

# St. John Lutheran Church

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



## **Season of Creation: A "Prairie State" of Mind *Burns & Cycles***

June 22nd, 2024 @ 5:30 PM & June 23rd, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

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Meet us out by  
the fire pit

June 30th, 2024 @ 9:30AM

Bring your  
own chairs

# Outdoor Worship at St. John

Worship in  
the shade

Weather Permitting

In the case of inclement weather, we will worship inside and  
a cancellation notice will be emailed

Bring your  
own coffee  
No coffee hour inside



JUNE 29TH, 2024

## 2ND ANNUAL CHURCHWIDE PARKING LOT PICNIC

4 PM - 7 PM **FOOD, BINGO, BOUNCE HOUSE**

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

5:30 PM **BAGS TOURNAMENT BEGINS**

BAGS SIGN-UP FROM 4-4:45 PM

7 PM - 9 PM **BONFIRE**



**WEEK  
TO GO**

**SIGN UP**



FOOD DROP-OFF BY 3:45 PM

**B.Y.O. BEVERAGE  
& CHAIR!**



HOSTED BY THE 4:12 MINISTRY

*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 Suzanne Repavich in memory of family members who are now in heaven.*

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

### **Worship Leaders – Saturday, June 22, 2024 (5:30 pm)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Steve Volkening
<b>Usher</b>	John Fleming
<b>Piano</b>	Susan Yokubonis

### **Worship Leaders – Sunday, June 23, 2024 (9:30 am)**

<b>Deacon</b>	Eddy Crews
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Pam Murray
<b>Greeter</b>	Carol Wortel
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ayden Hernandez, Delaney Linares
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Crabb, Paul & Kathy Thomason
<b>Organ &amp; Piano</b>	Janet Blomquist
<b>Music Director</b>	Tori Hicks
<b>Audio Board</b>	Jon Blomquist
<b>Livestream Team</b>	Gordon Butler, Matt Markwell
<b>Counters</b>	Janel Eaton, Anita Freehauf
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wendy Eklund, Monica Engel

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St. John by the Mall – Joliet, IL



St. John Lutheran Church, Joliet

**Prelude**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” (9:30am)

Baloche

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

P Come, worship the God of all Creation.

**C We gather to praise the Creator, the continuous source of all living things.**

P Come, worship our God who breathes life into being.

**C We praise the Creator who fashions the plains, whose prairie cleanses the waters and enriches the soil.**

P Come, worship our God who forms life out of the ground.

**C We praise the Creator whose land brings nourishment.**

P Come, worship our God who receives our lament in the wilderness.

**C We praise the Creator whose Son brings healing to all Creation. Amen.**

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who so loves the world and all who live in it.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Reconciling God,

**C we expect nature to serve us, rather than acting as servants to our fellow living things. We pave over wild places and pollute your waters. We abuse your good Earth until it has nothing left to give. Forgive us. Remind us of the covenant of salvation you made with the world. Nourish us so we may restore your awe-inspiring Creation. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ, the one whose fingers brushed sheaves of grain, whose body hung upon a tree, and who breathed new life into a tomb of stone, forgives you all your sin. Freed from your burdens, be led by the Spirit to do God's healing work in the world.

**C Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (5:30)

# 858, Vs. 1, 2, 4

### “Blessed Be Your Name” (9:30)

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**Verse 1** Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name:

**Verse 2** Blessed be Your Name when I’m found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name;

**Pre-Chorus** Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

**Chorus** Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.

**Verse 3** Blessed be Your Name when the sun’s shining down on me;  
When the world’s all as it should be, blessed be Your Name;

**Verse 4** Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name;

**Pre-Chorus** Ev’ry blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.

**Chorus** Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.  
**Repeat**

**Bridge** You give and take away, You give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your Name. **Repeat**

**Chorus** Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name;  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.  
**Repeat**

## \*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.  
A - - - men.

## \*Hymn of Praise

### “Now the Feast and Celebration”



The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, 3/8 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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. God of constant creating, you nurture life from the ashes and bring growth out of the desolate. Steady us in life's changing cycles that we may know your enduring love in all things and find a humble faith to serve others.

