

St. John

Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 6, 2022

8:30am



Word of God. Word of Life.



Commitment 
to Community

STEWARDED GOD'S GIFTS

2022 Budget Forum

Trinity Room

10am

- Receive the Proposed Budget
- Q&A

This Weekend

February 6

We look forward to seeing you!

2022 Winter Congregational Meeting

Sanctuary

10am

- Budget Vote
- Church Business
- Raffle

Next Weekend

February 13

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 today are given by Sharon Sullivan in memory of her father, Glen Anderson.

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

Worship Leaders – Sunday, February 6, 2022 (8:30 am)

Deacon	Glenn Smith
Communion Assistant	Lynne Smith
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Joe Aincham, Mark Collins, Ron Crabb
Organ & Piano	Janet Blomquist
Music Leader	Amanda Beaudry
Director, Handbell Choir	Sarah Wernli
Audio Board	Keith Markwell
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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**

 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

“No. 1. Dialogue du deuxième ton”

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Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God who creates us, redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved people. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your Word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may trust in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven people of God.

C **Amen.**

“What Is This Place”

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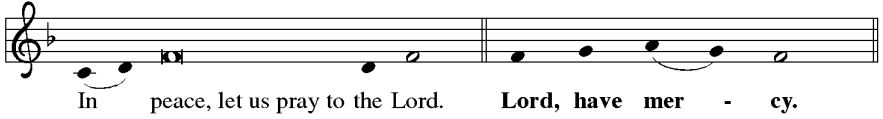
Verse 1 What is this place where we are meeting?
Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof sheltering people,
Windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives
When we are gathered here,
And know our God is near.

Verse 2 Words from afar, stars that are falling,
Sparks that are sown in us like seed:
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders
Sent from the past are all we need.
We in this place remember and speak
Again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming word.

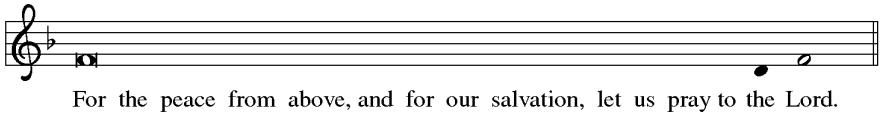
Verse 3 And we accept bread at this table,
Broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
We are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
What we need to increase:
Our justice and God's peace.

*Kyrie

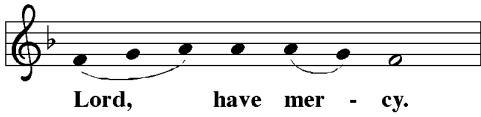
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
C communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



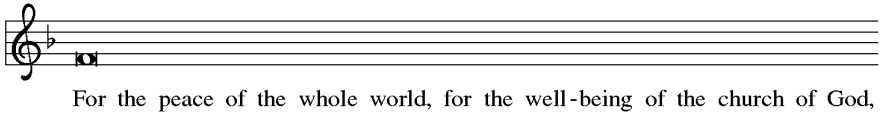
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



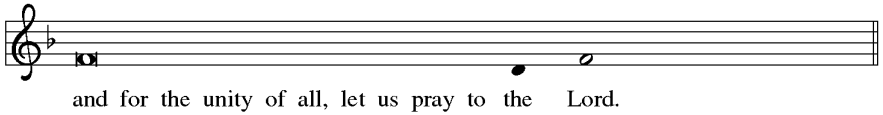
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



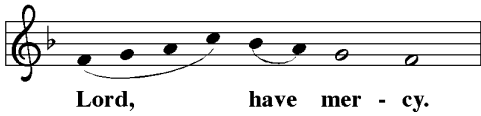
Lord, have mer - cy.



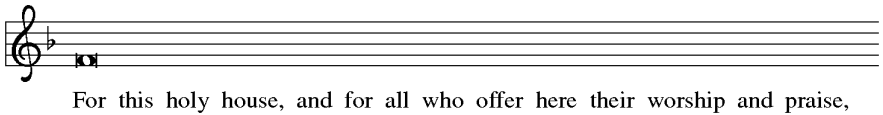
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

Refrain 5 11

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. Word of life, you hear our cries and know our desires before we ask. Speak our healing into being and restore the relationships we long for, in the name of Jesus, the one who fills us with joy.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 40:1-5

D A responsive 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.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Reading

1 Kings 17:17-24

D A reading from the book of Kings, the seventeenth chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open**

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation**

S 142a

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.

*Gospel

John 4:46-54

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourth chapter.

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

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

*Hymn of the Day

#612, Vs. 1, 3, 4

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

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Refrain Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Verse 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with you peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **Refrain**

Verse 3 Give us strength to love each other,
Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **Refrain**

Verse 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **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.**

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 The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Response (sing):

**What we need is here.
What we need is here.**

The prayers conclude:

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; 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. 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

Shackley

Commitment to Community

Jesus told the disciples, “Come and see,” so they could experience healing and hope for themselves and others. We are also being invited to come and see a deeper life of faith. One of the ways we can say yes is by giving what we are able to give of our time, money, and/or talents. We say “yes” to this invitation, together.

Let us give with grateful hearts.

