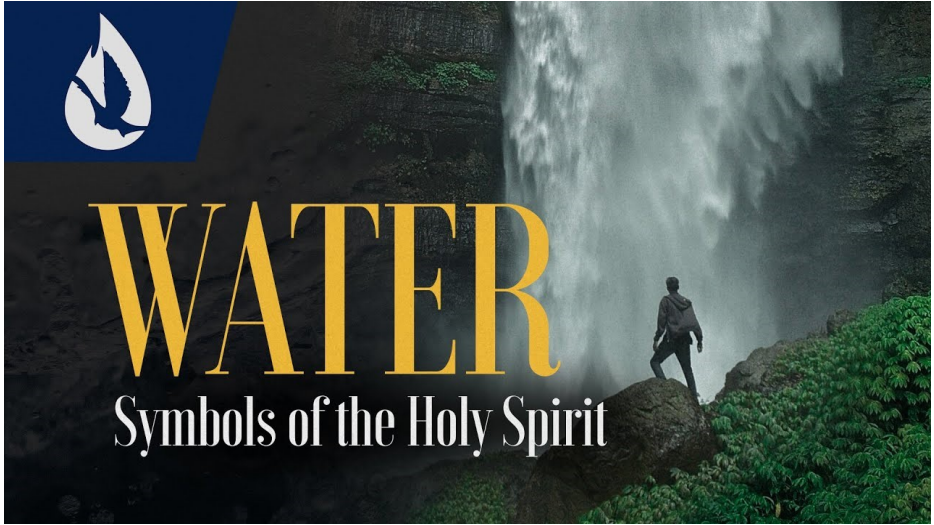




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Symbols of the Holy Spirit

March 7, 2026

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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all generations,
wherever they may be'*

Third Sunday in Lent

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Honey in The Rock"

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see Only You can satisfy
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough

I keep looking I keep finding You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep praying You keep moving I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I have all that I need You are all that I need Yeah

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone

Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done

Jesus who You are is enough There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Trust in God”

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire Time after time
Born of His Spirit Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary Is more than enough

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Perfect submission All is at rest I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps So this is my story And this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior All the day long

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust Him
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust In God

My Savior The One who will never fail He will never fail
I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Me On Your Mind"

I've read the words in red How You leave the ninety-nine
To find the one missing Feels like that was written
With me on Your mind

And the prodigal son who ran Leaving his home behind
The part where the father came Running to meet him
Did You say that with me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
Me on Your mind

Just knowing You're mindful of me
Just knowing You call me Your child

It's flooding my soul With unspeakable hope
Thank you Lord that it's me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are
You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
It was me on Your mind Oh thank You Jesus
Lord it was me on Your mind

I've read the words in red Of a heavenly home on high
You're preparing a place where the sorrow's erased
And when I stand before You I'll find
All along it was me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are
You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
With me on Your mind oh It was me on Your mind

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First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are

almost ready to stone me.”⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.”⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-26

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where

people ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“All Who Are Thirsty”

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep (We sing)

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep (We sing)

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

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Message

“Water Testing”

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

"Come as You Are"

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.

Come, broken hearted, let rescue begin.

Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.

All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.

So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed:

Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.

There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

So, lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.

All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart:

Come as you are. Come as you are. Fall in His arms.

Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still.

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

So, lay down your burdens, lay down you shame.

All who are broken lift up your face.

O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.

So, lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.

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

“Thrive”

Oh, Oh ...

Here in this worn and weary land Where many a dream has died.

Like a tree planted by the water, We never will run dry.

So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:

Just to know You, and to make You known.

We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive:

We were made to thrive!

Oh Oh ...

Into Your Word we're digging deep To know our Father's heart.

Into the world we're reaching out, To show them who You are.

So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:

Just to know You, and to make You known.

We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive:

We were made to thrive!

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable,
anything is possible.

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anything is possible.

Just to know You, and to make You known.

We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive: We were made to thrive!

Oh Oh ...

We were made to thrive

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