**C** **Amen.**

## Reading

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill and a time to heal;  
a time to break down and a time to build up;  
a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek and a time to lose;  
a time to keep and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;  
a time to love and a time to hate;  
a time for war and a time for peace.

D Word of God, Word of Life!

C **Thanks be to God!**

## Responsive Reading

## Joel 1:19, 2:3, 21-24

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

C **Our hearts are open.**

To you, O LORD, I cry,  
for fire has devoured  
the pastures of the wilderness,  
**and flames have burned  
all the trees of the field.**

Fire devours in front of them,  
and behind them a flame burns.  
**Before them the land is like the garden of Eden,  
but after them a desolate wilderness,  
and nothing escapes them.**

Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
**for the LORD has done great things!**



Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
**the tree bears its fruit;**  
**the fig tree and vine give their full yield.**

O children of Zion, be glad,  
and rejoice in the LORD your God,  
**for he has given the early rain for your vindication;**  
**he has poured down for you abundant rain,**  
**the early and the later rain, as before.**

The threshing floors shall be full of grain;  
**the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.**

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**

**Luke 9:51-56**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

**P** The gospel of our Lord.

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

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Sermon**

Robin E. Caldwell

### **Hymn of the Day**

**"Shout to the Lord"**

**# 821**

### **\*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

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*In the hope of God's grace and salvation, the church prays for all the great needs of the world.*

*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 Trusting in the Lord of all Creation, let us pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*Congregation sings this response:*

***Deep peace of the running waves,  
Deep peace of the flowing air,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth.***

*The prayers conclude:*

P Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

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 with a handshake.  
Those who choose to stay in their pew may wave or give signs of peace.*

## Offertory

## Commitment to Community

*Your offering of any amount is generous and fosters God's grace for the world through the ministry of St. John, in service to God, to people in need in our neighborhood, across the country, and around the world.*

*Your offering and attendance sheets may be placed in the offering plate, or try our new online giving platform, Tithe.ly. Thank you!*



Now Accepting



## \*Offertory Response

### "Give Thanks"

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**Verse** Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ His Son.  
**Repeat Verse**

**Chorus** And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what  
The Lord has done for us!" **Repeat Chorus**

Give thanks, give thanks.

## \*Offertory Prayer

D Let us pray. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 roles are indicated as follows: Staff 1: Presider (first half), Congregation (second half); Staff 2: Congregation (entire staff); Staff 3: Presider (entire staff); Staff 4: Congregation (entire staff); Staff 5: Congregation (entire staff).

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 entered the heart of the Earth, and was born again in a garden, opening the way for humanity to be restored to your divine goodness with all of Creation. 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 Everyone is invited to taste the fruit of creation.

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.

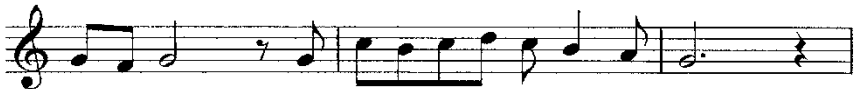
## Lamb of God



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

“Seed That in Earth is Dying” (5:30 & 9:30)

# 330, Vs. 1-3

## “I Give You My Heart” (9:30)

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**Verse** This is my desire,  
To honor You.  
Lord, with all my heart,  
I worship You.  
All I have within me,  
I give You praise.  
All that I adore, is in You.

**Chorus** Lord, I give You my heart,  
I give You my soul.  
I live for You alone.  
Every breath that I take,  
Every moment I'm awake,  
Lord have Your way in me.

**Repeat All**

**Repeat Chorus**

## \*Blessing (9:30)

**C** Amen.

## \*Prayer after Communion

**D** Let us pray. In this meal of bread and wine, we are reminded of the fields of grain and vineyards of grapes that sustain our body and soul. Send us now, filled with your grace, to strive for the better world you envision, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## \*Benediction





## \*Sending Song

“O Living Bread from Heaven” (5:30)

#542, Vs. 1

### “All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises” (9:30)

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**Chorus**      You lived, You died,  
                    You said in three days  
                    You would rise;  
                    You did, You're alive.  
                    You rule, You reign,  
                    You said You're coming back again;  
                    I know that You will  
                    And all the earth will sing Your praises,  
                    All the earth will sing Your praises.  
                    All the earth will sing Your praises!

