

*St. John*

# Lutheran Church

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



## The Disturbance of the Gospel

**April 21st, 2024 @ 11:00 am**

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# ST. JOHN NIGHT AT



**Tuesday**  
**April 23rd**  
**4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

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St. John will earn back 20% of what is spent on food and beverages from 4:00 PM–9:00PM. Make sure to show your waitress this flyer!

# CAR WASH

**Saturday, April 27th 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**St. John Lutheran Parking Lot : 2650 Plainfield Rd. Joliet, IL 60435**

*to benefit the St. John Lutheran High School Mission Trip*



*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 Linda Evans with loving remembrance of Mike Evans on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his death; and in celebration of Jim and Sally Downey's 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*

*To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*

## **Worship Leaders – Sunday, April 21, 2024 (11:00 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Jen Prosis
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Karen Becker
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Florez, Delaney Linares
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Renee Lacivita
<b>Organ &amp; Piano</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Mike Pragit
<b>Counters</b>	Janel Eaton, Frank Norem
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jinny Buchholz, Cheryl Lovell

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

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

## 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

### “Rising”

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From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised. **(Repeat)**

**Verse 1** We've gathered to worship,  
Becoming a choir to sing Your praise.  
Lifting our voices,  
Joining our hearts in this house today.  
People of God in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God we sing.

**Chorus** From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised.  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the Name of the Lord be praised.  
From the sky to the depths,  
From the east to the west,  
We give You praise.

**Verse 2** We're gathered to go out  
To cities and towns,  
We'll take Your Name into the nations  
Shining Your light in the darkest place.  
People of God in the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God we live.

### **Repeat Chorus Twice**

We give You praise, we give You praise.

## \*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. Messiah, Jesus, your powerful resurrection message that  
Paul shared, turned the world upside down. In the disturbances of today,  
give us the faith to open our minds to your truth and to open our doors  
to others, as we trust in your enduring love.

**C** **Amen.**

## Reading

Acts 17:1-9

D A reading from the book of Acts, the seventeenth chapter.  
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our hearts are open.**

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But some of the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Special Music

"Up Above My Head"  
*St. John Youth Choir*

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## Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.**

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

### \*Celtic Alleluia

#### "Celtic Alleluia"

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song "Celtic Alleluia". Both staves are in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the notes on both staves.

### \*Gospel

**Mark 13:9-11**

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

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "As for yourselves, beware, for they will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak but the Holy Spirit.

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

# Children's Sermon

## Sermon

Pastor Robin E. Caldwell

## Hymn of the Day

### “Alive In Us”

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**Verse 1** Great is Your love. Let the whole earth sing,  
Let the whole earth sing.  
You reached for us from on heaven's throne,  
When we had no hope.  
You are the Way; there is no other.  
You are the Way; there is no other.

**Chorus** You rose from death to victory.  
You reign in life, oh Majesty.  
Your Name be high and lifted up.  
Jesus, Jesus alive in us.

**Verse 2** You outshine the sun. You are glorious,  
You are glorious.  
Lord over all, You have made us new,  
We owe it all to You.  
In everything be exalted.  
In everything be exalted.

### **Repeat Chorus**

**Bridge** The enemy is under Your feet.  
We are free, we are free.  
Death has been defeated by love.  
You overcome, You overcome. **Repeat**

### **Repeat Chorus**

Jesus, Jesus alive in us.



## **\*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**

**# 178**

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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](http://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://tithe.ly). 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:

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

## Communion Music

### “How Beautiful”

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#### Verse 1

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth  
How beautiful the feet that walked  
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

#### Verse 2

How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin and bore it instead  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That choose to forgive and never despise  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
Is the body of Christ

**Chorus**           And as he lay down his life  
                          We offer this sacrifice  
                          That we will live just as he died  
                          Willing to pay the price  
                          Willing to pay the price

**Verse 4**           How beautiful the feet that bring  
                          The sound of good news and the love of the King  
                          How beautiful the hands that serve  
                          The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth  
                          How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful  
                          Is the body of Christ

**\*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 Song

# 677, Vs. 1-2

## “This Little Light of Mine”

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**Verse 1**      This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

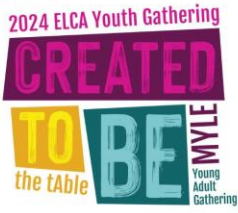
**Verse 2**      Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine;  
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine;  
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

# \*Sending

**D**      Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**C**      **Thanks be to God!**

# Postlude

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# Better Together

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

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

SIGN UP



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

For more information  
Call 815-439-2320  
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## FAITH FIELD TRIPS

*St. John*  
Lutheran Church

Friday, April 26, 2024, 7:00-9:30pm

### Casting Crowns Concert

at Willow Creek Church  
in South Barrington

Tickets are \$23.62 per person.  
Travel arrangements pending.

*Join us!*

Let us know you're interested on  
[StJohnJoliet.org](http://StJohnJoliet.org) or scan the QR code to go  
directly to the rsvp form



Questions? Contact Janel Eaton, Coordinator - [815-341-7365](tel:815-341-7365)

# DONATIONS NEEDED

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Morning Star Mission has a silverware and coffee mug shortage. We are looking for new or gently used silverware and mugs to donate.

Bring all donations to St. John Narthex starting April 7th



**MORNING STAR MISSION MINISTRIES**  
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## 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

# JOIN OUR TEAM

## EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS MANAGER

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

- Full-time, Salaried
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- Paid Sick Days & Paid Time Off
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- **Must** have advanced technical skills and be very comfortable with Google Drive
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Please include education, skills, and references

# 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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# APRIL

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- 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  
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary  
5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

## MONDAY, APRIL 22

- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out  
12:00pm - 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 - 8:00pm Handbells: Sanctuary  
8:00pm - 8:30pm Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out  
4:00pm - 9:00pm St. John Craft'd Night: Off Site  
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

- 8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out  
6:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Choir: Choir Room  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Sunday School Team Meeting: Trinity Room  
7:00pm - 8:15pm Confirmation: Off-Site at Al-Aqsa Community Center  
7:30pm - 9:00pm St. John Chorale: Choir Room  
8:15pm - 9:15pm High School FIRE: Off-Site

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- 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  
10:00am - 11:00am Altar Guild Meeting: Trinity Room  
2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
3:00pm - 7:00pm Holzrichter Visitation: Carlson Funeral Home  
4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing  
7:00pm - 8:00pm A.A. Men's Group: Zoom  
7:00pm - 8:30pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26 (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  
10:00am - 11:00am Holzrichter Visitation: St. John  
11:00am - 12:00pm Holzrichter Memorial Service: St. John  
7:00pm - 9:30pm Faith Field Trip-Casting Crowns Concert: Off-Site

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- 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, 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

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