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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'*

Twenty-first 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, we pour out our praise.
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!"
And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "Great are You, Lord!"

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Living Hope”

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me
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You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

First Reading

Isaiah 45:3-6

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to

wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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

"Always"

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save oh

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

You were You are You always will be God
You were You are You always will be God
Yes You always will be God

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always

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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

“The River”

I know a place where we can go
to lay the troubles down eating your soul.
I know a place where mercy flows,
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.

Like a tide, it is rising up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes ya come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river,
down to the river, down to the river to pray-ay-ay.
Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water
and rise up in amazing grace.
Let's go down, down, down to the river. You will leave changed.
Let's go down, down, down to the river. Never the same.

I've seen it move in my own life,
took me from dusty roads into Paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame
drowned in the streams that have made me born again.

Like a tide, it is rising up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes ya come alive.
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