

St. John

Lutheran Church



Commitment
to Community

Sunday, January 29, 2023
8:30am

Congregational Meeting & Budget Vote Sunday 1/29 9:45am



All Sign Ups at stjohnjoliet.org

2/3 Paint Night, 6:30 - 9pm

Adult night out at painting studio in Crest Hill. \$45 per board. Sign up online.

2/4 Chili Cook Off & Game Night, 6:30 - 9pm

Who makes the best chili? Vote! Lots of prizes. Please sign up online. Purchase Chili tickets Sunday in between services in the Narthex. No ticket needed for Game Night.

2/4 - 5 Happy Birthday 120 Years Cake Celebration

St. John turns 120 years old this year! Celebrate with us and enjoy cake!

January Special Offering

Use a blue envelope if you'd like to give to the Helping Hand Fund. Thank you for helping those in need.

Monday 1/30

- 9:30 - 11:30am PDO
- 1 - 3:30pm Staff Meeting: TR
- 5:30 - 6pm Chimers
- 6:15 - 7pm Ensemble
- 6:30 - 8:30pm Small Group: TR
- 7 - 8pm Handbells
- 7 - 8pm Al-Anon: WW 3&4
- 7 - 8pm A.A. Women: KJ Hall

Tuesday 1/31

- 9:30 - 11:30am PDO
- 7 - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: KJH
- 7 - 8:30pm Ministry Team Leader Meeting: SA

Wednesday 2/1

- 8am - 2pm Food Bank Delivery: KJH
- 9:30 - 11:30am PDO
- 6 - 7pm Youth Choir: SA
- 6 - 7pm YAM: Leader Meeting
- 7 - 8:15pm Confirmation
- 7:30 - 9pm Senior Choir: CR/SA
- 8:15 - 9:15pm HS FIRE: YR

Thursday 2/2

- 9 - 11:30am Coffee with Friends: TR
- 9:30 - 11:30am PDO
- 11am - 3pm; 5 - 7pm FP Delivery; FP Packing: KJH
- 3 - 6pm Daybreak Cooking/Transport
- 6 - 7:30pm Daybreak Serving (*off site*)
- 6 - 8:30pm Youth Service Team: NX
- 7 - 8pm AA Men: Zoom
- 7 - 8pm Praise Team: SA

Friday 2/3

- 9 - 10:30am **Office Closed, TEC Weekend**
- 9 - 11am Meals on Wheels
- 9 - Noon Quilters: WW5
- 9:30 - 11:30am FP Delivery: KJH
- 6:30-9pm MOPS Steering: NX
- YAM: Board Therapy (*off site*)

Saturday 2/4

- 8 - 10am **Office Closed,**
- 5:30 - 6:30pm FP Distribution Drive Thru
- 6:30 - 9:30pm Worship: SA; 120th B-day Cake Celebration
- Chili Cook Off & Game Night

Sunday 2/5

- 120th B-day Cake Celebration
- 8:30 - 9:30am Worship: SA with Livestream
- 9:45 - 10:45am Sunday School
- 9:45 - 10:15am Worship: SA

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.

Today the altar flowers are given by David Luecht in thanksgiving for the St. John Church Council, for the St. John Congregation and ministries, and for the Pastoral and Administrative Staff of St. John.

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

Coffee hour today is in honor of our congregational meeting.

Worship Leaders – Sunday, January 29, 2023 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Michelle Covert
Communion Assistant	Kathy Moore
Acolytes	Peyton Isaacson, Ryan Isaacson
Ushers	Ron Crabb, Frank Summer
Greeters	Mark Frost & David Luecht
Piano & Organ	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Audio Board	Keith Markwell
Livestream Team	Rob Kornaus, Frank Norem
Counters	Pat Block Hay, Sharon Sullivan
Altar Guild	Cheryl Lovell, Maricay Miller

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

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Hymnus, "Jam lucis orto sydere"

Tallis

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering**

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

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P In this season of Epiphany, we remember how the Magi went looking for God. Day by day, they followed the star until it guided them to Jesus.

