

St. John

Lutheran Church

Senior Pastor, Robin E. Caldwell
Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



Messy Church

April 28th, 2024 @ 11:00 am

2650 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL 60435
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Better Together

**NEW MEMBER CLASS
APRIL 28TH AT 9:45 AM**

SIGN UP



Get to know St. John, meet new people, and consider joining us in serving our neighbors and one another.

New Member Reception and Coffee Hour
will be held on May 12th

For more information
Call 815-439-2320
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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 5th
9:45 AM
in the Sanctuary

Drawing for
Homemade
Treats

Ministry
Updates

Voting on
Council
Members

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Register
Now



First Communion

**OPEN FOR THIRD GRADERS AND OLDER WHO HAVE
NOT RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD
MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION BY SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2024

FAMILY LEARNING EVENT: SUNDAY, MAY 5TH FROM 2:00-5:00PM

Faith Milestone Celebration on Sunday, May 19th during 11:00 am worship

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 flowers on the altar today are given by Suzanne Repavich in memory of family members who are now in heaven, and by Nicole and Jonthan Adams in celebration of Avery's 7th birthday on April 30!

Thank you to Monday Night Bible Study for Coffee Hour this morning!

To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, April 28, 2024 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Judy Wierman
Communion Assistants	Sophia Loch
Greeters	Nicole, Sophia, & William Hudecek
Acolytes	Kaylee Gurzynski, Alexander Loch
Ushers	Tim Caldwell, Zach Gurzynski, Tim Hay
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Tim Caldwell
Counters	Anita Freehauf, Sharon Sullivan
Altar Guild	Karen Becker, Chris Markwell, Joan Nunemaker

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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen!**

*Opening Song

“That’s Why We Praise Him”

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Verse 1 He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the Living Word, our Light.
He came to die so we’d be reconciled:
He came to rise to show his power and might.

Chorus That’s why we praise Him, that’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our everything.
That’s why we bow down and worship this King,
‘cause He gave His everything.
‘cause He gave His everything.

Verse 2 He came to live, live again in us;
He came to be our conquering King and Friend.
He came to heal and show the lost ones His love;
He came to go prepare a place for us.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge Halle, Hallelujah. *(repeat 7 times)*

Repeat Chorus Twice
‘cause He gave His everything.

*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 Lord, your church is just as human as the people you
chose to build it. Work through our disagreements and distractions,
guide us when we don’t know what to do and empower us through your
Spirit to be your face in the world. We pray this in your holy name.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

D A reading from the book of Acts, the eighteenth chapter and 1st Corinthians, the first chapter. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

[Later, Paul wrote to the church in Corinth,] Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalms 133

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

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

*Celtic Alleluia

“Celtic Alleluia”

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a time signature of 8/8. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes on both staves.

*Gospel

Mark 9:34-35

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

But [the disciples] were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. [Jesus] sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

Hymn of the Day

“In Christ Alone”

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Verse 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Chorus Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Verse 2 There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ. **Repeat Chorus**

Verse 3 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand. **Repeat Chorus**

Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand;
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

***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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In the hope of God's grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.

Your prayer requests may be spoken when invited during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or filling out the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Congregation sings this response:

**Hear Our prayer, hear our prayer,
Lord, make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place,
Hear now our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

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 with a handshake.
Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

Offertory

Commitment to Community

Your offering of any amount is generous and fosters God's grace for the world through the ministry of St. John, in service to God, to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world.

Your offering and attendance sheets may be placed in the offering plate, or try our new online giving platform, [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com). Thank you!



Now Accepting



***Offertory Response**

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"Be Not Afraid"

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Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia! **Repeat**

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim, and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy

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"You Are Holy"

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You are ho - ly, you are whole- ness,
— you are pres- ent. Let the cos-mos praise you, Lord!
— Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
— Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

*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 The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Come and eat at God's table.
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 or at home

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 to receive bread from the pastor. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to the pastor.*
- *Communion assistants hold trays with red wine in the outer rings of the tray and white grape juice in 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.*
- *At the 5:30pm service, the pastor will offer a blessing before you leave the communion rail.*

Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Music

“Faithful One”

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Verse Faithful One, so unchanging;
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace;
Lord of All, I depend on You;
I call out to You again and again;
I call out to You again and again.

