

St. John
Lutheran Church

BLESSING
OF THE
QUILTS



Commitment
to Community

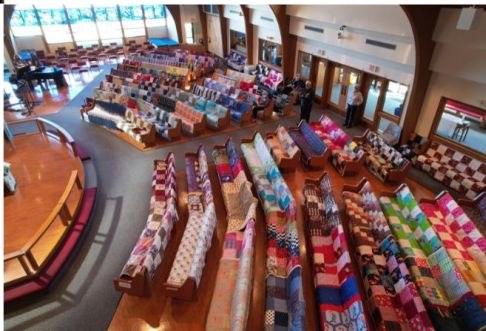
8:30am
Sunday
Sept. 25, 2022



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QUILTS GOING TO LWR

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2.25
PER QUILT
TO SHIP



This week's coffee hour donations will fund the quilt shipping! If you would like to help pay for shipping, use a blue envelope and write "Quilts" on it, or give your donation at the coffee hour table in between services.

Thank you to all of the St. John Quilters, everyone who donated fabric, the volunteers who will drive the quilts to the staging area next weekend and everyone who blessed them. May they carry our St. John love into and around the world. *In 2021, churches donated 122,400 quilts to LWR and they made their way to Georgia, Ukraine, Bosnia, Serbia, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Mali, Angola and Tanzania.*

Sign up & more details at stjohnjoliet.org

9/25 H.S. Fall Retreat Registration deadline.

9/30 "College-age" Care Package (*Not Exclusive to Students!*) deadline.



for these activities, no sign up needed

10/1 9 - 11am Nature Hike with Bill Bromer - Birds, Prairie, & Wetlands. Rock Run Preserve, Black Road Access.

10/2 12:15 - 2:30pm 'Tween GO! in Karin Johnson Hall. 4th, 5th & 6th graders invited to attend. Registration will be at drop off.

10/2 12:30 Pet Blessing in the parking lot. 'Tween GO! is assisting!

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 today are given by Tim Hay & Pat Block-Hay in memory, and in honor, of Gail Hartley's birthday. To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Thank you to our Quilting Ministry for coffee hour this morning.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, September 25, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Glenn Smith
Communion Assistant	Lynne Smith
Ushers	John Blomquist, Erik Hoffman, Bryan Yergler
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Keith Markwell
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St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Angelus”

Boellmann

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept to reflect on the ways we are learning God's gracious ways.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

526 Vs. 1 & 4

“God Is Here”

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Verse 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Verse 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

*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

858, Vs. 1, 4

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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Verse 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Verse 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. You clothe your people with steadfast love no matter how rejected we feel and what hardships we face. Free us from the pain of betrayal and whatever holds us captive, that we may share your blessing wherever we are, with whomever is before us. In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord,

C **Amen.**

Psalm 146

D A responsive reading from Psalm 146. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

The Lord opens the eyes of our hearts; the Lord lifts up those

who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading**Genesis 39:1-23**

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

C **Our ears are open.**

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, “This is the way your servant treated me,” he became enraged. And Joseph’s master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph’s care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph’s care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

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

***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**

Matthew 5:11-12

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

[Jesus said] “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

314, Vs. 1-4

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

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Verse 1 Arise, your light has come!
 The Spirit's call obey;
 Show forth the glory of your God
 Which shines on you today.

Verse 2 Arise, your light has come!
 Fling wide the prison door;
 Proclaim the captive's liberty,
 Good tidings to the poor.

Verse 3 Arise, your light has come!
 All you in sorrow born,
 Bind up the brokenhearted ones
 And comfort those who mourn.

Verse 4 Arise, your light has come!
 The mountains burst in song!
 Rise up like eagles on the wing,
 God's pow'r will make us strong.

Blessing of the Quilts

Acts 2:43-47

P A reading from the book of Acts.
Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Please lay your hand upon a quilt for a blessing.

P God, your Spirit is a mighty force as your whispers of hope blow through our world. Open our hearts to feel your presence moving in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C **Jesus, fill us with hope to share with our neighbors.**

P God, we thank you for the fabric, thread, batting, and sewing machines used to make these quilts. With these gifts, bring dignity, healing, and hope to people whose homes are damaged and lives are displaced

C **Jesus, make these quilts signs of hope for our neighbors.**

P God, thank you for the glad and generous hearts of the people of St. John who made scraps into new creations, those who box up the quilts, who ship them, and who hand them out. We pray that the work of their hands brings protection and security to our partners at Lutheran World Relief.

C **Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.**

P God, be with those who make, transport, and receive these quilts. Wrap us up together in your steadfast love. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and your children. Bless them in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C **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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Willis

*Offertory Response

856, Vs. 1

“How Great Thou Art”

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Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

***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** *(sung)*

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**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

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Verse 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
 Calling for you and for me.
 See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
 Watching for you and for me.

Refrain "Come home, (Come home,)
 Come home! (come home!)
 You who are weary, come home."
 Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
 Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Verse 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
 Pleading for you and for me?
 Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
 Mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

Verse 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
 Promised for you and for me!
 Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
 Pardon for you and for me. **Refrain**

464, Vs. 1-4

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

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Verse 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Jesus, feed us.
 Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.

Verse 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Jesus, feed us.
 Make us one, our hope restore; feed us with your love.

Verse 3 Grant forgiveness in the feast – Jesus, feed us. –
 For the greatest and the least; feed us with your love.

Verse 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Jesus, feed us.
 Save God’s children ev’rywhere; feed us with your love.

*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 *Sing* AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Song

#547, Vs. 1

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Verse 1

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Trio from Two Pieces”

Dandrieu

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