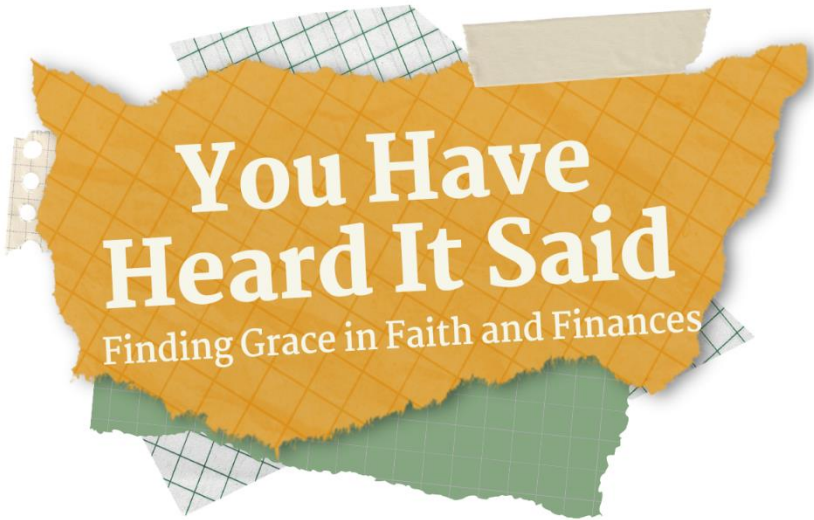


St. John Lutheran Church

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



WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO

October 5th, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

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ADULT FORUM SERIES:
STEWARDED LIFE'S END

1 *Stewarding Life's End:
Wills, Trusts, and Longterm
Care Planning*

September 22nd at 9:45 AM
Trinity Room

2 *Stewarding Life's End:
Legacy Giving that
Reflects Your Values*

September 29th at 9:45 AM
Trinity Room

3 *Stewarding Life's End:
Pre-planning Funerals and
St. John Ministries to Care for You*

October 6th at 9:45 AM
Trinity Room

4 *Stewarding Life's End:
End of Life Directives, Hospice
and Palliative Care*

October 20th at 9:45 AM
Trinity Room

QUILTERS

FOOD PANTRY

FINANCE

OUTREACH & ADMINISTRATION

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

MINISTRY FAIR
OCTOBER 12TH & 13TH

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

GREEN TEAM

**MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE**

COUNCIL

AND MORE...

College-Age Care Package

sign up at stjohnjoliet.org

This fall, St. John will once again be sending care packages to our "college-age" young adults!

Who is this for? This is not exclusive to students in college!

If your child is between the ages of 18-23 and is living at home, in military service, starting a career, or in a different circumstance, we would love to send a package to them as well.



**SIGN UP DEADLINE IS
OCTOBER 16TH**



FREE EVENT

JOIN US

OCTOBER 27TH

FROM 1:00-3:00 PM

COSTUMES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

REGISTER YOUR CAR NOW
AT STJOHNJOLIET.ORG

SCAN ME!

DECORATE YOUR CAR, HAND OUT
CANDY OR SMALL PRIZES, AND HAVE
A SPOOKTACULAR TIME!

CAN'T MAKE THE EVENT?
DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY
**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT

2650 PLAINFIELD RD. JOLIET, IL 60435

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 Cristine and Dan Trolia in celebration of Cristine's birthday; and by Steve & Monica Engel in honor of Meghan and Rob Doyle's anniversary.

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

Worship Leaders – Saturday, October 5, 2024 (5:30 pm)

Deacon	Kim Jensen
Usher	Joan Fry
Piano	Susan Yokubonis
Music Director	Tori Hicks
Counters	Jan Drish, Nancy Kautz
Altar Guild	Joan Fry, Sharon Sullivan

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the Divine Giver,
who created us in their image,
✠ who bears the cross for us,
who makes our joy complete.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,
C **you shower us with so many blessings, yet we struggle to share them with others. You love a cheerful giver, but we worry there won't be enough. All that we have is a gift from you, but we expect others to earn it. Forgive us for clutching too tightly what has always been yours.**

Give us generous hearts that are joyful in giving extravagantly, loving at great risk, and working for justice, that your gifts may bless the whole world. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
God's grace stretches beyond all understanding.
God's generosity is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God's abundant life is ours to receive.
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

597, Vs. 1-4

*Greeting

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.**

*Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace, *Congregation:*




Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

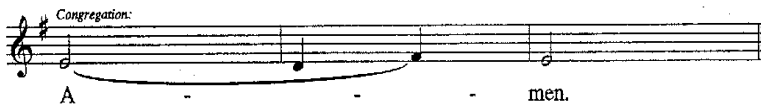
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:



A - - - men.

*Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast and Celebration”



Now the feast and cel-e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for
joy to the God of life and love and free - dom:
praise and glo - ry for ev - er - more!

