

St. John
Lutheran Church



All Saints Service of Remembrance

*Sunday, November 7, 2021
8:30am*

St. John Announcements

Thank You We Appreciate You

Altar Guild members, musicians, singers, worship leaders and volunteers ~ thank you for graciously sharing your gifts to make today's worship service especially meaningful.



College-Age Care Package Items Due Today

We appreciate your willingness to pick up an item or two for our college students. Please drop them off today in the Narthex, thank you!



New Member Class Next Sat. 9am-Noon

Let us know your intention to attend this one-day class by calling the church office at 815-439-2320 or signing up at stjohnjoliet.org.

Thanks!



Fair Trade Available Next Sunday

Next Sunday, visit our Fair Trade table in between services to pick up your favorite coffees, teas, and chocolates.



Coffee with Friends

Thursday's small group, *Coffee with Friends* will be meeting at St. John during the winter months at 9am. Ladies, we'd love to see you there!



Altar Flower Orders Go Online

Altar flower ordering just became a whole lot easier. Visit stjohnjoliet.org and click the Altar Flowers Sign Up button. Remit payment to the church office and not in the collection plate, please. You may also call or stop by the church office to order flowers, too.



Commitment to Community

It's not too late to return your commitment card in person during offering or to the church office. You may also pledge at stjohnjoliet.org.



Thanksgiving Eve

Save the date - November 25th: Thanksgiving Eve worship in the Sanctuary and via Livestream begins at 7pm.

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 Nicole & Jonathan Adams in celebration of their 7th wedding anniversary; and by Judy Mihavics-Dachman in loving memory of Betty L. Mihavics; and by the Anderson family in honor of Marie Anderson's father, Frank's 90 birthday!

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

Additional seating is available in the Trinity Room.

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

Deacon	Meghan Doyle
Communion Assistant	Wendy Eklund
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Ron Crabb, Judy Mihavics-Dachman, Joe Aincham
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Nick Jakusz
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Counters	Jan Drish, Nancy Kautz
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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“No. 2. Trio à deux dessus”

Boyvin

Welcome and Announcements

***Invocation and Opening Litany**

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

P For those who lit our lives with joy,
C **For those who have touched us with tenderness,**
P For those whose loss fills us with longing,
C **We give thanks in glad remembrance.**

P We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves,
Looking with acceptance on all that we are,
And cherishing us without condition or constraint.
C **Holy God, within and among us,**
We give thanks in glad remembrance.

P We celebrate those who have stood alongside us,
Holding us through our highs and lows
When words cannot express how we feel.
C **Holy God, within and among us,**
We give thanks in glad remembrance.

P We celebrate those who have travelled before us,
Showing us with persistent courage
How to live in love, and die in faith and hope.
C **Holy God, within and among us,**
We give thanks in glad remembrance.

C **For those who lit our lives with joy,**
For those who have touched us with tenderness,
For those whose loss fills us with longing,
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*Processional Hymn

422 Vs. 1, 3, 5

“For All the Saints”

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Verse 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Reading

1 Kings 19:1-15

D A story from the first book of Kings, the nineteenth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram."

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music and Candle Lighting

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

On this All Saints Day, you are invited to:

Light a candle for those you want to remember.

Light a candle for hope.

Light a candle as a prayer beyond words.

As our choir sings, you are invited to light a candle at home,
or at the tables in the sanctuary.

Anthem

"Every Time I Think of You"

Schram

St. John Chorale

David Gutierrez (Cellist) Elise Spencer (Flutist)

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

*Hymn of the Day

785, Vs. 1-4

"When Peace like a River"

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Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like a sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Repeat Refrain

Verse 3

He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Repeat Refrain

Verse 4

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.

Repeat Refrain

Prayers of the Church

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P Gathered with the saints by the river of life and surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the well-being of the church of God, the peace of the whole world, and the welfare of all people.

Prayers continue with sung response:

Prayer Response:

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

The prayers conclude:

P With thanksgiving and celebration, we ask for your presence and guidance. Encourage and strengthen all your saints, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Names of Saints We Carry

The following loved ones had their funeral officiated by one our pastors in the past year. During the Prayers of the Church today, we call to mind those who have died in the faith, giving thanks they know the fullness of God's grace and glory:

Warren Arnold	Dijana Ilijevski
Betty Barnes	Diane Kaiser
Gil Beamsley	Marilyn Krautstrunk
Madelyn Rose Bishop	Leonard Jones
Paul Budinsky	Cynthia Lab
Barbara Buse	James Lenon
Ada Cowen	Norene Mazlewski
Tony Culyat	Donna Nelson
Joann Eads	Arnold Oppenheim
Henry Farber	Wilkie Parrish
Edwina Gell	Richard Puett
Valentina Herrera	Marjorie Skolos
Kenneth Hodges	Aaron Sproul
	Jim Stevens

***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

Meditation on "Nova Vita"
(In Memory of Harry Murray)

Powell

This piece of music was written for the funeral of Janet Blomquist's father in 2002, and played at her mother's funeral in 2021.

Commitment to Community

Family of faith, it does not take long to look around, pointing out places of pain and suffering. This year has been hard for so many, but we do not believe pain will be the last word.

Each week in our worship you are invited to give to the mission and ministry of this church. When you give, you are supporting this congregation and offering care to the broader community.

These acts of care, connection, and courage can help heal the hurt in the world.

*Thank you for giving your resources to our shared ministry.
Let us give with our grateful hearts.*

*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; by the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all 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**

P Christ's meal is offered here, for you and all the saints!

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

"I Can Only Imagine" Millard, arr. Fukuda
Praise Team, David Gutierrez (Cellist), Rachel Yergler (Violinist)

"Holy Ground" Davis, arr. Keeran

***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.**

*Recessional Hymn

422 Vs. 1, 6, 7

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Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Sending

- D Led on by the saints before us:
Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
- C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“No. 1. Duo du Cinquième ton”

Boyvin

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