.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip when you come forward, and place in offering basket.*
- *You may light a candle and kneel at the altar rail and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

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O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
Come and listen to me.

Interlude

The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
God, the wellspring of life. **Repeat**

“A Shield About Me”

Thomas, Williams

Piano Meditation, Janet Blomquist

*Closing Prayer

After a time of brief silence, the congregation stands for the closing prayer.

P Let us pray,

C **O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer** (*sung by congregation*)

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

(musical interlude)

**Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
And the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Benediction**

C *sing* **AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"O Darkest Woe"

Callahan



Palm Sunday Worship April 1, 5:30pm
April 2, 8:30am* and 11am
Maundy Thursday Worship April 6, 7pm*
Good Friday Worship April 7, 7pm*
Prayer Vigil follows Worship Sanctuary 8pm - Midnight
YouTube 8pm - 9am

Easter

Easter Saturday Worship April 8, 5:30pm
Easter Sunday Worship April 9, 6:30am*
8:30am*
Easter Alleluia Coffee Hour 9:30 - 10:45am
11am*

Office Closed April 10



* Concurrent Livestream begins
5 minutes before worship



- Call the church office or visit stjohnjoliet.org to order your Easter lilies! Scroll down to "Details & Sign Ups" and click on Altar Flowers ~ Scroll down to April 9th.
- Cost is \$15 per plant. Please bring payment to church office.
- Please submit your orders by April 2nd to be included in Easter worship bulletins.