



## St. John Lutheran Church

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# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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,  
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*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'*

## 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

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 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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## **“Thank You Jesus For the Blood”**

I was a wretch I remember who I was  
I was lost I was blind I was running out of time  
Sin separated the breach was far too wide  
But from the far side of the chasm You had me in Your sight  
So You made a way across the great divide  
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside  
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed  
Broke my chains freed my soul For the first time I had hope  
Thank You Jesus for the blood applied  
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white  
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light  
You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin  
You were buried for three days  
But then You walked right out again  
And now death has no sting and life has no end  
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb  
Thank You Jesus for the blood applied  
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white  
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light  
There is nothing stronger Than the wonder working power

Of the blood the blood  
That calls us sons and daughters We are ransomed by our Father  
Through the blood the blood

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Through the blood the blood

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied  
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white  
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

Glory to His name Glory to His Name  
There to my heart was the blood applied  
Glory to His name

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## Welcome

### Opening Song

### “O Praise The Name (Anastasis)”

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands His feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.  
His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah still and all alone.

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.  
O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise.  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

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## Invocation

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,

**C** so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

- P** He was wounded for our transgressions;
- C** **He was crushed for our iniquities;**
- P** upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
- C** **and with His stripes we are healed.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet.

*In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus.*

- P** Gracious Father,
- C** **have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.**
- P** Loving Lord Jesus,
- C** **take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.**
- P** Renewing Holy Spirit,
- C** **Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. In the stead and by the command of our crucified Savior, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
- C** **in Your righteousness deliver me!**
- P** Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!
- C** **Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**
- P** For You are my rock and my fortress;
- C** **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**
- P** You take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
- C** **for You are my refuge.**

- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
- C** **in Your righteousness deliver me!**
- P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
- C** **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
- P** Blessed be the LORD,
- C** **for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.**
- P** I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from Your sight."
- C** **But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.**
- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
- C** **in Your righteousness deliver me!**
- P** Suffering Savior,
- C** **have mercy upon us.**
- P** Crucified Christ,
- C** **have mercy upon us.**
- P** Merciful Messiah,
- C** **grant us Your peace.**

## Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray together...
- C** **Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people, with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross so we may forever know real life, love, and forgiveness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

- P** Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C** **yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

## Message

## “A Long Lonely Day”

### Gospel and Sermon

John 18 & 19

### Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

<sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup> They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup> So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.” <sup>9</sup> This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” <sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) <sup>11</sup> So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

### Jesus Faces Annas and Caiaphas

<sup>12</sup> So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. <sup>13</sup> First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. <sup>14</sup> It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

### The High Priest Questions Jesus

<sup>19</sup> The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. <sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” <sup>24</sup> Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

## **Peter Denies Jesus**

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

## **Peter Denies Jesus Again**

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not."

<sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

## **Jesus Before Pilate**

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." <sup>31</sup> Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

## **My Kingdom Is Not of This World**

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate



said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. <sup>39</sup> But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" <sup>40</sup> They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

## **Jesus Delivered to Be Crucified**

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup> They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. <sup>4</sup> Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." <sup>5</sup> So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" <sup>6</sup> When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." <sup>7</sup> The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." <sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. <sup>9</sup> He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" <sup>11</sup> Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." <sup>12</sup> From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." <sup>13</sup> So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup> Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" <sup>15</sup> They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." <sup>16</sup> So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

## **The Crucifixion**

So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup> and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup> There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

<sup>19</sup> Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup> Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup> So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup> Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." <sup>23</sup> When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, <sup>24</sup> so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, <sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## **The Death of Jesus**

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup> When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## **Jesus' Side Is Pierced**

<sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne

witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

## **Jesus Is Buried**

<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

<sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Offering**

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## **Prayer Of The Church**

**☩** Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You gather us together at the foot of Your Son’s cross that we may join with the eyewitnesses of His death and behold His all-sufficient sacrifice for our redemption.

- C** Help us to know the real life that comes to us because of the wonderful exchange Jesus offered to us at the cross.
- P** Lead us to see that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary.
- C** He was forsaken by You, dear Father, so that we might never be forsaken. He died so that we may live.
- P** Lord Jesus, grant on this Friday we call “good” that the promises of Your Word may be received by us all with a living faith.
- C** Encourage our hearts and minds as we trust that all You accomplished at Calvary was done for our salvation.
- P** Holy Spirit, You unite us by Baptism to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Guide us by Your grace to know the power of sharing in His death so that, with Him, we may partake in His resurrection.
- C** All glory, honor, and praise be to You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.
- P** Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us: *LSB 209*
- 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.

## 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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Song (Praise Team Only)

“Love Like This”

*We depart in silent confidence, trusting that the light of Easter will soon scatter the darkness of Good Friday.*