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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'*

Palm Sunday

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"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

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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 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 Jesus

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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

“Waymaker”

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.
Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

Praise is rising Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day
In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus
Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new
You make us new

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day
In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us
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First Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1-9

¹ It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ² for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people." ³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all, Lord of all, the Lord of all.

Message

“A Whole New Level of Preparedness ”

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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

C **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

"Remembrance"

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery;
say, "Take this bread take this wine"? Now the simple made divine for any to
receive.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion.

We respond to Your invitation. We remember You.

See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome ev'ry trial we will face.
None too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed; all are welcome in this
place.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship You,

our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation.

We remember you.

Dying, You destroyed our death. Rising, You restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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Lord we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion.

We respond to Your invitation. We respond to Your invitation

We remember you.

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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.

C Amen.

Sending Song

“Let God Arise”

There's a pageant of triumph in glory,
And as Jesus the King takes His throne,
The shame of the cross is exchanged for a crown,
And heaven applauds the King.
The Son has the Father's approval,
He perfectly followed the plan
To suffer and die for the sins of the world;
He poured out His love for our shame.
Let God arise with shouts of joy,
With songs of praise and trumpet sound.
Let music play and hearts be free; let God arise.

Death could not keep Him in prison;
He burst through the shackles of hell.
He settled the score with the evil one
And heaven applauds the King.
The fullness of Christ is my treasure;
I've cast off the past with its shame.
The pow'r of the Father has raised me to life;
I'm a child, I'm forgiven and free.

Sermon Notes

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