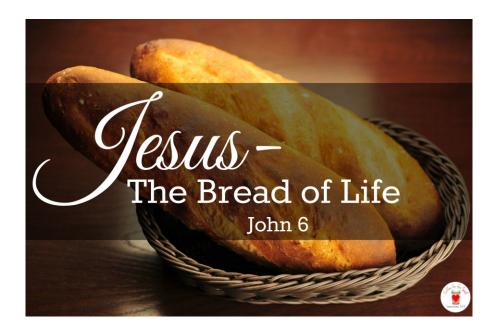


## St. John Lutheran Church

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## August 10, 2024

# 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'

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Preludes

## A Time of Preparation

"I Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name
Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows

#### Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

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

## **Opening Song**

### "In Christ Alone"

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand; 'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand; 'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

## Song of Praise

"Trust in God"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire Time after time
Born of His Spirit Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary Is more than enough

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Perfect submission All is at rest I know the author of tomorrow Has ordered my steps So this is my story And this is my song I'm praising my risen King and Savior All the day long

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust Him
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust In God

My Savior The One who will never fail He will never fail
I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

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## **First Reading**

1 Kings 19:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So

may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." <sup>5</sup> And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." <sup>6</sup> And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." <sup>8</sup> And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**☐** Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Reading**

John 6:35-51

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." <sup>41</sup> So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— 46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has

eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

## Children's Message Message Song

"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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#### 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

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### **Prayer of the Church**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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**

(Instrumental)

## **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**

"The River"

I know a place where we can go to lay the troubles down eating your soul. I know a place where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.

Like a tide, it is rising up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes ya come alive. Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray-ay-ay. Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.

Let's go down, down, down to the river. You will leave changed.

Let's go down, down, down to the river. Never the same.

I've seen it move in my own life, took me from dusty roads into Paradise. All of my dirt, all of my shame drowned in the streams that have made me born again.

Like a tide, it is rising up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes ya come alive. Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray-ay-ay. Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.

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## Sermon Notes

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