

*St. John*  
SHARING  
the LOVE of Christ



**Saturday, July 3, 2021 (5:30 pm)**  
**Sunday, July 4, 2021 (8:30 & 10:00am)**



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*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.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.  
To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space,  
sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex.*

*On Saturday evening, we welcomed Bailey Brian Adams and Levi Mark Adams, sons of Nicole & Jonathan Adams, to the Lord's family through the gift of Baptism.*

### **Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm**

<b>Deacon</b>	Georgene Lange
<b>Ushers</b>	John Fleming, Guy Gell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Robinson, Marge West
<b>Pianist</b>	Susan Fick

### **Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am**

<b>Deacon</b>	Steve Volkening
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Pam Murray
<b>Greeter</b>	Sam Riggi
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Aincham, Ron Crabb
<b>Pianist/Organist</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Audio Board</b>	Nick Jakusz
<b>Livestream Team</b>	McKenna Liss, Colin Wilcox, Mary Wilcox
<b>Counters</b>	Jan Drish, Nancy Kautz

### **Worship Leaders – Sunday 10:00 am**

<b>Deacon</b>	Sandy Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Duane Johnson, Mike Smith
<b>Pianist</b>	Ellen Goodwin
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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

## Prelude

(5:30)

“Tribute to America”

arr. Hayes

(8:30)

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Lubrich

(10:00)

“My Country ‘tis of Thee”

arr. Sowash

## \*Welcome and Invocation

P We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## \*Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P Friends in Christ, our prayer of confession allows us to claim that we are works in progress. You don't have to be perfect. You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't have to have a five-step plan for what's next. You only have to show up with your messy, beautiful self, and be honest. Friends, let's be honest and pray the prayer of confession together.

P Let us pray. God of life,

C **Forgive us for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words that wound others.**

P God of life,

C **Forgive us for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.**

P God of life,

C **Make our hearts places of peace. Sow in our souls love for you and welfare for each other. Root love of neighbor deep within us. Inspire us to give and receive peace. In your name we pray. Amen.**

P Family of faith, we are works in progress created and claimed by God. No matter what you have done or left undone this week, today is a fresh start. Hear the good news: your sins are forgiven and God cares for our welfare.

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

## \*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. Holy God, we know that you are always speaking-- through strangers and friends, through sunrise and sunset, through random acts of kindness and feelings that awaken hope in us. We know that you speak through dreams and prayer, through a still, small voice, and through bursts of overwhelming joy. We know that you are always speaking, but we also know that we are inclined to miss it. Settle our spirits now to hear you fully. Gratefully we pray, **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

# 888

### “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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**Verse 1** O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

**Verse 2** O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

**Verse 3** O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

### **Psalm 40:1-8** *(read responsively)*

D A reading from Psalm 40. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears 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.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

Then I said, “Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”**

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

## Reading

## Jeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34

D A reading from the book of Jeremiah. Listen for the Word of the Lord.  
C **Our ears are open!**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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## Baptism (5:30, see insert)

### \*Gospel Acclamation (8:30 & 10:00)

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*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

### \*Gospel

**Luke 24:28-35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**P** The gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

**Pastor Evan Mayhew**

### Hymn of the Day

**# 532**

#### "Gather Us In"

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#### Verse 1

Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

**Verse 2** We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
We are the old who yearn for your face;  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

**Verse 3** Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**Verse 4** Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away –  
Here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**\*Apostles' Creed (8:30 & 10:00)**

**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.**



# Joys and Concerns of our Faith Community

*Prayer request cards are available in your pews.*

*You may place the card in the offering plate or give to a pastor.*

## Prayers of the Church

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P Let us come before God in prayer.

*Response (sing):*

**Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;  
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your faithful grace.  
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. 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

<b>(5:30)</b>	“Be Thou my Vision”	arr. Hayes
<b>(8:30)</b>	“Allegro in F Minor”	Boellmann
<b>(10:00)</b>	“Be Thou my Vision”	arr. Tornquist

*The offering will be received at the doors as you leave.*

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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 overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life.

## **\*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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all!  
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 pastor.
- 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

(5:30)	“Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus/In Christ Alone”	arr. Tornquist
(8:30)	“Nearer, my God, to Thee”	Mason, arr. Hayes
	“Breathe on me, Breath of God”	Jackson, arr. Hayes
(10:00)	“Mighty to Save”	Story, arr. Tornquist

## \*Blessing

## \*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

## \*Benediction

## \*Sending Song

**Vs. 1 & 4**

### “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

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#### Verse 1

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside let freedom ring!

**Verse 4**

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

**\*Sending**

**D** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**(5:30)**

“Since Jesus Came into my Heart”

arr. House

**(8:30)**

“Chorale: Machs mit mir Gott”

Walther

**(10:00)**


“Shout to the North”

Smith, arr. Inman

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# Welcome Back!

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