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HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?

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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,
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*Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'
Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian
faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they
may be'*

Third Sunday after Easter

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

“Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the Risen King Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come young and old from ev'ry land Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age Our God is all in all

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Our Father”

Hear our prayer, we are Your children,
and we've gathered here today; We've gathered here to pray;
Hear our cry, we need Your mercy,
and we need Your grace today, hear us as we pray.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Our Father, hear us from Heaven; Forgive our sins we pray.

Hear our song as it rises to Heaven;
May Your glory fill the earth
as the waters cover the sea;
See our hearts and remove anything that is standing in the way
of coming to You today.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Our Father, hear us from Heaven; Forgive our sins we pray.

Though we are few we're surrounded by many
who have crossed that river before,
and this is the song we'll be singing forever,
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord

Hear our prayer, we are Your children,
and we've gathered here today; We've gathered here to pray;
Hear our cry, we need Your mercy,
and we need Your grace today, hear us as we pray.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
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First Reading

2 Chronicles 7:11-15

¹¹ Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's house. All that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the LORD and in his own house he successfully accomplished. ¹² Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-4

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“Speak O Lord”

Speak, O Lord as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth plant it deep in us,
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail.
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds,
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Message

“Enter the Conversation”

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

"Here's My Heart"

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure

I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure

I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free

'Cause You are strong You are sure You are life You endure

You are good always true You are light breaking through

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord

Speak what is true Speak what is true Speak what is true

'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure

I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free

'Cause You are strong You are sure You are life You endure

You are good always true You are light breaking through

You are more than enough You are here You are love

You are hope You are grace You're all I have You're everything

Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord

You're everything

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Blessing

P 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 T give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Song

"The River"

I know a place where we can go
to lay the troubles down eating your soul.

I know a place where mercy flows,
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is rising up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes ya come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river,
down to the river, down to the river to pray-ay-ay.
Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water
and rise up in amazing grace.

Let's go down, down, down to the river. You will leave changed.

Let's go down, down, down to the river. Never the same.

I've seen it move in my own life,
took me from dusty roads into Paradise.

All of my dirt, all of my shame
drowned in the streams that have made me born again.

Like a tide, it is rising up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes ya come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

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