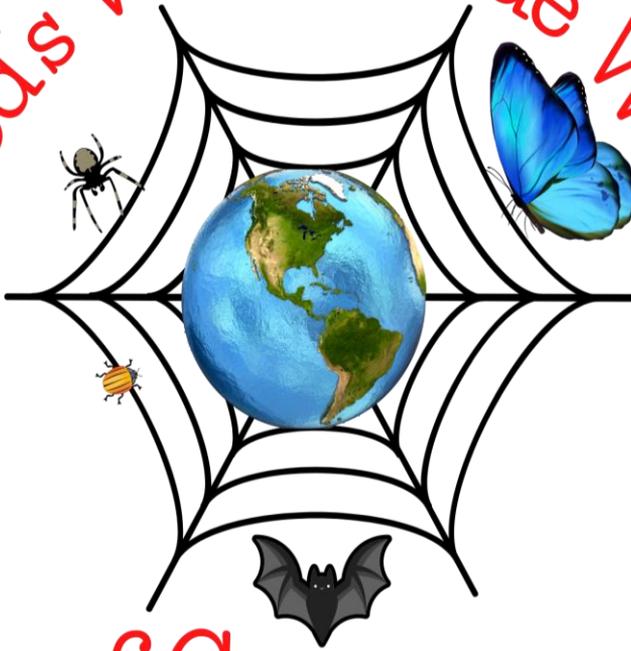


St. John  
Lutheran Church

God's World Wide Web



of Creation

God's Relief In The Night

10am  
Sunday  
July 31, 2022



Commitment  
to Community



Sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)



## God's World Wide Web of Creation

### 10am Outdoor Worship 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

### This Sunday: Kids Paint & Craft During Worship

**Who:** Children

**What:** Paint bird, bat, butterfly, and/or honeybee houses; crafts

**When:** 8:30am & 10am services; after the children's sermon

**Where:** Karin Johnson Hall. They can stay for the remainder of the service or join their families again during communion time.

**Wear:** Comfy crafting clothes



Remember to keep coloring and even putting together new Busy Bugs; find them in the Narthex at the easel

### This Wed. 8/3: High School Youth BBQ at 6:30pm

Sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) for an evening of food, games, sports & contests from 6:30-9:30pm at St. John! All youth who will be in high school in a few short weeks, we look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend if you'd like!

### June & July Special Offering

Use a blue envelope or visit [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) to give a gift to St. John Youth - Camps and Trips. Thank you!

### Summer Connections

- **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS!** See Nicole Adams or Pam Kornaus in the office, or a Pastor, to usher, deacon, greet, etc.
- **DAYBREAK OPPORTUNITIES!** Sign up to help prepare, transport, and/or serve dinner on Aug. 4th at Daybreak. See Pastor Evan.
- **MUSIC!** Share your gifts during worship. See Tori Hicks or a Pastor.
- **VOLUNTEER AT OUR FOOD PANTRY!** Families, individuals, scouts and groups welcome. Distribution on Saturdays via drive thru.

### Food Pantry Reopens Saturday, August 6th!

### Young Adult Fellowship time at Craft'd in Plainfield 8/6, 5pm

Young adults in their 20's & 30's, RSVP to Meghan at (815) 341-8481 or Anna at (319) 575-2875 by July 31. You can also RSVP on the YAM Facebook Group. Find a link at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.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 Tim and Pat Block-Hay in memory of Eileen Mikos.*

*To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, July 31, 2022 (10:00 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Jen Prosis
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Cheryl Lovell, Kathy Moore
<b>Greeter</b>	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Duane Johnson
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Mike Pragit
<b>Counters</b>	Nancy Kautz, Sharon Sullivan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Becker, Marge West

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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

### “Better Is One Day”

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**Verse 1**           How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

**Chorus**           Better is one day in Your courts.  
Better is one day in Your house.  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere. **Repeat**

**Verse 2**           One thing I ask, and I would seek to see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. **Repeat**

#### **Repeat Chorus**

**Bridge**           My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You. I will draw near to You, to You.

#### **Repeat Chorus**

## \*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. Holy God, we lift to you the animal inhabitants of the earth.  
For those seen and unseen creatures who do their work behind the  
scenes to bring balance to creation, we ask your blessing. Create in us  
such a sense of wonder and delight in these mysterious creatures and all  
the gifts they provide that we receive them with gratitude and care for  
them with love, to the honor and glory of your holy name.

**C**           **Amen.**

## Psalm 19:1-10

D A responsive reading from Psalm 19. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the  
commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music

"Cornerstone" Liljero, Morgan, Myrin  
*Keith Druerk, Kyra Druerk, Rachel Yergler*

## Reading

**Isaiah 46:3-4, 8-13**

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Listen to me, O house of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
who have been borne by me from your birth,  
carried from the womb;  
even to your old age I am he;  
even when you turn gray I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save.

Remember this and consider;  
recall it to mind, you transgressors;  
remember the former things of old,  
for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is no one like me,  
declaring the outcome from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet done,  
saying, "My purpose shall stand,  
and I will fulfill my intention,"  
calling a bird of prey from the east,  
the man for my purpose from a far country.  
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;  
I have planned, and I will do it.  
Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,  
you who are far from deliverance:  
I bring near my deliverance; it is not far off,  
and my salvation will not tarry;  
I will put salvation in Zion,  
for Israel my glory.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

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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 14:8-11, 25-27**

**P** The gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**P** The gospel of our Lord.

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

**Children’s Sermon**

Bats and Nighthawks

**Sermon**

Pastor Evan Mayhew

## \*Hymn of the Day

### “Lord, Reign in Me”

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**Verse 1** Over all the earth You reign on high,  
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky.  
But my one request, Lord, my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again.

**Chorus** Lord reign in me, reign in Your power,  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour;  
You are the Lord of all I am.  
So won't You reign in me again?

**Verse 2** Over every thought, over every word,  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;  
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing.  
So won't You reign in me again? **Repeat Chorus**

Won't You reign in me again?  
Won't You reign in me again?

## \*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

## “How Beautiful”

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**Verse 1**           How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

**Verse 2**           How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin and bore it instead  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That choose to forgive and never despise  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

**Chorus**           And as he lay down his life  
We offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as he died  
Willing to pay the price  
Willing to pay the price

**Verse 3**           How beautiful the radiant bride  
Who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes  
How beautiful when humble hearts give  
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

**Verse 4**           How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news and the love of the King  
How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

## **\*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**

### **“All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”**

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#### **Chorus**

You lived, You died,  
You said in three days  
You would rise;  
You did, You're alive.  
You rule, You reign,  
You said You're coming back again;  
I know that You will  
And all the earth will sing Your praises,  
All the earth will sing Your praises.  
All the earth will sing Your praises!

## \*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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