

St. John

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Come and See

January 18, 2026 at 11:00 AM

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 Brad & Rachel Uffelmann in memory of Theodore James Uffelmann.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, January 18, 2026 (11:00 am)

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God,
the creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us confess to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,
**C you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**
Amen.

P The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in [☩] Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

C Amen.

*Opening Song

“All Because of Jesus”

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Verse

Giver of every breath I breathe,
Author of all eternity,
Giver of every perfect thing,
To You be the glory.
Maker of heaven and of earth,
No one can comprehend Your worth.
King over all the universe, to you be the glory.
And I'm alive because I'm alive in You.

Chorus

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead one's life.
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.

Repeat All

Bridge

Every sunrise sings Your praise,
The universe cries out Your praise;
I'm singing freedom all my days,
Now that I'm alive.

Repeat Chorus

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 49:5-7

D A reading from the book of Isaiah, the 49th chapter.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 40:1-5

D A responsive reading from the book of Psalms.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

I waited patiently for the LORD;
 he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,
 out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
 making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
 and put their trust in the LORD.

**Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.

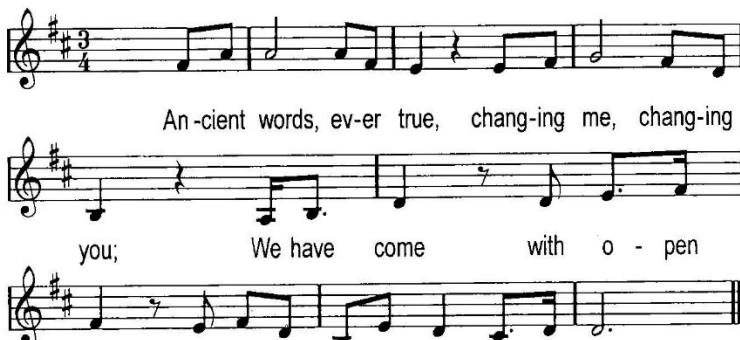
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

“Ancient Words”

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An- cien words, ev- er true, chang- ing me, chang- ing
you; We have come with o - pen
hearts, O let the an - cien words im - part.

***Gospel**

John 1:29-42

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

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’

I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself, have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

*Hymn of the Day

"Blessed Be Your Name"

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Verse 1 Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name:
Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name;
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Chorus Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.

Verse 2 Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me;
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name;
Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name;
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

Repeat Chorus Twice

Bridge You give and take away, You give and take away;
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your Name."

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus Twice

***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

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 shared silently during today's prayers, by filling out a green prayer request card in your pew or completing the Prayer Request form at stjohnjoliet.org.

P As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Congregation sings the response:

“Deep Peace”

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**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 Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we command all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
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

Commitment to Community

Today we celebrate the gift of God's love for the world.

In turn, we share that love by giving what we can.

*We pray that whatever we offer of our time, money, and talents
will be used by the Holy Spirit to create a more purposeful
world of love and belonging for one another.*

*Financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests may
be placed in the offering plate that can be passed along.*

May God bless your generous heart!



Now Accepting



*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.
C **God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, 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. By the leading of a star, he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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

“We Fall Down”

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We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus, the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus. And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

*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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
 Come to the table; taste and see.
C Thanks be to God!

Distribution

*We believe Jesus Christ is the host of this table,
his true presence is in this meal, and you are welcome here!*

*If you prefer your child to receive a blessing,
place your hand upon their head or their hands.*

Communion Instruction

- You will be invited forward by the usher or pastor.
- To receive communion, hold your hands open to receive the bread in your palm.
- Gluten-free/vegan wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.
- Red wine is on the outer rings of the tray; white 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.
- If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, communion pods are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

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Verse 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Chorus My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns.
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Repeat Chorus twice

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forebear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine;
Will be forever mine;
You are forever mine.

***Blessing**

C **Amen.**

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the sacrament of bread and wine, the sign of your sacrifice and our eternal life. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

***Benediction**

C **Amen.** (*spoken*)

Sending Song*“All The People Said Amen”**

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Chorus

And all the people said, Amen.
Wo-oh-oh, and all the people said, Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, Amen.
And all the people said, Amen.

