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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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'***

9:00 - Traditional

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Divine Service Three (pp 184ff)

Prelude

"House Of The Lord"

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
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There's joy in the house of the Lord
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And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

"Open Up The Heavens"

Oo oo oo oo oo
We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth
You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise
Oo oo oo oo oo
Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes
You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise
Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
Oo oo oo oo oo

Open up the heavens we want to see You
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Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise
Oo oo oo oo

Invocation

LSB 184

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

L Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

L Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

G Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit (Entrance)

L I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

G to you, O Lord, I will make music.

L Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

G Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

L Know that the Lord, he is God!

G It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

G Give thanks to him; bless his name!

L For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

G and his faithfulness to all generations.

Gloria be to the Father *(Sung a cappella)*

LSB 186

G Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy) *(Sung a cappella)*

LSB 186

G Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria In Excelsis (Glory in the Highest) *(Sung a cappella)*

LSB 187

L Glory be to God on High,

G and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless

Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

L Let us pray together...

C **O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why

do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia (*Sung a cappella*)

LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

L The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



C **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten

of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Glorious Day"

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a Virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed
Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.
One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose; over death He had conquered.
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him,
The grave could not keep Him from rising again.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day.
One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing.
My Savior Jesus is mine.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day, oh, glorious day.

Message

"I'd Like to Change My Aspect"

Offering

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



Offering Song – (Sung a cappella)

LSB 192

- ☑ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and proper ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus (Holy) *(Sung a cappella)*

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: LSB 196
- C** **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.**



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *(Sung a cappella)*

LSB 198

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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 Hymn

"What A Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is!

What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King!

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this!

What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus!

You didn't want heaven without us. Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater, What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is!

What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King!

What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this!

What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus!

What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus!

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You.

You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory,

For You are raised to life again!

You have no rival, You have no equal.

Now and forever God, You reign!

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,

Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is!

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King!

What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus!

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus!

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus!

Nunc Dimittis (Now Dismiss) *(Sung a cappella)*

LSB 199

☞ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

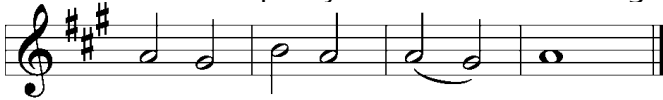


C A - men.

Benediction (Blessing)

LSB 202

- 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Song

“What An Awesome God”

God is great give Him all the praise Hallelujah Name above all Names
Fire in His eyes healing in His veins Everywhere His glory on display
Take a look at those stars He can name them all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run the angels have to praise
Even the wind and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran He didn't run away He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross broken for my shame Sunday morning rose up from that grave
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King

Oh let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Eyes on the sky there will be a day He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear no more pain No more sorrow sin or shame
The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are I'll sing to You

My God You're an awesome God You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You My God You're an awesome God

God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God Our God what an awesome God

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