## \*Sending

**D**      Go in peace! Care for creation.  
**C**      **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

“All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises” (9:30am)

Baloche



Hear current Seminary student  
David Luecht  
preach on June 15th & 16th

 JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING

# Seminarian Support

St. John has a long history of members becoming Deacons and Pastors. This June, our special offering supports St. John members attending Seminary.

Donate by using the blue envelopes in your pew & check the Seminary Support box, OR go online & click "Give" at [stjohnjoliet.org](http://stjohnjoliet.org), OR scan the QR code!



GREEN  TEAM

# MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALL GRASS PRAIRIE WALK

**JULY 11TH, 2024**

**MEET AT 6:30 PM, IRON BRIDGE TRAILHEAD**

Join us for a 1.5-mile leisurely early evening walk on the prairie. Enjoy beautiful blooming flowers and possibly see some bison!

Sign up here or at  
[Stjohnjoliet.org](http://Stjohnjoliet.org)



# Summer Worship Hours

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:30 AM: Worship</b>
	<b>8:30 AM: Coffee Hour</b>

**Outdoor Worship Dates**

June 30th, July 28th, September 1st  
Please bring your own chair & meet by the firepit

**Summer Potluck Coffee Hours**

8:30 AM : July 7th  
8:30 AM : August 4th

SEASON  
OF  
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SUMMER SERMON SERIES

MAY 25/26 ----- THE PRAIRIE STATE

JUNE 1/2 ----- BIRDS & CICADAS & BUTTERFLIES

JUNE 8/9 ----- SQUIRRELS & MICE & SNAKES

JUNE 15/16 ----- SOIL & ROOTS  
GUEST PREACHER: DAVID LUECHT

JUNE 22/23 ----- BURNS & CYCLES

JUNE 29/30 ----- BISON: BEFORE WE WERE HERE  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP

A "Prairie State" of Mind

JOIN US FOR

## Pancake Breakfast

July 14th at 8:00AM

SAVE THE DATE!

Sign up coming  
next week!

# June

## SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:30am - 9:30am Coffee Hour  
9:30am - 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary  
11:00am - 1:30pm Men's Group: Trinity Room  
1:30pm Campfirmation Students Depart from St. John: Trinity Room

## MONDAY, JUNE 24

12:00pm - 3:00pm Staff Meeting: Trinity Room  
5:30pm - 6:30pm Sunday School Team Meeting: Trinity Room  
5:30pm - 8:00pm A.A. Woman's Group: Karin Johnson Hall  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Al-Anon: West Wing 3 & 4

## TUESDAY, JUNE 25

5:30pm - 7:00pm Boy Scouts Committee Meeting: Narthex  
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts : Karin Johnson Hall

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

8:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
8:15pm - 9:15pm HS FIRE: Youth Room

## THURSDAY, JUNE 27

9:00am - 11:30am Coffee with Friends (Women): Trinity Room  
9:00am - 1:00pm Food Pantry Volunteer Shift: Karin Johnson Hall  
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

## FRIDAY, JUNE 28 *(Church Office Closed)*

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 29

7:00am - 11:00am Food Pantry Volunteer Shifts: Narthex & Karin Johnson Hall  
8:00am - 10:00am Food Pantry Distribution Drive-Thru: Parking Lot  
11:00am - 12:00pm John York Funeral: Sanctuary  
12:00pm - 1:00pm John York Luncheon: Trinity Room/Narthex  
4:00pm - 9:00pm Church Parking Lot Picnic: Outside  
5:30pm - 6:30pm Worship: Sanctuary

## SUNDAY, JUNE 30

9:30am - 10:30am Worship: Outdoors/Fire Pit Area  
3:00pm - 4:00pm David Bishop Gathering: Narthex/Trinity Room  
4:00pm - 5:00pm David Bishop Memorial: Sanctuary  
5:00pm - 6:30pm David Bishop Fellowship & Refreshments: Karin Johnson Hall

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