***Sending**

D Go in peace. Do Justice. Love mercy.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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January Special Offering:

DAYBREAK

Your donations will be used to support
the monthly meal that St. John volunteers provide
at the Daybreak Shelter in Joliet, IL.



Donate Now!

Use the Blue envelopes in your pew,
go online & click "Give" at stjohnjoliet.org,
or scan the QR code!



Congregational Forum and Meeting

Forum: Sunday, January 18th at 9:45 AM

in the Trinity Room A & B

Meeting: Sunday, January 25th at 9:45 AM

in the Sanctuary

Topics Include:
• 2026 Budget Review and Approval
• Ministry Updates
• Capital Improvements

4:12 MINISTRY PRESENTS

CHILI COOK-OFF & GAME NIGHT



Saturday, January 24th
6:30PM - 9:30PM

Questions? Call Nicole Adams at 815-603-5620

Scan the QR code
to learn more
& RSVP

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OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW OPEN
TO SERVE OUR
WORSHIP COMMUNITY!

St. John actively *Shares the Love of Christ* all year-round,
and we couldn't do it without the help of many volunteers.

Live out your faith as a Deacon, Usher, Greeter,
Communion Assistant, Altar Guild, Livestream Tech, or Sound
Board Technician. We would greatly appreciate your help!

To learn more about these servant
opportunities, please contact the church
office at 815-439-2320 or email Nicole
Adams at Nicole.14Adams@gmail.com



ST. JOHN MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 21st, 2026
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

St. John Men's Ministry will be hosting a retreat
for any person who identifies as a man at
Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, IL.

Cost: \$65
Includes
Lunch and
Snacks

Make checks payable to St. John Lutheran Church

RSVP by March 16th



Join us as we explore our theme with devotions,
conversations, meditation, and worship.
Bring your bible and your walking shoes!

Questions? Contact Mark Frost (frost@juliecall.com)

January

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18		<i>(Monthly Special Offering: Daybreak)</i>
8:30am -	9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am -	10:45am	Coffee Hour: Jackie Mansholt & Linda Evans
9:45am -	10:45am	Congregation Q&A Forum: Trinity Room
9:45am -	10:00am	Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Choir Room
9:45am -	10:45am	Sunday School: Sanctuary, Karin Johnson Hall, West Wing
11:00am -	12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary
12:30pm -	2:30pm	Men's Ministry Meeting: Trinity Room
5:00pm -	6:30pm	Spanish Worship: Sanctuary
MONDAY, JANUARY 19		<i>(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed)</i>
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 -	8:00pm	Handbells: (Recess)
8:00pm -	9:00pm	Handbell Ensemble: (Recess)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20		
1:00pm -	3:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry: Youth Room
7:00pm -	9:00pm	Council Meeting: Trinity Room
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21		
8:30am -	12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
7:00pm -	8:30pm	Confirmation: Building
7:00pm -	8:00pm	Parent Care Group Meeting: Trinity Room
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22		
9:00am -	11:30am	Coffee with Friends (Women)
9:00am -	1:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
2:00pm -	7:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
7:00pm -	8:00pm	A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
6:45pm -	8:00pm	St. John Chorale: Choir Room
8:00pm -	9:00pm	Praise Team: Sanctuary
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23		
8:30am -	12:00pm	Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:00am -	11:00am	Quilters: West Wing 5
9:00am -	10:30am	Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County
9:30am -	11:30am	MOMCO Meeting: Narthex & West Wing
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24		
7:00am -	11:00am	Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am -	10:00am	Food Pantry Distribution Drive: Parking Lot
5:30pm -	6:30pm	Worship: Sanctuary
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25		
8:30am -	9:30am	Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am -	10:45am	Congregation Meeting: Sanctuary
9:45am -	10:00am	Sunday School Sings Rehearsal: Recess
9:45am -	10:45am	Sunday School: Karin Johnson Hall, West Wing (No Opening)
11:00am -	12:00pm	Worship: Sanctuary
12:15pm -	2:30pm	High School FIRE: Youth Room
12:15pm -	2:30pm	Tween GO!: Karin Johnson Hall
12:15pm -	2:15pm	VBS Meeting: Trinity Room
4:00pm -	7:00pm	Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall
5:00pm -	6:30pm	Spanish Worship: Sanctuary

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