

St. John
Lutheran Church



Everything I Have is Yours



Commitment
to Community

10am
Sunday
June 26, 2022



Soloists & Ensembles

We invite you to share your musical gifts during worship on Saturday at 5:30pm, Sunday at 8:30am and/or Sunday at 10am. All ages welcome! Email torihicks@stjohnjoliet.org or see her after worship to schedule a date.

Summer Connections

- **H.S. BADGER TEC RETREAT!** Registration is open for the Aug. 4th-7th retreat at Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville. Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org. Contact evanmayhew@stjohnjoliet.org for more info.
- **DAYBREAK OPPORTUNITIES!** St. John volunteers prepare, transport and serve 1 dinner a month for our homeless neighbors at Daybreak Center, 611 East Cass Ave. in Joliet. See a pastor to volunteer.
- **VOLUNTEER AT OUR FOOD PANTRY!** Visit stjohnfood.org to see available shifts and hours. Families, individuals, scouts and groups welcome. Distribution on Saturdays via drive thru.



Local Businesses Support Pantry

St. John Food Pantry THANKS our community partners, for their generous support



Winter holiday meals, spring **financial donation** for food purchasing, summer diaper donations!!



1, 000 grocery bags **every week** to serve over 300 families!

Fill the Boxcar with Boxes of Food

This month our VBS ministry is collecting food that comes in a box to benefit our St. John Food Pantry. The boxcar in the Narthex is ready to receive your donation if you'd like to participate!

June & July Special Offering

Use a blue envelope or visit stjohnjoliet.org to give a gift to St. John Youth - Camps and Trips. Thank you!

Food Pantry Closed July 23 & 30

Note our pantry will be closed for building maintenance 7.23 & 7.30.

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 Sharon Sullivan in loving memory of her mother, Dorothy Anderson and by Sally Ferguson in memory of her mother, Doris Holland on her birthday. To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.



Worship Leaders – Sunday, June 26, 2022 (10:00 am)

Deacon	Sandy Smith
Communion Assistant	Heather Favale
Greeter	Barb Riegler, Carol Wortel
Ushers	Rick Frazen, Shawn Roark
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us pray. **O God, to you all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C **Amen.**

*Opening Song

“Today Is the Day”

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Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside.
I'm leaving my past behind.
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours,
Believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good.
It's good.

Chorus

Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow;
I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. Today is the day.

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside.
I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours,
Believing there's so much more,
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good.
It's good.

Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow;
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows.
Where You lead me I will follow;
I'm trusting in what You say.
Today is the day. **Repeat 5X**

*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 compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. When we are lost, draw us back to you and to those we love, clothing us with garments of your grace, and feeding us at the table of your love, in the name of Jesus we pray,

C **Amen.**

Psalm 16

D A responsive reading from Psalm 16. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for-evermore.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11

D A reading from Deuteronomy. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts. This is how it is to be done: Every creditor shall cancel any loan they have made to a fellow Israelite. They shall not require payment from anyone among their own people, because the Lord's time for canceling debts has been proclaimed.

If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the Lord against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Baptism *(see insert)*

Isaac Warren Marcum

*Gospel

Luke 15:11-32

P The gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

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

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

“The Potter’s Hand”

By Darlene Zschech © 1997 Hillsong Publishing CCLI#2793209

- Verse 1** Beautiful Lord, wonderful Saviour,
I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hand;
Crafted into Your perfect plan.
- Verse 2** You gently call me into Your presence,
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit;
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.
- Bridge** I’m captured by Your holy calling,
Set me apart, I know You’re drawing me to Yourself;
Lead me, Lord, I pray.
- Chorus** Take me, mould me, use me, fill me;
I give my life to the Potter’s hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;
I give my life to the Potter’s hand. **Repeat All**
- I give my life to the Potter’s hand.

Prayers of the Church

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P In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of 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 O loving God, you know the needs of all the world. By your Spirit, grant that we, having turned to you in prayer, now might turn to one another in peace, tend and keep what you have made, and love our neighbor with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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

***Offertory Response**

733, Vs. 1

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Verse 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray. Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.

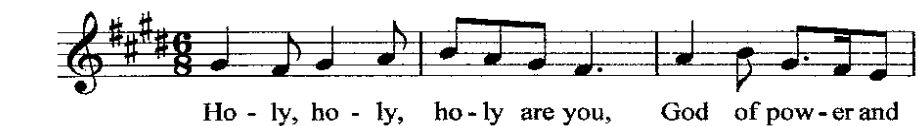
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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; 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



*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

“Faithful One”

Words and Music by Brian Doerksen ©1989 Vineyard Songs Canada CCLI# 2793209

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. 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 our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*Benediction

C Amen. (*spoken*)

*Sending Song

535, Vs. 1-2

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

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Chorus Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.

Verse 1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.
Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Repeat Chorus

Verse 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.
Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
Strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Repeat Chorus

***Sending**

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



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& SHARE OUR LINK!

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