In the prayer of confession, we acknowledge that more often than we'd like to admit, we follow God half-heartedly; we get distracted or lost, at times following the wrong star. Let us seek God together. Let us pray together:

C **God of starlight,
We know that faith isn't a vending machine.
Good news can't be bought or manufactured.
It does not arrive with a push of a button.
Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you in our midst.
We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.
We have to believe that love really can change the world.
We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.**

**Forgive us for forgetting that.
Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.
May we be more like the Magi, walking your way every single day.
Amen.**

P Friends, I have nothing but good news.
God takes the pieces of our hearts that we offer up and says, "I can work with that." Even in our failings, God washes us with words of grace, belonging, and love.

No matter what star we've followed,
No matter how far we've walked,
No matter how lost we got -
We belong to God.
God loves you. God forgives you. God claims you.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

807 Vs. 1 & 3

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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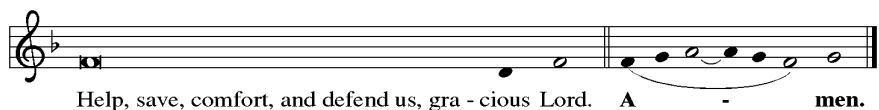
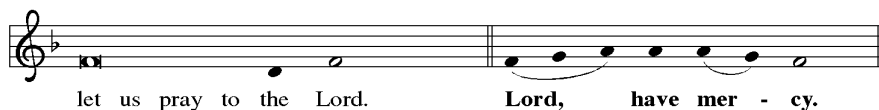
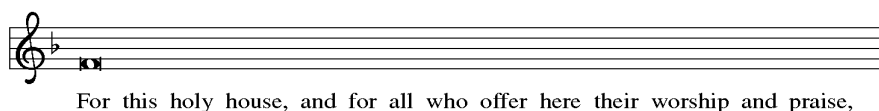
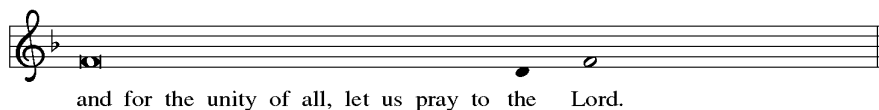
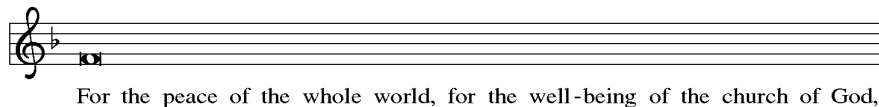
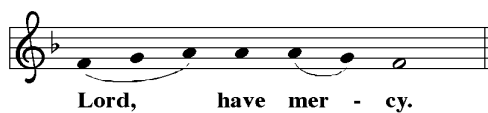
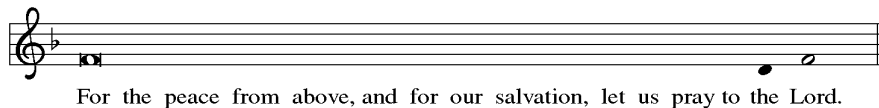
Verse 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Verse 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Kyrie

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.**



*Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Refrain 5 14

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

Attentive God, you know what we need before we know ourselves, generously granting us treasures we don't deserve. Fill our hearts with gratitude for your gifts, that we may trust in an abundance we can not see, and offer our things and ourselves as gifts to the world. In the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 29:13-14, 22-24

D A reading from the book of Isaiah, the twenty-ninth chapter.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open.**

The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote, so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden.

Therefore, thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "No longer shall Jacob be ashamed; no longer shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And those who err in spirit will come to understanding, and those who grumble will accept instruction."

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 20

D A responsive reading from Psalm 20. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
C **Our ears are open.**

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May the Holy One send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion.

May God remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

May God grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans.

May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord will help the anointed;
**God will answer from the holy heaven
with mighty victories by God's right hand.**

Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O Lord;
answer us when we call.

