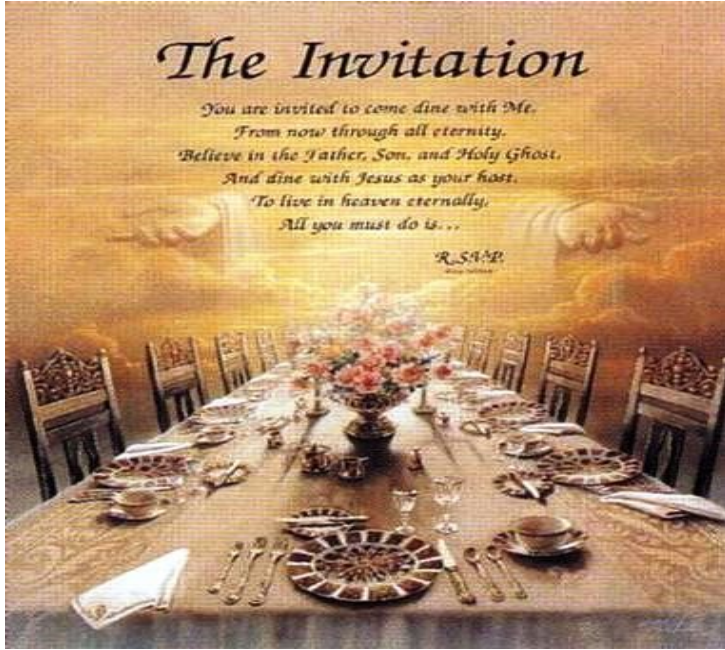




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Welcome

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'*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Rattle!"

Saturday was silent Surely it was through
But since when has impossible Ever stopped You
Friday's disappointment Is Sunday's empty tomb
Since when has impossible Ever stopped You

This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out
I'm gonna live gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Pentecostal fire Stirring something new
You're not gonna run out of miracles Anytime soon

Resurrection power Runs in my veins too
I believe there's another miracle Here in this room

This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out I'm gonna live gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

My God is able to save and deliver and heal
And restore anything that He wants to
Just ask the man who was thrown On the bones of Elisha
If there's anything that He can't do
Just ask the stone that was rolled At the tomb in the garden
What happens when God says to move

I feel him moving it now I feel him doing it now
I feel him doing it now Do it now do it now
This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out I'm gonna live gonna live again
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Gratitude”

All my words fall short I got nothing new
How could I express All my gratitude
I could sing these songs As I often do
But every song must end And You never do
So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it’s not much But I’ve nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah
I’ve got one response I’ve got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You
So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again
‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it’s not much But I’ve nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah
Come on my soul oh don’t you get shy on me
Lift up your song ‘Cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord
Come on my soul oh don’t you get shy on me
Lift up your song ‘Cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Glorious Day" (Passion)

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken, You were my healing;
now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future. My eyes are open,
'Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

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First Reading

Philippians 1:21-28

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:12-24

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” ¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who

will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.’²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Hymn Of Heaven”

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

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Message

“Called to our Heavenly Community”

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- ☒ 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 and 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.

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 T give you peace.

☒ Amen.

Sending Song

"Echoes"

We will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

'Cause we belong to the light When the night is at its darkest
Just hold on for the dawn will soon arrive

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life
Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

