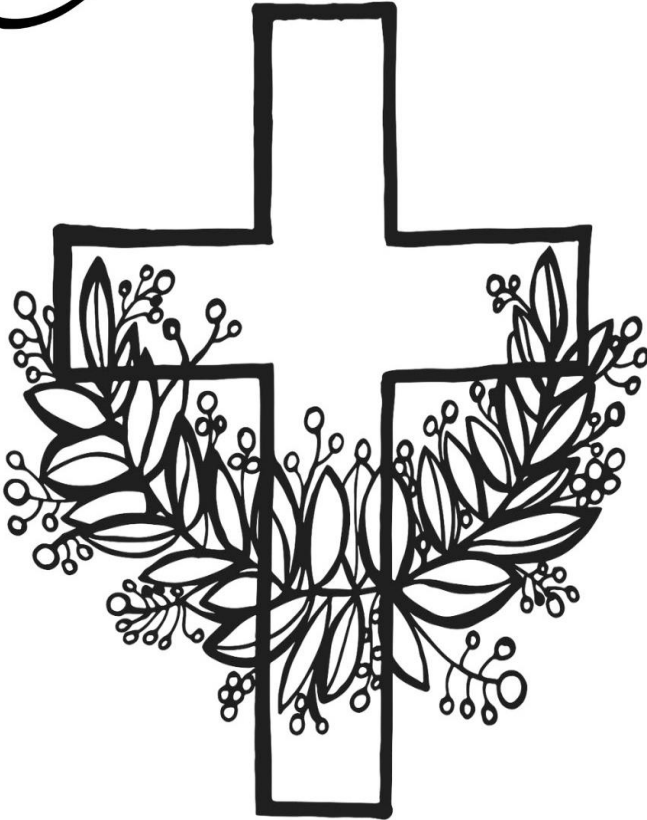


St. John

Lutheran Church

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



You Shall Be My Witnesses

April 7th, 2024 @ 11:00 am

2650 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL 60435
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Better Together

NEW MEMBER CLASS
APRIL 7TH & 28TH AT 9:45 AM
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS

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

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

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ALL AGE GROUPS AND READING LEVELS**



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 Sally Ferguson in memory of my mom and dad, Doris and Elmer Holland

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

Worship Leaders – Sunday, April 7, 2024 (11:00 am)

Deacon	Sandy Smith
Communion Assistants	Joyce Vyhnanek
Greeter	Carol Wortel
Acolytes	Lucas Covault, Gavin Matkowich
Ushers	Rick Franzen, Mike Smith
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Director	Tori Hicks
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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

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

“Let It Rise”

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Verse 1 Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the glory of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the praises of the King
 Rise among us
 Let it rise

Verse 2 Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the songs of the Lord
 Rise among us
 Let the joy of the King
 Rise among us let it rise

Chorus O let it rise, O let it rise **Repeat All**

*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. Lord Jesus, after your death and resurrection you sent
 your followers into the world to build an expansive movement beyond
 their imaginations. As we continue to bear your church into the future,
 on paths we cannot fathom, guide us with the Holy Spirit as we aim to
 faithfully follow where you lead. We pray this in your holy name.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Acts 1:1-14

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 111:1-2, 7-10

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Celtic Alleluia

“Celtic Alleluia”

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***Gospel**

Mark 6:7-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

[Jesus] called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Evan Mayhew

Hymn of the Day

“All Because of Jesus”

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Verse Giver of every breath I breathe,
 Author of all eternity,
 Giver of every perfect thing,
 To You be the glory.
 Maker of heaven and of earth,
 No one can comprehend Your worth.
 King over all the universe, to you be the glory.
 And I'm alive because I'm alive in You.

Chorus And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.
 It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
 That covers me and raised this dead one's life.
 And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.

Repeat All

Bridge Every sunrise sings Your praise,
 The universe cries out Your praise;
 I'm singing freedom all my days,
 Now that I'm alive.

Repeat Chorus

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive.

*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

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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.

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



“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

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.

- *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.*

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, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

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

“Praise the Father Praise the Son”

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- Verse 1** O sovereign God, O matchless King,
The saints adore, the angels sing,
And fall before the throne of grace.
To You belongs the highest praise.
- Verse 2** These sufferings, this passing tide;
Under Your wings I will abide,
And every enemy shall flee,
You are my hope and victory.
- Chorus** Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
Clothed in power and in grace;
The name above all other names.
- Verse 3** To the valley for my soul,
Thy great descent has made me whole.
Your word my heart has welcomed home.
Now peace like water ever flows. **Repeat Chorus Twice**
- Bridge** Yours is the kingdom,
Yours is the power.
Yours is the glory forever. **Repeat**
- Repeat Chorus**

*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

“Beautiful News”

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Chorus Shout it out, let the people sing,
Something so powerful
Should shake the whole wide world.
Make it loud, make it louder still,
Savior, we're singing now
To celebrate Your beautiful news. **Repeat All**

Tag Beautiful news!

*Sending

D Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

April Special Offering

ELCA Youth Gathering
St. John High School Ministry

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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YOUTH SERVICE
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TRIPS

Join us on Saturday
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm
and then 30 minutes
after worship ends

YOUTH
MINISTRY FAIR

APRIL 13TH-14TH, 2024

Join us on Sunday
9:45 am -10:45 am

TWEEN GO!

TASTE OF
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AND MORE...



8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL

LOCK-IN

SIGN UP

SCAN ME



OVERNIGHT AT ST. JOHN

April 19th 7:00 PM to April 20th at 10:00 AM

Food, Games, Fellowship, and Service

We will be sorting and packing bags of books for the food pantry
from the book drive.



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
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Providing meals, counseling, housing
and other homeless services in Joliet



COFFEE MUGS



SILVERWARE

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
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directly to the rsvp form



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

CAR WASH

Saturday, April 27th 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
St. John Parking Lot : 2650 Plainfield Rd. Joliet, IL 60435

to benefit the St. John Lutheran High School Mission Trip



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 7

- 8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
- 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
- 9:45am - 10:45am New Member Class: Trinity Room
- 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 8

- 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
- 8:00pm - 9:00pm College Check-IN: Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
- 6:45pm - 7:30pm Finance/Executive Committee: Trinity Room
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out
- 7:00pm - 8:15pm Confirmation: Off-Site at Cathedral of St. Raymond-Joliet
- 8:15pm - 9:15pm High School FIRE: Off-Site

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 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
- 2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Green Team:Narthex
- 4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm Martha Circle: Trinity Room
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm A.A. Men's Group: Zoom
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm MOPS Setup: Narthex
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 (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, APRIL 13

- 7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall
- 8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
- 12:30pm - 3:00pm Pragait Bridel Shower: Narthex
- 5:00pm - 5:30pm Youth Ministry Fair: Narthex/Trinity Room
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary
- 6:30pm - 7:00pm Youth Ministry Fair: Narthex/Trinity Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
- 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School: Sanctuary/Karin Johnson Hall/West Wing
- 9:45am - 10:45am Fair Trade Coffee: Narthex
- 9:45am - 10:45am Youth Ministry Fair: Narthex/Trinity Room
- 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
- 12:15pm - 2:30pm Tween Go!

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