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

*Gospel Acclamation

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. - Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel

Matthew 6:7-21

P The gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

May your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

688, Vs. 1 & 4

“Lord of Light”

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Verse 1 Lord of light, your name outshining
All the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in your kingdom
As the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose
In the gift of Christ your Son.

Refrain Father, as in highest heaven,
So on earth your will be done.

Verse 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
Never silent day or night;
By the cross of Jesus, bringing
Peace to all and healing light;
By the love that passes knowledge,
Making all your children one: **Refrain**

***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

P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all of creation.

Congregation sings this response:

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"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

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Take, oh, take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me

The prayers conclude:

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and
your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ 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

“More Precious Than Silver”

DeShazo

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.

Let our offering give birth to a better world.

*Please place any financial gifts, attendance sheets, and prayer requests in the offering plate when it comes to you and pass it on to the person next to you or behind you.
May God bless your generous heart!*

***Offertory Response**

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“We Are An Offering”

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to you,
We give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering, we are an offering.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. **God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we offer. Join our hearts with the song of the angels and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving *(sung)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

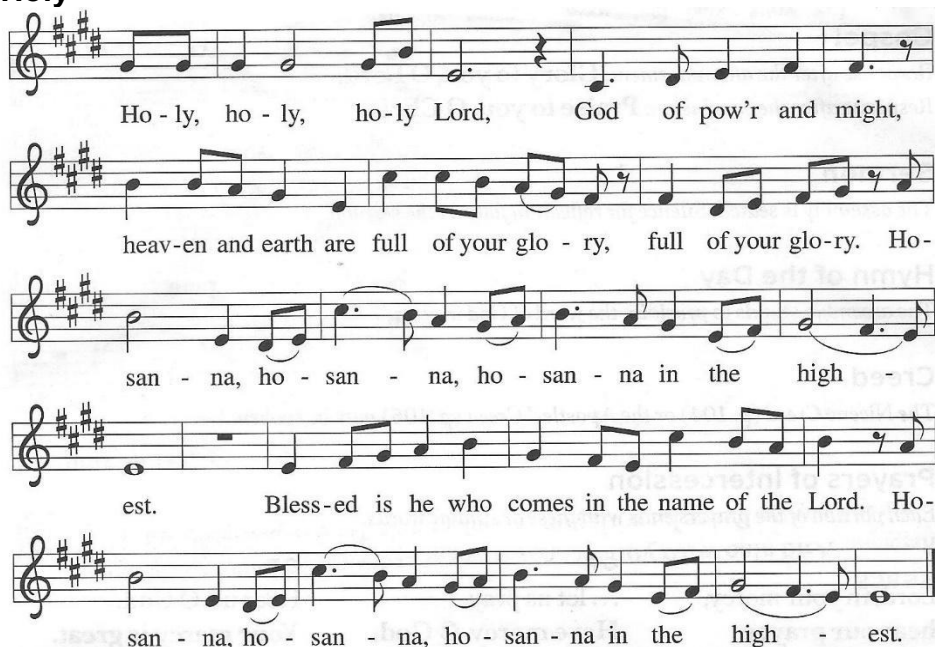
C We lift them to the Lord.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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 to Communion**

P Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

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.*
- *Gluten free 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 that the acolyte brings to you and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

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, Lamb of God.

Communion Music

759, Vs. 1-3

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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- Verse 1** My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine!
- Verse 2** May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

Verse 3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

793, Vs. 1-3

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Verse 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Verse 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

***Blessing**

C Amen.

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Benediction

C *Sing* AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Song

536, Vs. 1

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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Verse 1

God be with you till we meet again;
By good counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Fugue on B.A.C.H.”

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NEXT >>

Weekend



ADULT

PAINT NIGHT!

at Board Therapy Studio in Crest Hill

HOSTED
BY
YAM

6:30 - 9pm
Friday, Feb 3rd

Sign Up: stjohnjoliet.org

St. John

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

120 YEARS

CAKE
CELEBRATION



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