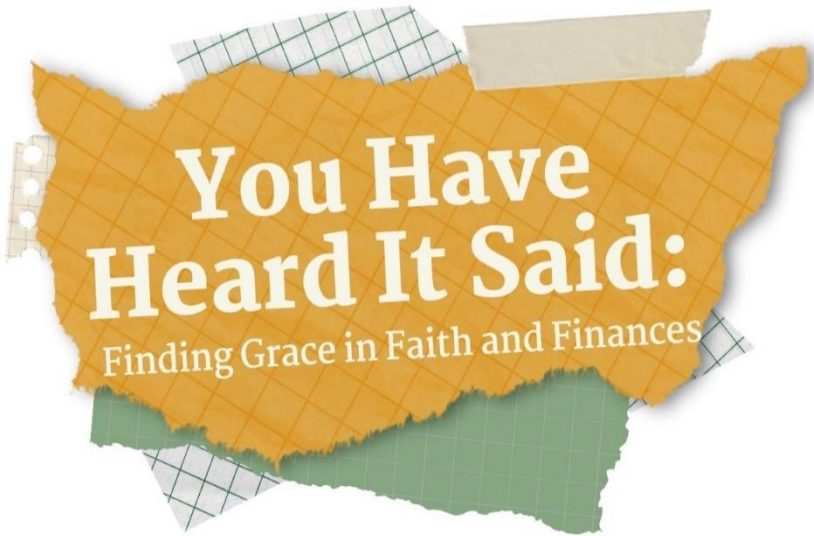


*St. John*

# Lutheran Church

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Associate Pastor, Evan Mayhew



**You Have  
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ALL THE OTHERS**

**October 12th, 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

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### Part - time Church Administrator

*St. John*  
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*St. John endeavors to be a meaningful place to work with supportive colleagues in a mission-oriented environment.*

- Welcome neighbors, visitors, and members
- Serve the mission of the church
- Work collaboratively with volunteers and staff
- Administrator to Senior Pastor
- Maintain membership rolls and database system
- Manage maintenance and custodial staff
- Coordinate building use to foster ministry

**Approx. 20 hours/week,  
Monday-Thursday,  
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## College-Age Care Package

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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**



*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 the Altar Guild.*

*To sponsor altar flowers or coffee hour,  
sign up at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org) or call the church office.*


## **Worship Leaders – Saturday, October 12, 2024 (5:30 pm)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Steve Volkening
<b>Usher</b>	Elizabeth Fee
<b>Piano &amp; Organ</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
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## 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

**"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**

**# 318, Vs. 1-2**

## \*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.

## \*Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of generosity, you take what we have to give, no matter how small, and work wonders. Help us to let go of our fear, to give with trust, to let ourselves be a part of your ever flowing stream of blessings. We pray, this in your holy name.

C **Amen.**

## Reading

## 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the tent of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Responsive Reading

## 1 Samuel 2:1-2, 8a

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

Hannah prayed and said,  
"My heart exults in the Lord;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies  
because I rejoice in your victory.

**There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.**

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low; he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
**he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.**

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C **Thanks be to God!**

## **Baptism** *(see insert)*

*Luca John La Porte  
Child of Michael & Lauren La Porte*

### **\*Gospel**

**Mark 12:41-44**

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

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

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P The gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **Sermon**

Pastor Evan Mayhew

### **\*Hymn of the Day**

**"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"**

**# 712, Vs. 1-2**

### **Mission Moment**

Nicole Adams

## 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](http://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.

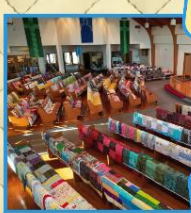
St. John quilts have been shared with a variety of organizations, including:

- 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 [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org)

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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 with lyrics underneath. The parts alternate between the Presider and the Congregation.

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

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

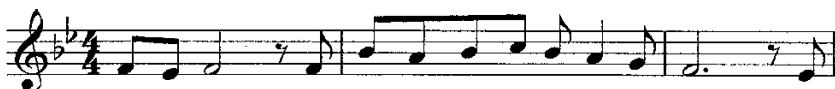
## **Distribution**

*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

**"I Come with Joy"**

**# 482, Vs. 1-3**

**"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

**# 484, Vs. 1-3**

### \*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

# 543, Vs. 1 & 3

### “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.”

**Verse 3** “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort  
stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

## \*Sending

**D** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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# October

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13** *(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 Ministry Fair (Administration & Outreach): Trinity Room
- 9:45am - 10:45am Fair Trade Coffee: Narthex
- 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship: Sanctuary
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm MOMCO Craft Event: Karin Johnson Hall

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**

- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out (PDO)-Off
- 11:00am - 12:00pm Communications Meeting
- 12:00pm - 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 15**

- 9:30am - 11:30am Parent's Day Out (PDO)
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting: Narthex
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Council Meeting: Trinity Room
- 7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

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

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

- 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)
- 10:00am - 11:00am Altar Guild Meeting: Trinity Room
- 2:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Green Team Meeting: Narthex
- 4:00pm - 7:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food Pantry Distribution Online Orders: West Wing
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm Property Committee: Trinity Room
- 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 18**

- 9:00am - 11:00am Quilters: West Wing 5
- 9:00am - 10:30am Meals on Wheels: Senior Services of Will County, Mark Frost

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**

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

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

- 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 (Sunday School Sings)
- 12:15pm - 2:30pm Tween Got: Karin Johnson Hall
- 12:30pm - 2:30pm Men's Ministry Meeting: Trinity Room
- 4:30pm - 7:00pm Girl Scouts: Karin Johnson Hall

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