

St. John
Lutheran Church



A Journey of Faith



Commitment
to Community

11am
Sunday
Sept. 18, 2022

St. John Food Pantry

Support Us. Serve with Us.

September is Hunger **Action** Month



Who financially
supports St. John
Food Pantry?

Community
members,
businesses,
organizations,
church members,
and YOU!

Thank you
for giving
today.

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\$1 = \$8 in groceries

When you donate \$1, we purchase \$8 in groceries from Northern IL Food Bank! Use a blue envelope or visit stjohnfood.org to give.

Thank you!

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 the Altar Guild.
To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space,
sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.*

*Thank you to the Food Pantry for
our Hunger Action Month coffee hour this morning.*

Worship Leaders – Sunday, September 18, 2022 (11:00 am)

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St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL



St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“Great is the Lord”

Smith, arr. Hayes

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

“Hear Our Praises”

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Verse 1 May our homes be filled with dancing,
 May our streets be filled with joy;
 May injustice bow to Jesus,
 As the people turn and pray.

Chorus From the mountain to the valley,
 Hear our praises rise to You;
 From the heavens to the nations,
 Hear our singing fill the air.

Verse 2 May our light shine in the darkness,
 As we walk before the cross;
 May Your glory fill the whole earth,
 As the water over the seas. **Repeat Chorus Twice**

*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. God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants,
 and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor
 the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these
 things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 113

D A responsive reading from Psalm 113. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

The Lord makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

- D A reading from the book of Genesis. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
C **Our ears are open.**

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

- 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**

John 20:13-18

P The gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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

[The Resurrected Jesus] said to Mary “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

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Verse Over the mountains and the sea,
Your river runs with love for me;
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of when Your love came down.

Chorus I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever.
I could sing of Your love forever. **Repeat Verse & Chorus**

Bridge Oh, I feel like dancing, it's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light,
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now, yeah. **Chorus**

*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

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Hayes

*Offertory Response

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“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 *(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

“Once Again”

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Verse 1

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

Chorus

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Verse 2

Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace;
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again. **Repeat Chorus Twice**

Once again I thank You,
Once again I pour out my life.

***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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

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Refrain Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 1 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude “Forever with Great is Thy Faithfulness” Tomlin, arr. Tornquist

Sunday School & Confirmation & FIRE START THIS WEEK

Sunday School is open to children who will be 3 years old or older before September 1, 2022 through 9th grade. Meet us in the Sanctuary at 9:45am! We can't wait to welcome you back!

Confirmation is a faith formation class open to 7th - 9th graders that meets most Wednesdays. We kick off this Wednesday and meet from 7 - 8:15pm.

F.I.R.E. is a high school youth group that welcomes all St. John high schoolers. We meet this Wednesday after Confirmation from 8:15 - 9:15pm.

Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org

Fall Sign Ups

Youth	Sunday School	Sept. 18 - First Day
Youth	4th-6th Gr. Chimers	Sept. 19 - First Day
Youth	Youth Choir	Sept. 21 - First Day
High School	Confirmation	Sept. 21 - First Day
High School	HS Fall Retreat 10/14-16	Sept. 25 - Deadline
10th Gr & Up	St. John Chorale	Sept. 21 - First Day
	Praise Team	See Tori Hicks
	Sound Team	See Tori Hicks

Quilts

Blessing of the Quilts is next weekend at all services!

Drivers Needed, Sunday Oct. 2 at Noon

Our quilters made **307 quilts!!** Can you help drive them to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Naperville? They are 30 min. from St. John, about 5 minutes east of Rt. 59 on 75th Street. Contact Pam in the church office if you can help, 815-439-2320 or pamkornaus@stjohnjoliet.org.

Altar Flowers & Coffee Hour

Altar Flowers

We are so grateful to all of the people who have been signing up to sponsor our weekly flowers. Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org to celebrate, remember, or offer gratitude for the people in your life.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to our Food Pantry Team for sponsoring and hosting coffee hour this weekend! If your family or ministry would like to take a turn, sign up is now available at stjohnjoliet.org!