



**St. John  
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**7:21 Sunrise Service**



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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.

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

## **As We Gather**

**Easter Sunday**

**Divine Service Four** (pp 203ff)

**Preludes**

**"Rattle"**

Saturday was silent Surely it was through  
But since when has impossible Ever stopped You  
Friday's disappointment Is Sunday's empty tomb  
Since when has impossible Ever stopped You

This is the sound of dry bones rattling  
This is the praise make a dead man walk again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Pentecostal fire Stirring something new  
You're not gonna run out of miracles Anytime soon

Resurrection power Runs in my veins too  
I believe there's another miracle Here in this room

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

This is the praise make a dead man walk again

Open the grave I'm coming out I'm gonna live gonna live again

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

My God is able to save and deliver and heal

And restore anything that He wants to

Just ask the man who was thrown On the bones of Elisha

If there's anything that He can't do

Just ask the stone that was rolled At the tomb in the garden

What happens when God says to move

I feel him moving it now I feel him doing it now  
I feel him doing it now Do it now do it now

This is the sound of dry bones rattling  
This is the praise make a dead man walk again  
Open the grave I'm coming out I'm gonna live gonna live again  
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This is the sound of dry bones rattling

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## **“The Veil”**

My life is in Your hands I know You love me  
My life is in your hands I'm yours  
I'll never understand how much You love me  
But one thing that I know for sure  
When the veil was torn my sin was forgiven  
Who could ask for more than this  
With arms open wide You bled and died  
My heart was reborn When the veil was torn  
Come and go with me into the future  
Come and go with me today  
God I'll follow where You lead this wild adventure  
My life forever changed  
Jesus my life forever changed  
When the veil was torn my sin was forgiven  
Who could ask for more than this  
With arms open wide You bled and died  
My heart was reborn  
I am free I am changing  
I'm redeemed not forsaken

You saved me and it's so amazing  
I love You Lord I love You Lord I love You Lord  
I love You Lord I love You Lord I love You Lord

When the veil was torn my sin was forgiven  
Who could ask for more than this  
When the veil was torn my sin was forgiven  
Who could ask for more than this

With Your arms open wide you bled and died  
My heart was reborn My heart was reborn when the veil was torn

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## **"I Believe"**

I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life

No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life

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## Sharing of the Peace and Welcome

### Opening Song

### **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## Invocation

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

**G** **Amen.**

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

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**G** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**G** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

**P** Almighty God,

**G** **Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

**"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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Your buried body began to breathe  
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

## Service of the Word

- P** I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
**C** **the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**  
**P** The Lord is my strength and my song,  
**C** **and he has become my salvation.**  
**P** Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
**C** **your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.**  
**P** You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;  
**C** **you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**  
**P** You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
**C** **the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,**  
**P** the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.  
**C** **The Lord will reign forever and ever.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Lord, Have Mercy *(Spoken)*

LSB 204

- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Let us pray together...  
**C** **Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### First Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you



as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.<sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia** (*Spoken*)

LSB 205

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 16:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixteenth chapter

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

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**☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "This is Our God"

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came and He died and He rose Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came and He died and He rose Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray

But He heard every word every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did  
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Him

This is our God this is who He is He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

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## Message

## “Why Would You Do That?”

## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and proper . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *(Sung a cappella)* LSB 208

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Lord's Prayer** LSB 209

- 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.**

**The Words of Our Lord** LSB 162

**The Peace of the Lord** LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

**Lamb of God** *(Sung a cappella)* LSB 210

- C** **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

**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 Hymn**

## **"Communion Song"**

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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## Song of Simeon *(Sung a cappella)*

LSB 211

**G O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G 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.

**G Amen.**

## Closing Song

## “Glorious Day”

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?  
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.

The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.

I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing;

now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future. My eyes are open,

'Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

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***Postlude***

***"I Believe" (see prelude)***

