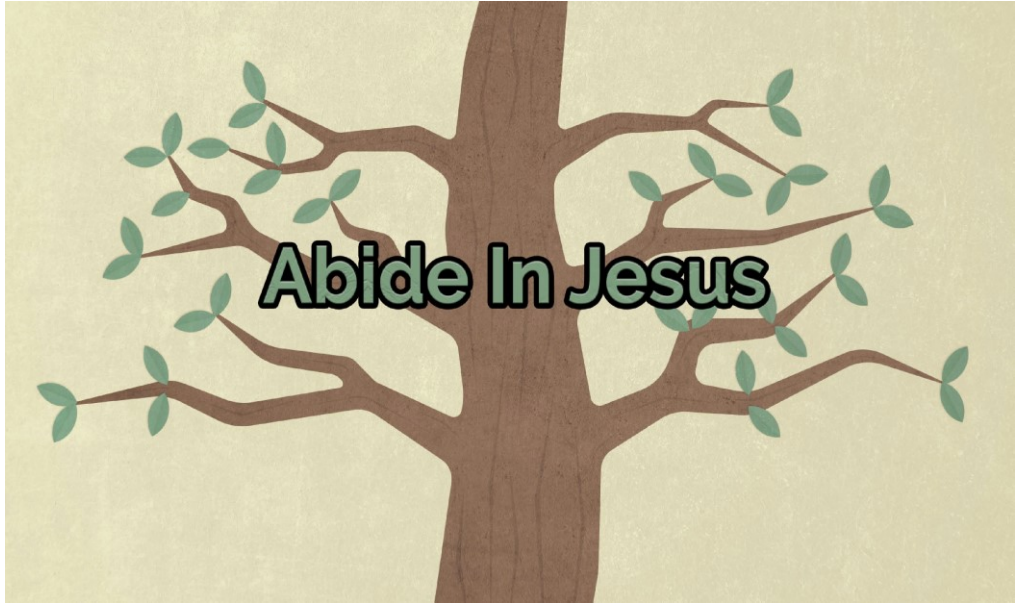




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Welcome

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'*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Only A Holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father

Only a Holy God Only my Holy God
Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

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“Stand In Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.
There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power that can save.
There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

It all comes down to this What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven
It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown
faith just like a seed The only way it grows

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Child Of Love”

I was walking the wayside Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life Try'n to satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same
I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over You broke me out of the grave

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Yeah yeah oh I am a child of love
Yeah oh I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way
I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way
I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom I am a child of love

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Oh yeah oh I am a child of love
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First Reading

1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Less Like Me"

Oh I have days I lose the fight,
Try my best, but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Yeah, there's no denying I have changed,
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best I must confess,
I still need help to see the way You see.

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be

A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.

Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be Your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be.

I want to put You first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees,
Lord help me be.

A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.

A little more I'm living, everything I preach,
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Message

“Very Black and White”

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. 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. Come as you are.

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.

G Amen.

Sending Song

“Thrive”

Oh, Oh ... Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died.
Like a tree planted by the water,
We never will run dry.

So, living water flowing through,
God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:

Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive!

Oh Oh ... Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out,
To show them who You are.

So, living water flowing through,
God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:

to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive!

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable,
anything is possible.

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Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: We were made to thrive!
Oh Oh ... We were made to thrive

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