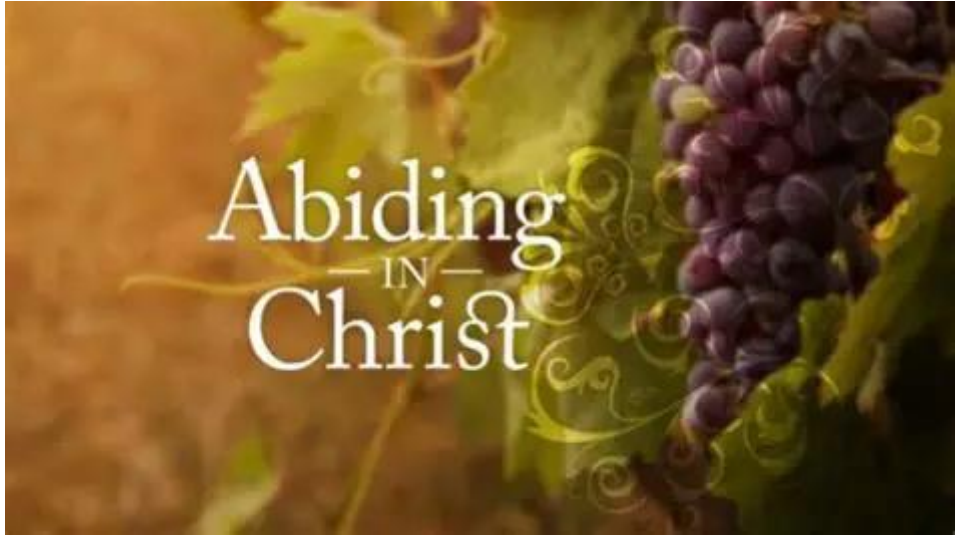




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Welcome

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 .

We encourage you to stay after worship. Please introduce yourself to new people, catch up with old friends and make new friends.

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'*

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"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

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb
Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

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And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Goodness of God”

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and

everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.’⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.”¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.

‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;

for I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;

'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Song Ending:

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;

'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Message

"Owner of a Lonely Heart"

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

"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
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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 Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call Your Name

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.

C Amen.

Sending 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

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

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 Our God what an awesome God

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