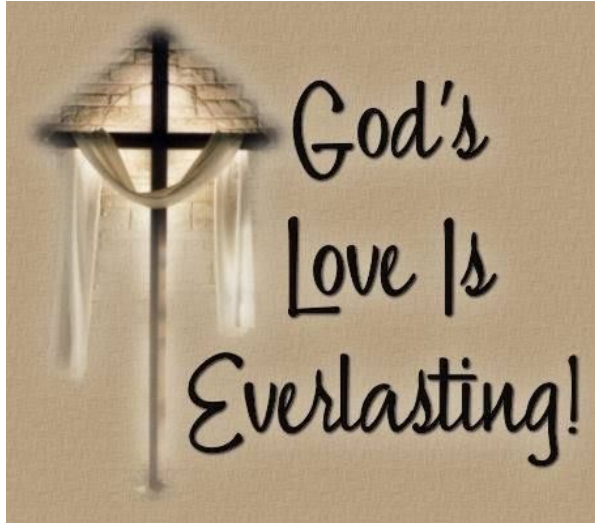




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Welcome

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 Joyfully 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'*

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Preludes

"Praise"

(SHOUT) *Let everything ... that has breath ... Praise the Lord ... Praise the
Lord*

I'll praise in the valley Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water My enemies drown in

As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout That brings Jericho down

As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet My God is alive How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in.

Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

(Instrumental Interlude)

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Same God"

I'm calling on the God of Jacob Whose love endures through generations

I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses The one who opened up the ocean

I need you now to do the same thing for me

I'm calling on the God of Mary Whose favor rests upon the lowly

I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David Who made a shepherd boy courageous

I may not face Goliath But I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now

How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now

You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now

You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now

You are the same God You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now

You are the same God You are the same God

You were a healer then You are a healer now

You are the same God You are the same God

You were a Savior then You are a Savior now

You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness
You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now
You are the same God You are the same God
You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now
You are the same God You are the same God
I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again Come and fill me again

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First Reading

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Christ is my firm foundation The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now ...

He won't He won't

I've still got joy in chaos I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season So why would He fail now ...

He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail
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He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now ...

He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail
Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through
Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through
Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause my house is built on You
Christ is my firm foundation The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad
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Message

“Who Do You Think You’re Fooling?”

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 week 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 present and received in, with, and under 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. Children and those who do not subscribe to these statements are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and should indicate this by keeping their hand folded.

Distribution Song

"Made For More"

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen free and forgiven
I have a future and it's worth the living
'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

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Hallelujah You called out my name So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past I'm not going back
Hallelujah You called out my name So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past I'm not going back

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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.

G Amen.

Sending Song

"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

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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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