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JESUS

The
Word
of God

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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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

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

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 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.

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

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

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Living Hope”

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope
Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me

You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"We Praise You"

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety
Let it rise let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark And it changes ev'rything
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory
Let it rise let praise arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You Oh we praise You oh

Let faith be the song That overcomes the raging sea
Let faith be the song That calms the storm inside of me
Let it rise let faith arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh we praise You

This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like We praise You We praise You
This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like We praise You We praise You
We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift You high
With all creation cry God we praise You
Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh give Him all your praise

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' ²¹ And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'— ²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Battle Belongs"

When all I see is the battle You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high

O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against The power of our God
You shine in the shadows You win every battle
Nothing can stand against The power of our God

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Message

“What Just Happened?”

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

"I Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus
I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus
Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life

Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus
Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life

Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name
Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life

Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

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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

“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

I know it is written hope is certain I know that the Word will never fail
I know that in ev'ry situation You speak the power to prevail

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

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