Lutheran Church

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



Faith Milestone Celebration Day of Pentecost

May 19th, 2024 @ 11:00 am

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Faith Milestones



Learning The Lord's Prayer (Pre-Kindergarten)

Emma Brynda Rowan Koenig
Colton Dwyer Rowan Knudsen
Preston Ellis Bennett Legault
Remington Farkasch Laila Marcum

Sophia-Rose Karambelas

<u>Learning About Prayer (Kindergarten)</u>

Angelina Campagna Bella-Irene Karambelas

Kelsey Hoffman Logan Knudsen Macy Jakusz Brynnley Linko Donovan Jones Jack Nulicek

The Ten Commandments (First Grade)

Avery Adams Jackson Farkasch
The Ten Commandments (Second Grade)

Daniel Bartleman Chase Legault Sydney Dwyer Charlie Nulicek

First Bible (Second Grade)

Daniel Bartleman
Sydney Dwyer
Parker Ellis
Kaylee Hoffman
Annasophia Incaudo
Annasophia Sydney Sweder
Ama Jakusz
Aubree Johnson
Grayson Knudsen
Madden Linko
Charlie Nulicek
Sydney Sweder

First Communion (Third Grade)

Asher Alvarado Hailey Robinson
Ian Apt Tanner Robinson
Kenzie Bartleman Jason Schahczinski

Madison Dickenscheidt Kaycie Pazzali-Schahcizinski

Anthony Jones Phoebe Stateman
Robert LaPorte Jacob Stevens
Henry Nulicek Truman Thomas

Lila Quiaoit

The Lord's Prayer (Fourth Grade)

Evan Bloomquist Bridget Koenig
Jordan Heinrich Henry Nulicek
Morgan Knudsen R.J. Specht

Faith Milestones



Apostles' Creed (Fifth Grade)

Kelsey Aincham Peyton Linares
Arden Bay Logan Matkowich
Kaden Dickenscheidt Alison Morris

Sam Florez Kaycie Pazzali-Schahcizinski

Charlotte Jones Connor Schlosser Elsie Thomas

Exploring Worship (Sixth Grade)

Grace Egly Sage Quiaoit
Gabriella Incaudo Noah Rouskey

Coming Soon! Summer Worship Hours Beginning Sunday, May 26th Saturday Sunday 5:30 PM 9:30 AM: Worship Summer Potluck Coffee Hours, 8:30 AM:

May Special Offering: DAYBREAK

Your donations will be used to support the monthly meal that St. John volunteers provide at the Daybreak Shelter in Joliet, IL.



June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th



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Use the Blue envelopes in your pew, go online & click "Give" at stjohnjoliet.org, or scan the QR code!



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 Bob & Vicki Makowka in celebration of their anniversary on May 21st.

Coffee Hour today is in recognition of Faith Milestone Sunday and in thanksgiving for Nicole Adams and family.

To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour, sign up at stjohnjoliet.org or call the church office.

Worship Leaders - Sunday, May 19, 2024 (11:00 am)

DeaconRyan IsaacsonCommunion AssistantsSophia Loch

Greeters Heather, Addison, & RJ Specht
Acolytes Emma Bloomquist, Margot Shafer
Ushers Bella Aincham, Joe Aincham,

Addison Fowler-Favale, Kaylee Gurzynski,

Zach Gurzynski, Mike Smith

Organ & Piano Janet Blomquist
Music Director Tori Hicks
Audio Board Tim Caldwell
Livestream Team Jenelle Lambert

Counters Frank Norem, Norm Roland

Altar Guild Karen Becker, Jinny Buchholtz, Cheryl Lovell

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*Indicates Congregation, Please Stand

Prelude "No. 1 Plainte" Boellmann

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!

"God Is Here"

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- Verse 1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
 May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
 Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- Verse 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
 Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
 Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- Verse 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

*Greeting & 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. Dear God, you have given these families as a gift to each other for this short time we call the growing years, and you have given us your Holy Word for life together. You heard the promises made before you at baptism. Grant the wisdom, power, and patience to keep them. And as they keep your Word in their homes, may your Word keep them safe, close and together. In Jesus' name, we pray.
- C Amen.

First Bible Faith Milestone (Second Grade)

Reading

Deuteronomy 11:13-16, 18-21

- D A reading from the book of Deuteronomy, the eleventh chapter. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C Our hearts are open.

