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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'*

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Preludes

"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
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"Rest On Us"

As the Spirit was moving over the water Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us

As the Spirit was moving over the water Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me

Fire and wind come and do it again Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us come rest on us

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Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving

I'm here and I know You will fill me
Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me

Holy Spirit Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want
Holy Spirit Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"This Is Our God"

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will
This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus
Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Him
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First Reading

Psalm 46:1-11

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has

brought desolations on the earth.⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:27-43

²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"The Father's House"

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes.
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.
My story isn't over; my story's just begun.
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.
Arrival's not the endgame; the journey's where You are.
You never wanted perfect; You just wanted my heart.
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good.
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.
Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope;
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life;
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.
Miracles take place, the cynical find faith;
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking;
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.
Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

Message

"Complete Confidence"

Offering

Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.



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

“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

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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
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
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
There is no other Name There is no other Name Jesus

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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

“Whom Shall I Fear”

You hear me when I call You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear
I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind

The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
My strength is in Your name For You alone can save
You will deliver me Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear Whom shall I fear
I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful
Nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful
You are faithful
I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
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