

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE of Christ



Saturday, May 22, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, May 23, 2021 (8:30 & 10:00am)

— *Everything is* —

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**when you share
with friends**

Invite a friend to worship.

Share our worship link.



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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 and by Paul & Keli Robinson in celebration of their grandson, Bennett Lee James Bak's baptism on Saturday. Bennett is the son of Kyle & Allison Bak.

To sponsor altar flowers for our worship space, sign up at the Opportunity Wall in the Narthex.

Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm

Deacon	Georgene Lange
Ushers	Norm Roland, John Fleming
Altar Guild	Cheryl Lovell, Pat Bambule, Carol Robinson
Pianist	Susan Fick

Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

Deacon	Michelle Covert
Ushers	Bob Makowka, Jon Blomquist, Judy Dachman
Pianist/Organist	Janet Blomquist
Soloist	Tori Hicks
Livestream Director/Graphics	Dawn MacGregor
Audio Board	Nick Jakusz

Worship Leaders – Sunday 10:00 am

Deacon	Steve Volkening
Ushers	Duane Johnson, Shawn Roark, Rick Franzen
Pianist	Ellen Goodwin
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Audio Board	Mike Pragit

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 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

Prelude

(5:30)

“Holy Ground”

Davis, arr. Conyers

(8:30)

“Two Pieces: No. 1 Diapason”

Alcock

(10:00)

“Word of God, Speak/Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Kipley, Millard/Sherwin, arr. Tornquist

***Welcome and Invocation**

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

C **Amen.**

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, you have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit make us generous givers of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

(5:30)

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Shackley

(8:30 & 10:00)

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Rodgers & Wyse

Tori Hicks, Soloist

Reading

Acts 2:1-4

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

C **Our ears 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!**

Reading

Galatians 4:1-7

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

C **Our ears are open!**

[St. Paul writes:]

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Acclamation**

"Celtic Alleluia"

O'Carroll & Walker

***Gospel**

Luke 11:11-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Robin Caldwell

Musical Reflection

(5:30)

"There is a Redeemer"

Green, arr. Raney

(8:30)

"Great is the Lord"

D.D. & M.W. Smith, arr. Keveren

(10:00)

"There is a Redeemer"

Green, arr. Tornquist

***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 Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

The prayers conclude:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please remained seated in your pew as you share God's peace by greeting one another with a wave or acknowledgement.

*Offertory

(5:30)	"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"	Jackson, arr. Keveren
(8:30)	"In Christ There is No East or West"	Reinagle, arr. Hayes
(10:00)	"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"	Fragar, arr. Tornquist

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

*Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

***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 invites us to this meal!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Distribution

We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table.

There are two ways to receive communion today:

a. 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.

b. At the front of the chancel:

- One side of the Sanctuary will be invited forward along the center aisle; then the other side will be invited forward.

- After receiving the wafer, step away from the pastor, then lift your mask to receive the element.

- Proceed to the deacon to receive an individual communion cup. 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 the wine or grape juice, take a step away from the Deacon to receive the element.
- Place the used communion cup in the basket and return to your pew using the side aisle.

For those assembled to receive communion in their pews or at home, the pastor says the following words:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Receptacles are provided near the exits of the building for disposal of your communion ware.

Communion Music

(5:30)	"Be Still and Know"	Chapman, arr. Ham
(8:30)	"I Come, O Savior, to thy Table"	Kretzchmar
(10:00)	"Breathe"	Barnett, arr. Curry

***Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

***Benediction**

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

(5:30)	“El Shaddai”	Thompson, arr. Hayes
(8:30)	“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”	Adam
(10:00)	“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”	Founds, arr. Tornquist

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May 23-24, 2021



1

Worship Sign Up

Sunday 10am worship is the only service that still needs sign up.



2

Ushers Needed

Ushers provide an invaluable service to our sanctuary worshipping community. For information or to join our Usher Team, see a pastor.



3

Gadgets & Gizmos

Did you know that we have some great gadgets & gizmos? Our Livestream system & audio board have lots of buttons to push, little lights to turn on and are already assembled. Try your hand on our cool gizmos. Training provided. Experience & long term commitments not necessary! See a pastor or visit our Livestream & audio desks.



5

Congratulations Class of 2021

Deadline for information & photos is May 31st
We want to celebrate your grad's achievements! Visit our website and click the graduation link to share graduation details & a photo.



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VBS: Donate/Sign-Up/Volunteer

Deadline to return items is June 6th

VBS is Sunday, June 13th, 1-4pm

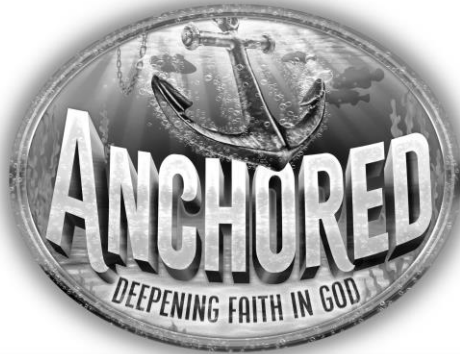
Our VBS Leaders have put together a *short* list of needed supplies. Check it out and see if there is an item or two you may be able to donate for VBS.

Students ages 4-years through entering 6th grade may sign-up. Volunteers, entering 7th grade through adult, sign up is open!

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Sunday
JUNE 13TH

Masks required / Rain Date: June 27th



**Visit stjohnjoliet.org to
Donate**
Supplies

Volunteer
Entering 7th Grade - Adult

Register Students
4 year olds - Entering 6th Grade