You have only to follow the commandments that I give you today—to love and serve the Lord, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul— then God will send rain for your land in its season, in the autumn and in the spring, and you will harvest your grain, your wine, and your oil; and God will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will have all that you need to eat. Take care, or you will be seduced into turning away, serving other gods and worshiping them.

You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

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

Ten Commandments Faith Milestone (First Grade)

Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

- D A reading from the book of First Corinthians, the twelfth chapter. Listen for the Word of the Lord.
- C Our hearts are open.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Celtic Alleluia

"Celtic Alleluia"

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*Reading Acts 2: 1-4

D A reading from the book of Acts, the second chapter.

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C Our hearts are open.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Ricky Korczak, Youth Preacher

Hymn of the Day

#807, Vs. 1 & 3

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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- Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; Verse 1 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.

Apostles' Creed Faith Milestone (Fifth Grade)

*Apostles' Creed

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

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.

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 speaks this response:

P Lord, in your mercy C Hear 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 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Curry

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. Thank you!









*Offertory Response

#388

"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.

First Communion Faith Milestone (Third Grade)

- P Let us welcome our friends to Holy Communion.
- C Welcome to Jesus' table! We rejoice with you and thank God for you! Enjoy this meal that strengthens us to live as Jesus did.

*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.

*Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer Faith Milestone (Fourth Grade, Pre-K, Kindergarten)

*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

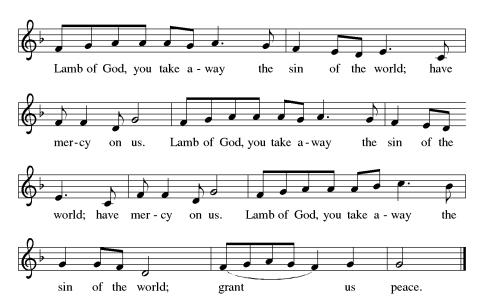
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

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



"Borning Cry"

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- Verse 1 I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
- Verse 2 When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
- Verse 3 In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.

#815, Vs. 1-3

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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Verse 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

Verse 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

"Jesus Loves Me!"

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- Verse 1 Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so, Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.
- **Refrain** Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
- Verse 2 Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide;
 He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain
- Verse 3 Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; When at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. Refrain

*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)

Exploring Worship Faith Milestone (Sixth Grade)

"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 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, 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 "No. 4 Postlude" Boellmann

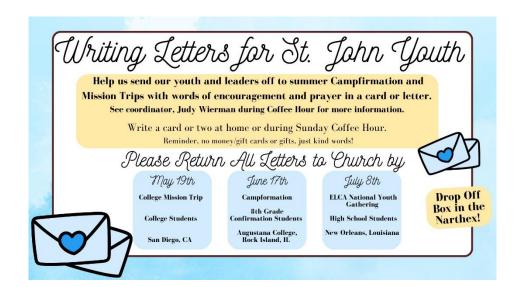
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Special Request:

Long time, St. John member, Jean Fitzer, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on June 2, 2024! It would be great if she could get lots of cards and well wishes on her special day. Here is Jean's address if you would like to send a card: Jean Fitzer, 13349 Line Road, Joliet, IL 60431

SUNDAY, MAY 19 (Pentecost)



College-Age Mission Trip: San Diego, CA

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary

9:30am - 10:15am Nicole Adams Thank You Coffee Hour: Narthex

10:15am - 10:45am Faith Milestone Distribution & Sunday School Teacher Recognition: Sanctuary

11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary (Faith Milestone Sunday)

5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

MONDAY, MAY 20

1:00pm - 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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

5:30pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting: Narthex

7:00pm - 8:30pm Council Meeting: Trinity Room 7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall

8:15pm - 9:15pm HS Fire: Youth Room

THURSDAY, MAY 23

9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Trinity Room
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
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, MAY 24 (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

9:30am - 11:30am MOPS: Narthex

SATURDAY, MAY 25

7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall

8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot

5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 26

9:30am - 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary

MONDAY, MAY 27 (Memorial Day) (Church Office Closed)

5:30pm - 8:00pm A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall

7:00pm - 8:00pm Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4

^{*}Check "stjohnfood.org" for Food Pantry distribution times and volunteer opportunities.