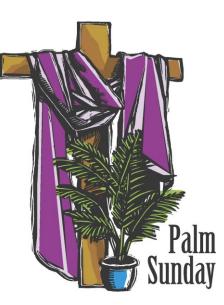


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to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

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'

Palm Sunday Preludes

A Time of Preparation "Come Jesus Come"

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray Come Jesus come let today be the day Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade

Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long For the day You return to heal every hurt And right every wrong We need You right now Come and turn this around Deep down I know this world isn't home Come Jesus come Come Jesus come

There'll be no war and there'll be no chains When Jesus comes let today be the day He'll come for the weak And the strong just the same And all will believe in the power of His name

Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long For the day You return to heal every hurt And right every wrong We need You right now Come and turn this around Deep down I know this world isn't home Come Jesus come Come Jesus come

One day He'll come and we'll stand face to face Come and lay it all down 'cause it might be today The time is right now there's no need to wait Your past will be washed by rivers of grace

Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long For the day You return to heal every hurt

And right every wrong We need You right now Come and turn this around Deep down I know this world isn't home Come Jesus come Come Jesus come Come Jesus come

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"At Your Name"

At Your name The mountains shake and crumble At Your name The oceans roar and tumble At Your name angels will bow The earth will rejoice Your people cry out

Lord of all the earth we shout Your name Shout Your name Filling up the skies with endless praise Endless praise Yahweh Yahweh We love to shout Your name oh Lord

At Your name The morning breaks in glory At Your name Creation sings Your story At Your name angels will bow The earth will rejoice Your people cry out

Lord of all the earth we shout Your name Shout Your name Filling up the skies with endless praise Endless praise Yahweh Yahweh We love to shout Your name oh Lord

There is no one like our God We will praise You praise You There's no one like our God We will sing we will sing There is no one like our God We will praise You praise You There's no one like our God We will sing

Lord of all the earth we'll shout Your name Shout Your name Filling up the skies with endless praise Endless praise Yahweh Yahweh We love to shout Your name oh Lord

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Hosanna" (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising Eyes are turning to You We turn to You Hope is stirring Hearts are yearning for You We long for You

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us Worthy of all our praises Hosanna hosanna Come have Your way among us We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You We turn to You In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new You make us new

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.

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First Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

John 12:12-19

"Evidence"

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

- **L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me. The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life. Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave. You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be. I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus.See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus, oh.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life, yeah.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Why should I fear? The evidence is here. Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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Message

"A Moment that Changes Everything"

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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

"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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Blessing

L 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.

C Amen.

Sending Song

"Jesus Saves"

Hope is here Shout the news to ev'ryone It's a new day peace has come Jesus saves Mercy triumphs at the cross Love has come to rescue us Jesus saves

Hope is here What a joyful noise we'll make As we join in heaven's song To let all the world known That Jesus saves Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves

Free at last Every debt has been repaid Broken hearts can be remade Jesus saves Sing above the storms of life Sing it through the darkest night Jesus saves

Free at last What a joyful noise we'll make As we join in heaven's song To let all the world know That Jesus saves Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves

You save You heal restore reveal Your Father's heart to us You rose to raise us from the grave Your Spirit lives in us Sing it out To let all the world know That Jesus saves Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves Sing it out To let all the world know That Jesus saves Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves

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Sermon Notes



