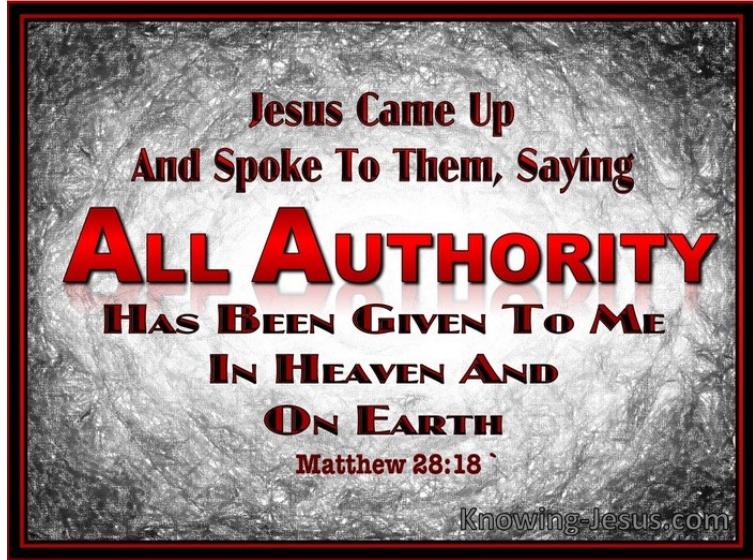




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Welcome

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'*

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"God is in This Story"

There's torn up pages in this book Words that tell me I'm no good
Chapters that defined me for so long But the hands of grace and endless love
Dusted off and picked me up Told my heart that hope is never gone

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me God is in this story

So if the storm you're walking through Feels like it's too much and you
Wonder if He even cares at all

Hold on tight to what you know He promised He won't let you go

The song of healing's written in His scars

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me God is in this story

If it reads like addiction If it reads like disease
He's the One who frees the prisoner He's the healer of all things
If it reads like depression If it reads broken home
He's the One who holds your sorrow He won't leave you here alone

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me

Always in the highs and lows The One who goes before me
God is in this story

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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

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

All these pieces, broken and scattered, in mercy gathered, mended and whole,
empty handed but not forsaken, I've been set free! I've been set free!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure, You take our weakness. You set Your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord; I'll be Your vessel, the world to see Your life in me.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

(Instrumental Interlude)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

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First Reading

Ephesians 5:22-33

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-13

¹ Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' ⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." ⁹ And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹ But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God)— ¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Trust in You"

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.

Every moment of my wandering, never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess, my hands are weary, I need Your rest.
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You

I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings.
There's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.
So in all things be my life and breath,
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing else.

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand,
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

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Message

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Offering

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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

- 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

"We Praise You"

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety
Let it rise let praise arise
We sing Your name in the dark And it changes ev'rything

We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory
Let it rise let praise arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You Oh we praise You oh

Let faith be the song That overcomes the raging sea
Let faith be the song That calms the storm inside of me
Let it rise let faith arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh we praise You

This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like We praise You We praise You

This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like We praise You We praise You

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift You high

With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh give Him all your praise

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