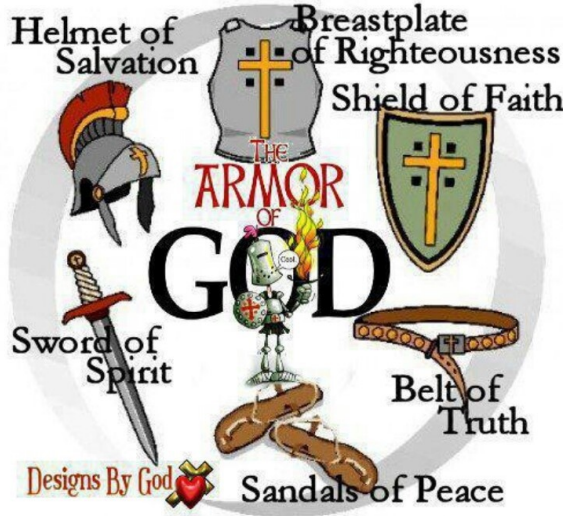




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Welcome

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'***

7:00 - Contemporary

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

Pentecost Sunday

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Jericho"

Oo, I been stacking up the years
I spent trading punches with the enemy.
Oo, built myself a double thick stone tower of lies,
Higher than the eye can see.
Trapped in this flesh and bone,
Crying out to You Lord, I'm desperate.
Love, come rattle this cage and set me free.

All of my fears like Jericho walls,
Gotta come down, come down.
All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down, come down, oh Lord.
My prison turns to ruin
When Your love moves in.
All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down, come down, come down.

Oo, truth was crashing through the pride and the blame,
Cutting straight to the heart of me.
Oo, long before I ever called Your name,
You were fighting for my victory.
Carved in Your flesh and bone,
The wounds that have said my soul's forgiven.
Oh, now I can feel the darkness trembling.

All of my fears like Jericho walls,
Gotta come down, come down.

All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down, come down, oh Lord.
My prison turns to ruin
When Your love moves in.
All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down, come down, come down.
Rebuild me from the ground up.
All I wanna see is You
Terrify the lies with truth.
All of my fears like Jericho walls,
Gotta come down, come down.
All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down, come down, oh Lord.
My prison turns to ruin
When Your love moves in.
All of my fears like Jericho walls
Gotta come down, come down, come down.
Jericho walls gotta come down, come down, come down

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“New Creation”

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of your great love
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood
But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony

And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
And now I know what you were talking about
Went from my head into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom I found
You're my healer and redeemer
Jesus that's who you are
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
Oh oh. Oh oh.

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation

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I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
Oh oh. Oh oh

And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“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
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First Reading

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:6-13

⁶ On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” And he rose and stood there. ⁹ And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?” ¹⁰ And after looking around at them all he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he

did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. ¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“Your Name is Power”

You're the only answer to the darkness
You're the only right among the wrong
You're the only hope among the chaos
You are the voice that calls me on
Louder than ev'ry lie
My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night
Your name is power over darkness
Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle
Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power Your name is power
When You speak You scatter darkness
Light arrives and heaven opens
Holy Spirit let us hear it
When You speak the church awakens
We believe the change is coming
Holy Spirit let us see it

Your name is power over darkness
Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle
Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power over darkness
Your name is power in the chaos
Your name is power

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Message

“Exist in the Conversation”

Offering

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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

Judy Winter - Keyboard

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

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Oh this is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me
All that You've done for me