Chorus You are my Rock in times of trouble;
You lift me up when I fall down;
All through the storm, Your love is the anchor;
My hope is in You alone.

Repeat All

Repeat Chorus

Your love is the anchor; my hope is in You alone.

*Blessing

C Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

*Benediction

C Amen. *(spoken)*

*Sending Hymn

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

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Verse 1

L You are salt for the earth, O people:

C salt for the kingdom of God!

L Share the flavor of life, O people:

C life in the kingdom of God!

Chorus (ALL)

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the city of God!**

*Sending

D Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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St. John Lutheran Church
Celebration Weekend
May 11th & 12th
At All Services

JOIN OUR TEAM

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Work with staff and members to ensure the church operates as efficiently as possible!

- Full-time, Salaried
- Paid Sick Days & Paid Time Off
- Work directly with the Senior Pastor
- Must have advanced technical skills and be very comfortable with Google Drive
- Manage Church Calendar & Building Space
- Maintain Church Management System
- Oversee Church facility maintenance and inspections
- Coordinate with Ministry Leaders

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Apply Now

Please send your resume & direct all questions to:

... robincaaldwell@stjohnjoliet.org



Diakonia Weekend

"From Servants to Friends"



"The Diakonia Program is an invitation into a community of friends seeking to deepen their faith for mutual growth and service. A two-year curriculum allows folks to move at their own pace to progress through foundational and practical learning. As participants read, study, discuss, and share together, a special bond is created."

Special Guest Preacher,
Meghan Doyle



Our Diakonia students and graduates are leading worship on
May 4th & 5th

For more information about joining Diakonia this fall contact Trenton Ferro



DAYBREAK

Meals for the Homeless

DONATIONS NEEDED

CAN YOU MAKE A FOOD DONATION?

- ✓ Specific food sign-up sheets are located in the narthex
- ✓ Volunteers are always needed!
- ✓ Only 1-2 hours a month
- ✓ Providing supportive services to homeless individuals and families

QUESTIONS?

CALL PAM ATKINSON
(815) 274-2747



"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

Matthew 25:35



APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
9:45am - 10:45am 2nd Grade First Bible Class: Karin Johnson Hall
9:45am - 10:45am Campfirmation Orientation: Choir Room
9:45am - 10:45am New Member Class: Trinity Room
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 29

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
1:00pm - 3:00pm Staff Meeting: Trinity Room
5:30pm - 8:00pm A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall
6:30pm - 8:30pm Monday Night Small Group: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:00pm Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4
7:00pm - 9:00pm College-Age Mission Trip Orientation: Zoom
7:00pm - 8:00pm Handbells: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 8:30pm Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
1:00pm - 2:00pm Tech Taskforce Meeting: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 *(May Special Offering: Daybreak)*

8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
9:30am - 11:30am MOPS Steering: Narthex
12:00pm - 1:00pm "Good" Grief Group: Trinity Room
6:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Choir: Choir Room
7:00pm - 8:15pm Confirmation: Building
7:30pm - 9:00pm St. John Chorale: Choir Room
8:15pm - 9:15pm High School FIRE: Youth Room

THURSDAY, MAY 2

9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Trinity Room
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
3:00pm - 5:00pm Daybreak Cooking: Karin Johnson Hall
4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing
5:15pm - 6:00pm Daybreak Transportation
6:00pm - 7:30pm Daybreak Serving: Daybreak Shelter
7:00pm - 8:00pm A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
7:00pm - 8:30pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MAY 3 *(Church Office Closed)*

9:00am - 11:00am Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am - 10:30am Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost
9:30am - 11:30am MOPS: Narthex

SATURDAY, MAY 4

7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
12:00pm - 4:00pm Youth Car Wash: Church Parking Lot
5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
9:45am - 10:45am Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
12:15pm - 2:30pm TweenGo!: Karin Johnson Hall
2:00pm - 5:00pm First Communion Instruction: Narthex/Sanctuary
5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

**Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.*

May