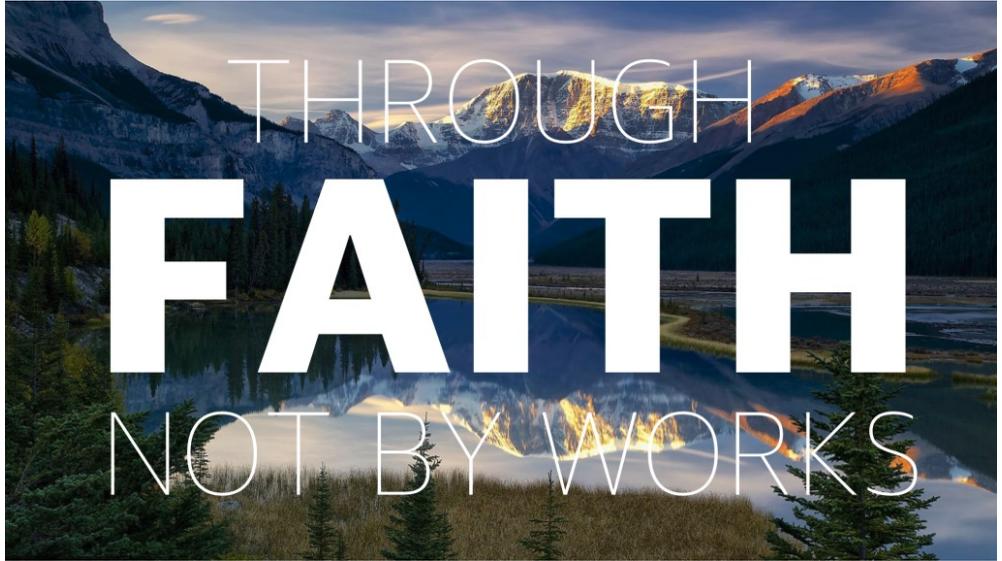




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Welcome

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.

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'

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

A Time of Preparation

"Mighty Name of Jesus"

I pray into the atmosphere Spirit of God You're here
You have all authority

I pray over my heart and mind I am healed by Your stripes
Your blood declares that I am free

In the mighty name of Jesus I pray
Calling on the power of heaven I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me must break
In the mighty name of Jesus

I draw a permanent boundary line The enemy has no rights
To come near my family
No scheme could ever undo God's plans No matter the circumstance
The cross has sealed my destiny

In the mighty name of Jesus I pray
Calling on the power of heaven I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me must break
In the mighty name of Jesus

In the mighty name of Jesus I know
All the power of fear and darkness must go
'Cause every key to every victory I hold
In the mighty name of Jesus

I will not fear I will not fear When the enemy comes near
On the doorframe of my life Is the blood of Jesus Christ
I will not fear I will not fear There's an army of angels here
I'm protected on all sides By the blood of Jesus Christ

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It's in the mighty name of Jesus It's in the mighty name of Jesus

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Always”

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now

In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save oh

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

You were You are You always will be God
You were You are You always will be God
Yes You always will be God

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“God So Loved”

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.
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For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.
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Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
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Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about,

but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message 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

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

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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Message

“Faith that Moves”

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.

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 ✠ give you peace.
- ☩ Amen.**

Sending Song

“The Blessing”

The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you
be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace,
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children.

May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
all around you and within you. He is with you. He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you.
He is for you. He is for you. He is for you. He is for you. He is for you.

He is for you. He is for you.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.