Leader Verse 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Verse 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
All honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain (All)**

Leader Verse 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God; to make all things new.

Refrain (All)

*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Holy God, Jesus promised us treasure in heaven that cannot be destroyed or ever taken away. Take away our worry about making ends meet, so that we invest in the good things that are eternal and our hearts may be full. In the name of Jesus Christ and his devoted Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Reading

Exodus 32:1-4

D A reading from the book of Exodus, the 32nd chapter.
Listen for the Word of the Lord.

C Our hearts are open.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!

Responsive Reading

Psalms 135:1-4

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

C Our hearts are open.

Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD;
give praise, O servants of the LORD,

**you who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God.**

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for he is gracious.

**For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,
Israel as his own possession.**

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

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

Matthew 6:19-21, 24 (NIV)

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Robin E. Caldwell

*You Have Heard It Said:
Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be Also*

*Hymn of the Day

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

618, Vs. 1-3

Mission Moment

Tim Caldwell

Prayers of the Church

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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Congregation sings this response:

"Christ, Our Peace"

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**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 entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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.

Offertory

Commitment to Community A Spirit of Sharing

It feels good to give back and to “pay it forward!”

*Your generosity toward the ministries of St. John serve God,
help our neighbors right here, bring aid to people in need across the
country, and strengthen partnerships around the world.*

*Your gift of money and gift of presence are lifted up to God when you place
your attendance sheet and financial gifts in the offering plate or support the
mission through online giving. Thank you!*



Now Accepting



OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING

QUILTING

At St. John Lutheran Church, our quilting ministry is a vibrant expression of love and service. Over the past year, our dedicated volunteers have crafted more than 525 quilts, each one a symbol of warmth and care.

St. John quilts have been shared with a variety of organizations, including:

- Lutheran World Relief
- Guardian Angel
- CASA
- Easter Seals
- St. John Food Pantry

Additionally, they are featured at our Taste of St. John event and given to provide warmth to the homeless, highlighting the deep impact of this ministry both locally and globally.



Use a blue envelope or click "give" at stjohnjohet.org

SUPPORT THE WORK OF DEDICATED SERVANTS

Offertory Response

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“As the Grains of Wheat”

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
 were gathered into one to become our bread;
 So may all your people from all the ends of earth
 be gathered into one in you.

Verse

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
 May we share the presence of your love. **Refrain**

*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray.

C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. In the name of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score alternates between a Presider and a Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves. The Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves. The music is simple, using mostly quarter and half notes with some rests.

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

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 Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Your God is here and ready for you.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

Distribution

We believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in this meal and at this table. Everyone is welcome to receive communion, who have palms open or receive a blessing by request.

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.
- If you prefer to receive communion in your pew, communion pods are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. The pastor will say the words of distribution after the Invitation to Communion.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
you broke the bonds of sin and of death:
you break the chains of hat-red and fear:



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

“What Feast of Love”

487, Vs. 1-3

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

464, Vs. 1-4

*Prayer after Communion

D Let us pray. O God, we have feasted at your table. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray.

C Amen.

*Benediction



*Sending Song

674, Vs. 1 & 3

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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Verse 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound! **Repeat**

Verse 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God, Immanuel, everywhere!

Repeat Refrain Twice

*Sending

D Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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October

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 (Monthly Offering: Quilting Ministry)

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am All-Ages Sunday School: Karin Johnson Hall
9:45am - 10:45am Forum: Stewarding Life's End: Trinity Room
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
12:30pm - 1:30pm Blessing of the Pets: Parking Lot
4:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out (PDO)
11:00am - 12:00pm Communications Meeting
1:00pm - 3:00pm Staff Meeting
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 Handbell Choir: Sanctuary
8:00pm - 8:30pm Handbell Ensemble: Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out (PDO)
5:30pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting: Narthex
6:30pm - 8:00pm Finance/Executive Committee: Pastor Robin's Office
6:30pm - 8:00pm Martha Circle: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out (PDO)
1:00pm - 4:00pm Staff Calendar Meeting: Trinity Room
7:00pm - 8:15pm Confirmation: Building/Sanctuary
8:15pm - 9:15pm High School FIRE: Youth Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Youth Room
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out (PDO)
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 - 8:00pm St. John Choral: Choir Room
8:00pm - 9:00pm Praise Team: Sanctuary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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 MOMCO: Narthex/West Wing

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall
8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot
5:00pm - 5:30pm Ministry Fair (Administration & Outreach): Trinity Room
5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary (Baptism: La Porte)
6:30pm - 7:00pm Ministry Fair (Administration & Outreach): Trinity Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30am - 9:30am Worship: Sanctuary
9:45am - 10:45am All-Ages Sunday School: Karin Johnson Hall
9:45am - 10:45am Ministry Fair (Administration & Outreach): Trinity Room
9:45am - 10:45am Fair Trade Coffee: Narthex
11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
4:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

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