

St. John Lutheran Church

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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.

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

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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'

First Sunday in Lent

A Time of Preparation

Prelude "No Other Name"

One Name Holds weight above them all
His fame Outlasts the earth He formed
His praise Resounds beyond the stars
And echoes in our hearts The greatest One of all

His face Shines brighter than the sun
His grace As boundless as His love
He reigns With healing in His wings
The King above all kings The greatest One of all

Lift up our eyes see the King has come
Light of the world Reaching out for us
There is no other Name There is no other Name
Jesus Christ our God oh
Seated on high the undefeated One
Mountains bow down as we lift Him up
There is no other Name There is no other Name
Jesus Christ our God oh

Find hope When all the world seems lost
Behold The triumph of the cross
His power has trampled death and grave
Our life found in His Name The greatest Name of all
Lift up our eyes see the King has come
Light of the world Reaching out for us
There is no other Name There is no other Name
Jesus Christ our God oh
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Mountains bow down as we lift Him up

There is no other Name There is no other Name
Jesus Christ our God oh Jesus

The earth will shake And tremble before Him Chains will break As heaven and earth sing Holy is the Name Holy is the Name of Jesus Jesus

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There is no other Name There is no other Name
There is no other Name Jesus

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship Opening Song "Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy

You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will always be Holy Holy forever

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high Holy Holy forever You will always be Holy Holy forever

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Goodness Of God"

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire. In darkest night, You are close like no other. I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. Your goodness is running after, It's running after me With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"The Commission"

See my hands look at my feet It's okay if it's hard to believe I have faith you will do greater things It's my time to go but before I leave

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

Don't forget the things that I taught you I conquered death and I hold the keys Where I go you will go too someday But there's much to do here before you leave, so

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end
of the journey the end of the road My spirit is with you wherever you go
You have a purpose and I have a plan I'll make you this promise
I'll come back again but until then

Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

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Message

"That Can't Be Right"

Offering

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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.

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

"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

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I know Who stands behind
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The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine

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