



St. John Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod
2888 W Houghton
Lake Dr
Houghton Lake, MI
48629
989-366-5164
www.stjohnhl.com
office@stjohnhl.com



May 23, 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,
Paul Kruse, Pastor

E-mail: paul@stjohnhl.com

Mobile: 989-992-6030

***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Joyfully Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

7:00 PM - Contemporary

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

**Pentecost
Preludes**

"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

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

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

“The King Is in the Room”

Come open the doors and make way
The King is in the room The King is in the room
Expectant for strongholds to break 'Cause we know what You can do
We know what You can do

We're gonna see lives changed Souls saved
Broken hearts made new
The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise
The King is in the room

There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room The King is in the room

Come see all the captives run free He's tearing down the walls
He's tearing down the walls
There's grave shaking power when we sing The Name above them all
Your Name above them all The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise
The King is in the room There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room

Fear has to flee Shame has to leave Before the King Before the King
Chains have to break Dry bones awake Prepare the way Oh
Fear has to flee Shame has to leave Before the King Before the King
Chains have to break Dry bones awake Prepare the way The King is in the
room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise The King is in the room
There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room
The King is in the room
The King is in the room

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"Holy Spirit Come"

I'm coming with a heart of worship I'm bringing in a brand new song
I'm ready to see the unthinkable I'm ready for a miracle
Hearts praying for a fresh encounter Souls looking to the living God
I'm ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood like a fire Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

We're on the edge of a new beginning God we know You have so much more
We're looking to a new horizon We're praying for Your rain to pour
An overflowing of true redemption An overflowing of Your kingdom
We're ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood like a fire Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

Oh can you feel it Heaven is reaching Oh can you hear it Our God is speaking
Oh can you see it He's got your healing Oh just receive it Receive the freedom
Oh can you feel it Heaven is reaching Oh can you hear it Our God is speaking
Oh can you see it He's got your healing Oh just receive it Receive the freedom

Come like a flood like a fire Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Soul On Fire”

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You.

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again!

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways; I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire. God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart 'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native

language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Four Elements”

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

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

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
I'm here and I know You will fill me

Message

"Four Elements"

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

Instrumental

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.

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable,
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

All song texts published with permission from Song Select License # 2801469

Acknowledgments

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 3. Copyright © 2019 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Songs performed by the St. John Praise Team are printed under the authority of CCLI License #2801469

