

St. John
Lutheran Church



Loved by God

CALLLED TO SERVE

Thursday at 9



Sunday, October 10th
8:30am

Commitment
to Community 

St. John Today



12:15 - 2:30pm



4th-6th Graders, Register at drop off

Blessing of the Animals

12:15pm

Stuffed Animals Welcome

Parking
Lot



TIPS FOR LIVING A MINDFUL LIFE

CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTORS
JEN, ROBIN & (SOMETIMES) EVAN



Today & Next
Sunday at 5pm *on*



Stewardship **ON THE GO!**

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 Shirley Masters in memory of Stephen Masters and by Mark and Penny Collins in honor of their wedding anniversary.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex or call the church office.

Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

Deacon	Eddy Crews
Communion Assistant	Cheryl Lovell
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Ron Crabb, Judy Mihavics-Dachman, Frank Summer
Piano	Susan Fick
Audio Board	Nick Jakusz
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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Change My Heart, O God”

Raney

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

C **Amen.**

P Family of faith, we have all been in the place where we've hurt others and God's creation, sometimes without awareness, and sometimes with reactions that spring from pain or defensiveness. This is part of being human.

P God invites us to acknowledge our humanity and learn from our mistakes, letting forgiveness change our hearts. In this time of confession, we seek to learn God's gracious ways.

P Holy God,

C **We react because we see suffering we do not understand.**

P We are skeptical because we know heartbreak that does not seem fair.

C **We withhold attention because sacrifice only feels real when it's our own.**

P Forgive us when we forget that you created the heavens and earth.

C **Forgive us for withholding our pain from you.**

P Forgive us for failing to love the things you love.

C **Help us learn from our mistakes.**

P Help us to forgive others with the mercy you show us.

C **Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, this is a new day. God is here. God is at work among us. We are † forgiven! Let us worship the God who calls us to love and serve one another.

C **Amen!**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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- Verse 1** All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- Verse 2** All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- Verse 3** All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace, we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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 Provider, you respond to our hunger by giving us enough for each day and assuring us of our hopeful future together. Give us courage to face the wilderness and see the abundance you have in store for us.
- C **Amen.**

Psalm 90:12-17

- D A responsive reading from Psalm 90. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C **Our ears are open.**

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

“Grace Us, O Lord”
St. John Chorale

Martin

Reading

Exodus 16:1-18

D A reading from the book of Exodus, the sixteenth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left Egypt, the whole company of Israel moved on from Elim to the Wilderness of Sin which is between Elim and Sinai. The whole company of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The Israelites said, “Why didn’t God let us die in comfort in Egypt where we had lamb stew and all the bread we could eat? You’ve brought us out into this wilderness to starve us to death, the whole company of Israel!”

God said to Moses, “I’m going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day’s ration. I’m going to test them to see if they’ll live according to my Teaching or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they have gathered, it will turn out to be twice as much as their daily ration.”

Moses and Aaron told the People of Israel, “This evening you will know that it is God who brought you out of Egypt; and in the morning you will see the Glory of God. Yes, he’s listened to your complaints against him. You haven’t been complaining against us, you know, but against God.”

Moses said, “Since it will be God who gives you meat for your meal in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, it’s God who will have listened to your complaints against him. Who are we in all this? You haven’t been complaining to us—you’ve been complaining to God!”

Moses instructed Aaron: “Tell the whole company of Israel: ‘Come near to God. He’s heard your complaints.’”

When Aaron gave out the instructions to the whole company of Israel, they turned to face the wilderness. And there it was: the Glory of God visible in the Cloud.

God spoke to Moses, "I've listened to the complaints of the Israelites. Now tell them: 'At dusk you will eat meat and at dawn you'll eat your fill of bread; and you'll realize that I am God, *your* God.'"

That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had lifted, there on the wilderness ground was a fine flaky something, fine as frost on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, *manna* (which means: What is it?). They had no idea what it was.

So Moses told them, "It's the bread God has given you to eat. And these are God's instructions: 'Gather enough for each person, about two quarts per person; gather enough for everyone in your tent.'"

The People of Israel went to work and started gathering, some more, some less, but when they measured out what they had gathered, those who gathered more had no extra and those who gathered less weren't short—each person had gathered as much as was needed.

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

John 6:51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said]: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

484, Vs. 2, 4 & 5

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

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Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Verse 2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.

Repeat Refrain

Verse 4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

Repeat Refrain

Verse 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

Repeat Refrain

***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 God welcomes our prayers. Today, we bring what is needed to God,
trusting we are heard.

Response (sing):

**Oh God, we call (repeat)
From deep inside we yearn (repeat)
From deep inside we yearn for you**

The prayers conclude:

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you.
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

“God Leads Us Along”

Shakley

*Every week, we hear how God works through people. The story of our faith is one
that constantly reminds us that we cannot do this work alone. We need our faith
community.*

*We give what we can from what we have, and trust God will continue moving us
closer to mindful living, generosity, and gratitude.*

*Family of faith, you are invited to give your offerings, knowing we share a
commitment to the mission and ministry of this place, and our giving is the work
of faith.*

Let us give with our grateful hearts.

*Offertory Response

465, Vs. 1

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
Were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
Be gathered into one in you.

Verse 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst
May we share the presence of your love.

Repeat Refrain

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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** Come, you who have much faith, and you who have little. Christ will meet us here!
- 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 plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving 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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

arr. Raney
arr. Berry

***Blessing**

*Prayer after Communion

- D Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*Benediction

- C *Sing* **AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

*Sending Song

536, Vs. 2

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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Verse 2 God be with you till we meet again;
Holy wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

*Sending

- D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
- C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“No. 1. Fugue No. 5.”

Pachelbel

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College-Age Care Package Sign Up is Open

If you have college-age people in your family, sign them up by October 13th at stjohnjoliet.org to receive a care package from St. John.

H.S. Fall / Winter Retreat

November 12-14

Lutherdale, Elkhorn, WI
Sign up stjohnjoliet.org



Cost is \$150

\$50 deposit due Oct. 24

balance due Nov. 7th

- Registration is open at stjohnjoliet.org
- High ropes, rock wall, zip-lining, archery, devos, bonfires, GaGa ball, board games, late night outdoor games, movie night, time to relax & hang out with friends & more!
- Partial & full scholarships available by request, see Pastor Evan
- More details at stjohnjoliet.org

**NEXT
SUN**



Sign-up at stjohnjoliet.org today!

11am Outdoor Worship
& Lisa Marshall Farewell

12pm Tailgate Party



**HALF
TIME Mortgage Burning**



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Food Provided



Commitment Weekend is October 23-24



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