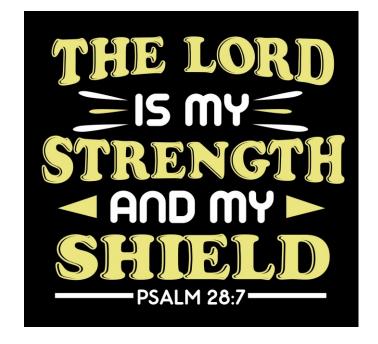


### St. John Lutheran Church

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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.

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, 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'

# Second Sunday in Lent

**Preludes** 

#### **A Time of Preparation**

### "Honey In The Rock"

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone

Manna on the ground No matter where I go

I don't have to worry Now that I know

Everything I need You've got There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see Only You can satisfy

There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is Bounty in the wilderness You will always satisfy

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough
I keep looking I keep finding
You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need

I keep praying You keep moving
I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need

I keep looking I keep finding
You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need

I keep praying You keep moving
I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I have all that I need You are all that I need Yeah!

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Jesus who You are is enough
There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock

Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus

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## Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song "Rest On Us"

As the Spirit was moving over the water Spirit come move over us Come rest on us come rest on us As the Spirit was moving over the water Spirit come move over us Come rest on us come rest on us Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me
Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me

Fire and wind come and do it again Open up the gates let Heaven on in

Come rest on us come rest on us

Fire and wind come and do it again Open up the gates let Heaven on in

Come rest on us come rest on us

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving I'm here and I know You will fill me
Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving I'm here and I know You will fill me

Holy Spirit Come rest on us You're all we want You're all we want Holy Spirit Come rest on us You're all we want You're all we want

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving I'm here and I know You will fill me

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# **Confession and Forgiveness Song of Praise**

"Jesus Does"

Who tells the sun to rise every morning Colors the sky with the shades of His glory Wakes us with mercy and love Jesus does Who holds the orphan comforts the widow Cries for injustice feels every sorrow Carries the pain of His children Jesus does

So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son Praise to the Spirit who's living in us When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was 'Cause that's what Jesus does

Who understands the heart of the sinner Showers His grace over all our mistakes Washes us clean with His blood Jesus does

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness Who stole the keys to hell and the grave Who has the power to save Jesus does

So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son Praise to the Spirit who's living in us When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was 'Cause that's what Jesus does

Oh what a Friend Oh what a Savior
He's always been good He's always been faithful
He came to my rescue When I needed Him most
And saved my soul

So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son Praise to the Spirit who's living in us

When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was

So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son Praise to the Spirit who's living in us

When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was

That's what Jesus does

First Reading Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. 9 When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:9-15

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the

heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup> The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. <sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

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

#### Children's Message

#### **Message Song**

"Same God"

I'm calling on the God of Jacob Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses The one who opened up the ocean I need you now to do the same thing for me

I'm calling on the God of Mary Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath But I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now You are the same God You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now

You are the same God You are the same God You were a healer then You are a healer now You are the same God You are the same God

You were a Savior then You are a Savior now You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now You are the same God You are the same God

You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now You are the same God You are the same God

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit

Almighty river come and fill me again

Come and fill me again

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#### Message

#### "Flying Colors"

#### 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.

#### 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**

#### "Come as You Are"

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.

Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.

All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.

So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed: Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart:
Come as you are. Fall in His arms.
Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

So, lay down your burdens, lay down you shame.

All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.

So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

Come as you are. Come as you are.

#### **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**

#### "Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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### Sermon Notes