

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE *of Christ*



Saturday, July 17, 2021 (5:30 pm)
Sunday, July 18, 2021 (8:30 am)



St. John

We're happy you
found us!

new member class

August 25th & September 1st

6:30–8pm; plan to attend both

let us know you're coming

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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.

*The 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 or call the church office.*

Worship Leaders – Saturday 5:30 pm

Deacon	Georgene Lange
Ushers	John Fleming, Guy Gell
Altar Guild	Cheryl Lovell, Sharon Sullivan
Pianist	Susan Fick



Worship Leaders – Sunday 8:30 am

Deacon	Meghan Doyle
Communion Assistant	Linda Koerner
Greeter	Sam Riggi
Ushers	Joe Aincham & Ron Crabb
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 **St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL**
 **St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet**

Prelude

(5:30)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Hayes

(8:30)

“Chorale: Ach Gott, thu dich erbarmen”

Johann Gottfried Walther

*Welcome and Greeting

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of stars and clouds;
mountains and hills; oceans, rivers, and lakes; our planet and our home.
- C Amen.

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy
and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured in the baptismal font.

- P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your
image and placed us in a well-watered garden.
- C **In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you
gave us water from the rock.**
- P When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to
still waters.
- C **Through your resurrection, you shower us again with the water of life.**
- P We praise you for your salvation through water. We praise you for the
water in this font, and for the waters that flow through your nature around
us!
- C **We praise you for the Des Plaines river, for the DuPage and Fox
rivers, and for the Kankakee and Illinois rivers!**
- P Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love!
- C **Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give!**
- P To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

“How Great Thou Art”

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Verse 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 How great thou art! How great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
 How great thou art! How great thou art!

Verse 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Repeat Refrain

Verse 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died to take away my sin;

Repeat Refrain

Verse 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Repeat Refrain

*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. Creator God, who set the stars in their places and directs the
 course of the planets; who robed this earth with a thin garment of air,
 making it a haven of beauty and life; who breathed into each of us the
 breath of life: We thank you for the gift of our planet. Create in us such a
 sense of wonder and delight in this and in all your gifts that we receive
 them with gratitude, care for them with love, and generously share them
 with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Psalm 33:1-9 *(read responsively)*

D A reading from the 33rd Psalm. Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C **Our ears are open!**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

**Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**

Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

(8:30)

"Beautiful Things"
Nora Wilcox, soloist

Gungor

Genesis 1:1-25 *(the congregation reads the bold face print)*

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

C **Our ears are open!**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.**

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.** Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. **The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.**

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. **God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.** God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.**

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” **So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.** God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.**

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. **God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.**

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

*Gospel Acclamation

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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

John 1:1-5

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

P The gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Jen Beamsley

*Hymn of the Day

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“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

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Verse 1 Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
The interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
But as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

- Verse 2** Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
Then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.
- Verse 3** Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
Set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
- Verse 4** Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
We sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

***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 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

(5:30)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Trad.

(8:30)

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

arr. Hayes

During Communion please bring your offering and attendance slip forward and place in the basket; or place them in the offering plates at the doors as you leave.

*Offertory Response

"Come, Thank the Lord"

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Come, thank the Lord for He's the total giver.
He's the one who truly does deliver.
Come thank the Lord He's the one who does it all. (Praise the Lord!)
Sun, moon, and rain, trees and flowers are the gifts He gives.
The Lord does provide all we need to live.
Thanks, praise and love now we offer to the Lord our King.
He's the guider, provider, the giver of everything.
Sing Amen! Say it again. Sing Amen!

***Offertory Prayer**

D Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to serve creation within our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ our 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You speak all things into being; you plant trees and lift up mountains; you provide water and fill oceans. The foundations of our planet rest firmly in your hands. Our image is found in you and we delight in your glorious world. And so, with angels and archangels, with ancestors and descendants, with companions in nature and the galaxies which surround us, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, 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 Taste and see that the Lord is good!

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.*
- *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.*
- *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)

“All Creatures of our God and King”

arr. Berry

(8:30)

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Baloche

“Blessed Assurance”

Knapp

***Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

D Let us pray. Creator God, your hand satisfies the need of every living creature. Send us in gratitude for your loving providence, and grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Benediction



*Sending Song

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“Let All Things Now Living”

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Verse 2

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

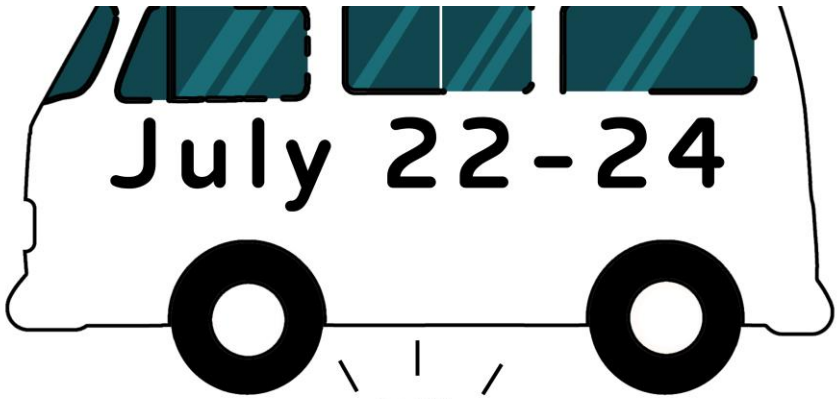
*Sending

D Go in peace to love God’s good creation!
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

(5:30) “Let All Things Now Living” arr. Ham
(8:30) “Chorale: Gott ist mein Heil” Johann Gottfried Walther

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not
too
late!**



**Fun!
Friends!**

mini-Mission "Trip"

**For students who have
completed freshman year in HS -
entering sophomore year in college**

Over the course of three days from 9am - 9pm, we will engage in service activities throughout Will County. We'll volunteer at service organizations, hang out at church, have evening dinners & program, and pool time! Students who've finished freshman year of HS through entering sophomore year in college can come for the whole day or just parts depending on your schedule.

We hope you'll be able to join us for even some of the weekend!
Cost: \$50

**For more information, see Pastor Evan
Sign up at stjohnjoliet.org**

All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

Robert Fulghum



Share everything.



Play fair.



Clean up your own mess.

Invite a friend to worship. Share our link.

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July 24th and 31st

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