



## St. John Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod  
2888 W Houghton  
Lake Dr  
Houghton Lake, MI  
48629  
989-366-5164  
[www.stjohnhl.com](http://www.stjohnhl.com)  
[office@stjohnhl.com](mailto:office@stjohnhl.com)



***February 11, 2023***

# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

May God bless your worship with us today,  
*Paul Kruse, Pastor*

E-mail: [paul@stjohnhl.com](mailto:paul@stjohnhl.com)

Mobile: 989-992-6030

***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

## **A Time of Preparation – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Preludes**

### **"Good, Good Father"**

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,  
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.  
But, I know we're all searching for answers only You provide,  
'cause You know just what we need before we say a word.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

Oh, it's love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak.  
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think  
as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

## Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

### Opening Song

### “Same God”

I'm calling on the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses  
The one who opened up the ocean  
I need you now to do the same thing for me

I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath  
But I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness  
*(instrumental)*

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You were a healer then You are a healer now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You were a Savior then You are a Savior now  
You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now  
You are the same God You are the same God

*(instrumental)*

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit  
Almighty river come and fill me again  
Come and fill me again  
Come and fill me again

CCLI Song # 7183537 Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Pat Barrett | Steven Furtick © Brandon Lake Music Bethel Music  
Publishing For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) CCLI License # 2801469

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

### **“Broken Vessels”**

All these pieces, broken and scattered,  
in mercy gathered, mended and whole,  
empty handed but not forsaken,  
I've been set free! I've been set free!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!

Oh, I once was lost but now I am found;  
was blind but now I see.  
Oh I can see You now.  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;  
laying Yourself down,  
raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure, You take our weakness.  
You set Your treasure in jars of clay.  
So take this heart, Lord; I'll be Your vessel,  
the world to see Your life in me.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found;  
was blind but now I see.  
Oh I can see You now.  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;  
laying Yourself down,  
raising up the broken to life.

*(Instrumental Interlude)*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found;  
was blind but now I see.  
Oh I can see You now.  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;  
laying Yourself down,  
raising up the broken to life.

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-30

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## ***Confirmation of Easton Joseph Friend***

### **Children's Message**

#### **Message Song**

#### **“Whom Shall I Fear”**

You hear me when I call  
You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear  
I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save  
You will deliver me

Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear  
Whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful  
You are faithful

Nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful You are faithful  
You are faithful

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.



## Message

## ***"Risky Business – Why Not?"***

## Offering

*Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.*



## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** **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.**

## Sacrament

### The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
- 2. Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
- 3. Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
- 4. Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
- 5. Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*

6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## **Distribution Song**

## **"Remembrance"**

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me  
into this mystery;  
say, "Take this bread take this wine"? Now the simple made divine  
for any to receive.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.  
And as we worship You,  
our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation.  
We remember You.

See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome  
ev'ry trial we will face.

None too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed;  
all are welcome in this place.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.  
And as we worship You,  
our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation.  
We remember you.

We respond to Your invitation. We respond to Your invitation  
We remember you.

## Blessing

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☞ Amen.

## Sending Song

## *"I Will Follow"*

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.  
When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure.  
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight.  
High above my life. I will trust in You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.  
When You move I'll move. I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life  
I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek,  
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.  
When You move I'll move. I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.  
In You there's joy unending joy; And I will follow.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.  
When You move I'll move. I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow.

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