*Offertory Response

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“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God. **You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are 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 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 Come to God's table. There is a place for you and 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

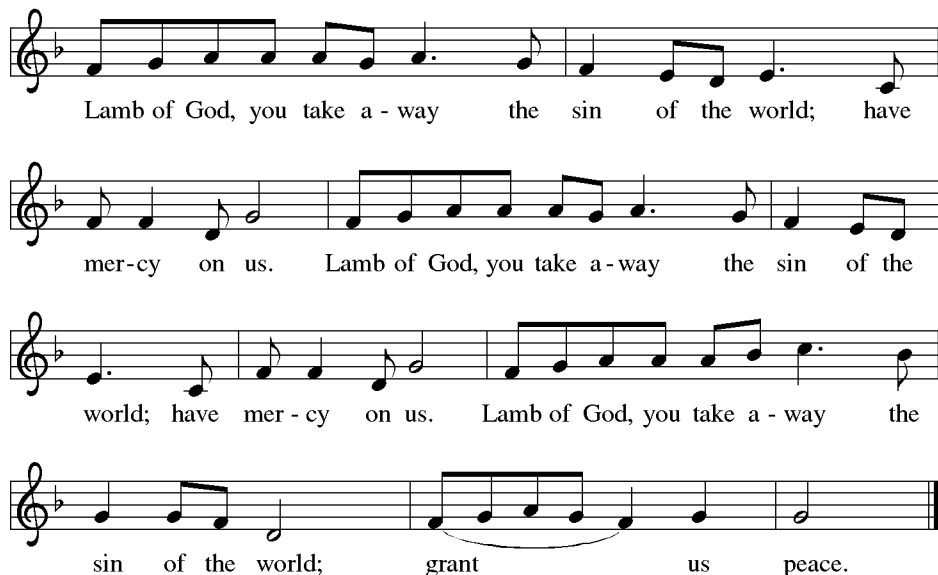
You may receive communion in your pew with the elements contained in the communion pod. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion:

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 usher.*
- *You may bring your offering/attendance slip forward and place in the offering basket or place in the offering plates by the doors as you leave.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Inform the pastor when receiving communion.*
- *Wear your masks as you come forward; lift your mask when receiving the wafer 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.*

Lamb of God



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.

Communion Music

472 Vs. 1-2

"Eat This Bread"

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Verse 1

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Verse 2

Jesus Christ, bread of life,
Those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,
Those who trust in you will not thirst. **Repeat Verse 1**

“Now We Join in Celebration”

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Verse 1 Now we join in celebration
 At our Savior's invitation,
 Dressed no more in spirit somber,
 Clothed instead in joy and wonder;
 For the Lord of all existence,
 Putting off divine transcendence,
 Stoops again in love to meet us,
 With his very life to feed us.

Verse 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
 Fill our hearts with holy rapture!
 For this bread and cup of blessing
 Are for us the sure possessing
 Of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
 Of your living self, our vict'ry,
 Pledge of your unfailing presence,
 Foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Verse 3 Lord, we share in this communion
 As one fam'ly of God's children,
 Reconciled through you, our brother,
 One in you with God our Father.
 Give us grace to live for others,
 Serving all, both friends and strangers,
 Seeking justice, love, and mercy
 Till you come in final glory.

***Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Holy God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your joy, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C **Amen.**

*Benediction

C *Sing* AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

*Sending Hymn

543, Vs. 1

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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Verse 1

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

*Sending

D Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Herr Jesu Christ, wahr’ Mensch und Gott”

Zachau

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Returning in March...

Women's Retreat

Save the date

*March 25-27
at Lutherdale*

Elkhorn, WI

Details & Information soon!

2022 H.S. Youth Mission Trip

Registration is Open!

Sign Up & Details

at stjohnjoliet.org



July 9-16



St. John Epiphany Worship & Events



**Our church
calendar
is now a** 

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**Feb
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Stewarding God's Gifts: Budget Forum

Make plans to be at our 10am Budget forum in the Trinity Room this weekend on Sunday to talk about the 2022 budget. Pastor Jen and the Finance Committee will be there to answer your questions!

**Feb
10 &
12**

Thurs., 2/10: 11:30am-2:30pm & 5-7pm; Sat., 2/12: 7-11am

Sign up at stjohnfood.org

- Volunteers requested to help pack boxes, sort donations, bag groceries, and prep for Saturday distribution. Easy sign up. Families, groups, and individuals welcome!
- Saturdays Only: Get some sunshine & Vitamin D volunteering in the parking lot loading groceries into cars, directing cars, or registering.



February is Souperbowl of Caring Month!

Help feed our hungry neighbors by donating this month during the Souperbowl of Caring!

Visit stjohnjoliet.org for details and giving opportunities!

**FEB
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Celebrating God's Gifts: Winter Congregational Meeting

We look forward to seeing everyone in the Sanctuary next Sunday at 10am. On the agenda: church business, 2022 budget vote, raffle. Questions? Come to the Budget Forum this weekend, Sun., 2/6.

**FEB
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Support Project Linus

Have you noticed the collection boxes around the church for Project Linus? Our Youth Service Team is collecting 3 yard pieces of fleece that are solid colors or have childlike designs/themes. Donations received through February 16th. Email Erica Swanson with questions at youthserviceteam@stjohnjoliet.org. Thank you!!

Share Our Worship Link



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