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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'*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preludes

"Great Are You Lord"

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

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It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "Great are You, Lord!"

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"Indescribable"

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

Creation's revealing Your majesty

From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring

Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings All exclaiming

Indescribable uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky

And You know them by name You are amazing God

All powerful untamable Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim You are amazing God
Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night None can fathom
Indescribable uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name You are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

"I Know A Name"

I know a Name That can silence roaring waves
I know a Name That can empty out a grave
I know a Name It's the only Name that saves
And it's worthy of all praise

I call You Jesus I call You I call You Healer
Risen and reigning in power Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call You Jesus I call You I call You Savior
Worthy of glory forever Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call Your Name

I have a King With dominion over death
He holds the keys In his holy nail-scarred hands
He is the heel That has crushed the serpent's head
Our resurrected Great I Am

I call You Jesus I call You I call You Healer
Risen and reigning in power Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call You Jesus I call You I call You Savior
Worthy of glory forever Something comes out of the grave

Every time I call Your Name Chains break dry bones wake
Every time I call Your Name The gates of hell shake
Every time I call Your Name Every time I call Your Name

Where oh death is now your sting
And where oh grave your victory
Where oh death is now your sting
And where oh grave your victory

Dead things come alive Dead things come alive
Dead things come alive In the name of Jesus
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Worthy of glory forever

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Every time I call Your Name

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Great Things”

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes
He has done great things He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore

You have done great things

And I know You will do it again For Your promise is yes and amen

You will do great things God You do great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable

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First Reading

Psalm 18:1-16

¹ I love you, O LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³ I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. ⁴ The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; ⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁶ In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. ⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. ⁸ Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. ⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. ¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew; he came swiftly on the wings of the wind. ¹¹ He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water. ¹² Out of the brightness before him hailstones and coals of fire broke through his clouds. ¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. ¹⁴ And he sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them. ¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils. ¹⁶ He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not

be afraid.”²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message 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
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Message

"Totally Awesome "

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

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 T give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Song

“Alleluia”

Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always

I've got a God who is for me And He's known for making a way
He fought the battle So I wouldn't have to All glory belongs to His Name

I've got a God who's been faithful Far more than I could explain
And through every season In spite of my weakness
He gave me a song I could sing

I came to praise I came to praise That's why I woke up today
I came to praise We say

Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always

I've got a King who is risen He put my shame in the grave
Went to hell and back And now I never have to
And He did it all in three days

I came to praise I came to praise That's why I woke up today
I came to praise We say

Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always

I'm singing in the morning I'm singing at night
I'm singing in the battle That's how I fight
I'm singing He's holy I'm singing it twice
I'm singing He's holy The rest of my life

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Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always
I came to praise I came to praise
Devil get out of my way I came to praise

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